**Stagecraft**

**THEA 1513-201, CRN 10349**

**Course Description:** Basic construction techniques will be examined while placing emphasis on shop and stage safety, tool usage, production process.

**Class Time**: MWF 10:00-10:50 AM

**Class Location**: Fain Fine Arts, B114

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**Office Hours**: 9-10am MTWRF, stopping by is an option but does not guarantee availability. Send an email to ensure a specific time. If I am not in my office, I may be in one of the two theatre spaces or in the scene shop.

**Disclaimer**

The information provided within this syllabus may be subject to change. Always assume that the syllabus is correct unless the instructor has made a formal amendment.

**Course Objectives**

This course will assist you in developing and demonstrating:

1. an understanding of theatre architecture and features
   1. Knowledge of the development of theatre
2. proper use of theatrical vocabulary
   1. Theoretical/conceptual knowledge and application
   2. Employability
3. a firm knowledge of shop safety, stagecraft and stage management
   1. Theoretical/conceptual knowledge and application
   2. Employability
   3. Safety knowledge and practice
   4. Professionalism

**Course Requirements**

To succeed in this course, you will need to ensure the following requirements are met, daily.

1. Daily participation in all activities. Foundational information is given and explained in class and then built upon over the semester. Absences will cause many issues as you move forward in this course.
2. Completion of the assigned projects on the due date. Incomplete assignments will be graded as such and could be grounds for major point loss. Late assignments will not be accepted.
3. Keep track of your grades using the section under tentative schedule of this syllabus. If I return an assignment on a day you are absent, it is your responsibility to seek out the missing items and grade.
4. Header information on all assignments must be in one line and contain the following: Your first and last name, the date of submission, and the class name and number. For Instance:

Eric Koger August 24th 2019 THEA 1513 Stagecraft

In addition, all work MUST be typed, printed, stapled, spell-checked, and grammar checked prior to class beginning. Documents that do not meet these criteria will be assessed a point deduction.

\*\*\*When printing, make sure that your name is clearly typed on your work. Not hand scrawled.

**Textbook**

Holloway, John. *Illustrated Theatre Production Guide*. 3rd edition

ISBN: 9780415717526

**Supplies**

You are responsible for the following personal safety supplies. In addition, these items must be brought to lab hours every time you are present. Eye protection is required at all times during shop activities.

1. Eye protection
2. Hearing protection – either plugs or muffs
3. Particle mask

**Grading**

Types of learning – there are three methods to learn the material in this class:

*Lectures* – come to class and I will impart information that is different than the required reading. Your knowledge of the lectures will be assessed through the weekly quizzes.

*Readings* – read the text and at the beginning of the class a short quiz will be taken. If you are late to class, you may miss the quiz. The quiz serves to ensure that you are reading but also serves as assessment for the lecture material.

*Lab hours* – This is an opportunity to gain free points by being present in a hands-on build of an actual production. Make sure you are properly dressed for shop work.

Makeup policy – Late assignments will **NOT** be accepted. All assignments will be formally collected during the class period in which they are due. Quizzes missed due to absenteeism cannot be made up.

Withdrawals – It is the responsibility of the student to properly withdraw.

Point value/grade distribution: 100-90=A, 89-80=B, 79-70=C, 69-60=D, 59-0=F

There are 110 points possible but grades will be calculated on a 100point scale.

**Cell Phones and Other Recording Devices**

Cell phones must be silenced and put away completely out of sight and not looked at until the class is over. If at any point your cell phone is NOT put away and silenced, you will be asked to leave for the remainder of the day.

The use of cell phones and other recording or electronic devices is strictly prohibited during class. The instructor may direct, from time to time, on the possible use of cell phones for legitimate class reasons. Recording the class is prohibited, unless it is part of a reasonable accommodation under ADA, or by obtaining written consent by the instructor.

**Dress Code**

Be aware that we may be getting dirty during class or participating in activities that require movement. Dress appropriately. Be aware of all Shop Safety requirements.

**Attendance**

You must attend all class periods. You are responsible for any information that you miss due to absenteeism. Attendance is taken at the beginning of class. Excessive lateness may count as an absence and will be determined by the instructor.

Unavoidable absence – Jury duty, death in the family, etc. You must send notification by email to the instructor explaining the situation prior to missing the class. Be sure to include your name, class period (day/time) and your situation.

Late assignments will not be accepted. Quizzes missed due to absenteeism cannot be made up.

**Conduct Statement**

Classroom behavior that interferes with either the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to benefit from the instruction will result in the instructor’s removing the disruptive student(s) from the class.

