

Course Outline for: THTR 1122 Technical Theatre Practicum

A. Course Description

1. Number of credits: 1

2. Internship hours: minimum of 50 hours

Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: None
MnTC Goals: None

The student will earn credit through participation as a construction or run crew member on a Normandale mainstage or faculty-approved theatrical production. Hours vary per week as determined by the build and run schedule for the production. This course may be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits.

B. Date last reviewed/updated: April 2022

C. Outline of Major Content Areas

- 1. Studying the purpose and implementation of theatrical design and construction.
- 2. Analyzing how the production process works to fit the playwright's needs and the director's concept.
- 3. The roles and duties of different theatre artists and collaborators involved in a production.
- 4. The elements of production and of different theatre spaces and theatrical styles.
- 5. Learning construction techniques, light or sound board operation, or run crew responsibilities.
- 6. Developing and reading design preparations, schematics, plots and cue sheets.
- 7. The communication skills needed to work in the elements of production such as cooperation, collaboration, respect, and responsibility.
- 8. Working on productions for practical technical experience.

D. Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- 1. Implement theatrical design and construction through practical technical experience.
- 2. Practice collaborative working methods with directors, technical directors, designers, actors, crew, and other members of a production team with professional decorum and respect.
- 3. Understand the elements of production and of different theatre spaces and theatrical styles.
- 4. Demonstrate safe and responsible use of theatrical space and equipment.
- 5. Troubleshoot problems that occur in construction, rehearsal, and the performance process effectively.
- 6. Evaluate one's own strengths and challenges as a crew member.

E. Methods for Assessing Student Learning

- 1. Work call attendance and full participation.
- 2. Positive attitude and work ethic.
- 3. Attendance at strike.
- 4. Completion of design and/or technical requirements as outlined by the production director, designers, or technical director.

F. Special Information

None