

# Advanced Project in Design/Technology

THEA 4523 -280

## Course Description

The purpose of the course is to allow the advanced theatre student to do directed research and/or creative projects related to theatre productions or to extend their knowledge/training in specific areas. Possibilities include, but are not limited to, the scholarly analysis of theatre productions produced by either the MSU Theatre or by off-campus amateur or professional companies, or major performance/design responsibilities for MSU Theatre productions. The student must have the consent of the Chair of the Theatre Department to enroll in the course, which may be repeated once for elective credit.

**Class Time:** TBD

**Class Location:** Fain Fine Arts, B123

**Instructor:** Eric A. Koger

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**Office Location:** Fain Fine Arts, B123

**Office Hours:** typically, MWF 1-5pm, 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 Requirements

- A theatre faculty member must agree to supervise the student's work.
- A specific topic or project must be defined in consultation with the faculty member.
- A contract (see attached form) must be drawn up and agreed to by the student and faculty member at the beginning of the semester. The contract will include all requirements and the system for evaluation.
- Proposed performance or design projects for an MSU Theatre production must have the consent of the director for that production.

**Link to the form can be found here:**

<https://msutexas.edu/academics/finearts/theatre/course-listings.php>

## **Cell Phone Policy**

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.

**Laptop/Computer/Tablet Policy**

Only specifically mentioned moments in class will allow the use of these devices. Otherwise, keep them put away unless specifically requested by the instructor. Taking notes must be done by hand.

**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 84<sup>th</sup> Texas 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 at <http://mwsu.edu/campus-carry/rules-policies>.