**Academic Dishonesty Statement**

Plagiarism is (1) the use of source material of other persons (either published or unpublished, including the Internet) without following the accepted techniques of giving credit or (2) the submission for credit of work not the individuals to whom credit is given. If a student in the class is caught plagiarizing, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. The Student Creed developed and adopted by the MSU Student Government reinforces the discouragement of plagiarism and other unethical behaviors. The first statement of the Creed reads, “As an MSU student, I pledge not to lie, cheat, steal, or help anyone else to do so.” Plagiarism is lying, cheating, and stealing.

**Student Privacy Statement**

In accordance with Federal Privacy Laws a student’s personal information is protected.

As an instructor it is unlawful for me to share your personal information (including grades) with anyone unless I have written consent. This means I will not be able to discuss your grades with parents. If you have questions about your grades or have forgotten the grading policy for the course please come by during office hours.

**Disability Support Statement**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Disability Support Services in Room 168 of the

Clark Student Center, 397-4140.

**Campus Carry**

Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84thTexas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the University’s webpage athttp://mwsu.edu/campus-carry/rules-policies.

**Tentative Schedule**

**Below, next to each “DUE” item, you can keep track of your point values on each project. This is a course requirement.**

**Week 1**

Monday, 8/26 – syllabus, Who’s Who 1

Wednesday, 8/28 – safety 1

Friday, 8/30 – shop activity, tour

**Week 2 – read the Theatre Handbook**

Monday, 9/2 – NO CLASS, Labor Day

Wednesday, 9/4 – safety 2, **DUE: quiz 1 (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Friday, 9/6 – shop activity, tools 1

**Week 3 – read chapter 10**

Monday, 9/9 – wooden joinery

Wednesday, 9/11 – wooden joinery**, DUE: quiz 2 (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Friday, 9/13 – shop activity, tools 2, **DUE: comps 1 (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Week 4 - read chapter 11**

Monday, 9/16 – wood and lumber

Wednesday, 9/18 – wood and lumber, **DUE: quiz 3 (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Friday, 9/20 – shop activity, tools 3

**Week 5 - read chapter 14**

Monday, 9/23 – flats, doors/windows

Wednesday, 9/25 – flats, doors/windows, **DUE: quiz 4 (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Friday, 9/27 – TETA

**Week 6 - read chapter 13**

Monday, 9/30 – drafting

Wednesday, 10/2 – drafting, **Due: quiz 5 (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Friday, 10/4 – shop activity, flats/platforms, **DUE: comps 2 (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Week 7 - read chapter 15 & 16**

Monday, 10/7 – platforms, stairs

Wednesday, 10/9 – decking & stairs, **DUE: quiz 6 (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Friday, 10/11 – shop activity, build

**Week 8**

Monday, 10/14 – VEGAS, TBD

Wednesday, 10/16 – VEGAS, TBD

Friday, 10/18 – VEGAS, TBD

**Week 9 - read chapter 12**

Monday, 10/21 – theatre supplies

Wednesday, 10/23 – paint & props, **DUE: quiz 7 (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Friday, 10/25 – shop activity, **DUE: comps 3 (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Week 10 - read chapter 2**

Monday, 10/28 – theatre buildings

Wednesday, 10/30 – Who’s Who 2, **DUE: quiz 8 (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Friday, 11/1 – shop activity

**Week 11 - read chapter 4 & 8**

Monday, 11/4 – proscenium theatre

Wednesday, 11/6 – proscenium theatre, **DUE: quiz 9 (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Friday, 11/8 – shop activity

**Week 12 - read chapter 3**

Monday, 11/11 – thrust theatre

Wednesday, 11/13 – thrust theatre, **DUE: quiz 10 (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Friday, 11/15 – shop activity, **DUE: comps 4 (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Week 13 - read chapter 5**

Monday, 11/18 – curtains and backdrops

Wednesday, 11/20 – curtains and backdrops, **DUE: quiz 11 (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Friday, 11/22 – shop activity

**Week 14 - read chapter 7**

Monday, 11/25 – rigging

Wednesday, 11/27 – rigging, **DUE: quiz 12 (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Friday, 11/29 – shop activity

**Week 15**

Monday, 12/2 – effects

Wednesday, 12/4 – effects

Friday, 12/6 – shop activity, **DUE: comps 5 (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Week 16** - **Finals Week**

Wednesday, 12/11, 10:30-12:30 – **DUE: Lab Hours (25) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**