



Course Syllabus: Advanced Project
Fain College of Fine Arts
THEA 4523
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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.

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.
[Office of Student Conduct](#)

Projects Required

Projects will be determined by the student and the faculty member who is supervising the project.

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exists in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Grade Appeal Process

Update as needed. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [Undergraduate Catalog](#)

Notice

Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

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 must be drawn up and agreed to by the student and the supervising 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.

Course Schedule

Week or Module	Activities/Assignments/Exams	Due Date
Week 1 9/18 to 9/24	Detailed instructions on the Activities and Assignments	Clearly posted Due Dates
Week 2 9/25 to 10/6		
Week 3 10/7 to 10/13		

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