

PRODUCTION 1

THEA/DANC 2095.001/301

CLASS INFO

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Class meeting time: F: 12:00-12:50pm

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Communication Expectations: Please use the office hours or feel free to email to set up an individual meeting with me or your crew faculty. All projects, assignments, lectures, and class announcements will be accessible via Canvas.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Stage Production I is a structured laboratory course for Dance & Theatre majors. This course offers ONE credit hour to undergraduate students for participation in the production (non-performance) areas of dance & theatre. This course provided the opportunity to work in a variety of production areas under the supervision of faculty and staff. These areas include but are not limited to: costumes, scenery, properties, lighting, sound, stage management, and front-of-house activities. Students will be assigned according to their ability, level of experience, departmental production needs, and with consideration for the students' desire for training in the specific areas.

Course Structure

This course requires attendance and participation in the weekly class meetings and **30 hours** of successful participation in assigned production areas.

FIRST CLASS: You will be given the opportunity to request areas that you are interested in participating. Your preferences will be considered, but the faculty supervisors will base their decision on the assessment of your experience, skills and department needs as well. If you do not attend the first class, you will be dropped.

SHOP ASSIGNMENTS: Will be posted to Canvas by Monday, **1/22/24**.

WEEKLY CLASS MEETINGS: The Friday classes will cover all the areas of production to ensure your basic knowledge of Lighting, Sound, Construction, Scenic/ Properties, Makeup, and Costume safety and procedures. Attendance will be taken.

CONTRACTS: You will need to visit the various shop's Modules to which you have been assigned. Contracts must be signed, and schedules made by **Friday, 1/26/24 at 6 pm** or

you will be dropped from the class. Slots will fill fast, so get there sooner than later to get the first pick.

YOUR ASSIGNMENT: It is your responsibility to fulfill your contract and fill in any timesheets making sure a supervisor initials your entries.

COURSE GRADING: Grading will be based on the work and participation in the weekly class meetings (attendance), and your supervisor(s) will determine your grade for the contracted Lab hours assigned. Each supervisor will provide a grading scale for their area based on the following criteria:

- Quality and level of skill demonstrated in the work
- Number of hours completed
- Your attitude and initiative

GRADING BREAKDOWN

80%= Lab Hours

20%=Lecture Attendance

A = 90 – 100

B = 80 – 89

C = 70 – 79

D = 60 – 69

F = 0 – 59

Each Friday class missed will result in a 5% reduction in your grade. After 4 absences for Friday class you will be asked to drop and re-take the class

PRODUCITON DATES

If assigned a crew assignment you must make yourself available to work on the production during these dates. Specific call times will be given out later by the crew chief for the department.

- SDC Dance concert
 - 2/2 – 2/11
- Donner Party
 - 2/24 – 3/3
- Fiddler on the Roof
 - 4/13 – 4/21

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

Face Coverings

UNT encourages everyone to wear a face-covering when indoors, regardless of vaccination status, to protect themselves and others from COVID infection, as recommended by current CDC guidelines. Face covering guidelines could change based on community health conditions.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend class meetings regularly and to abide by the attendance policy established for the course. You must communicate with the professor and the instructional team prior to being absent so you, the professor, and the instructional team can discuss and mitigate the impact of the absence on your attainment of course learning goals. Please inform the professor and instructional team if you are unable to attend class meetings because you are ill, in mindfulness of the health and safety of everyone in our community.

If you are experiencing any [symptoms of COVID-19](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>) please seek medical attention from the Student Health and Wellness Center (940-565-2333 or askSHWC@unt.edu) or your health care provider PRIOR to coming to campus. UNT also requires you to contact the UNT COVID Team at COVID@unt.edu for guidance on actions to take due to symptoms, pending or positive test results, or potential exposure.

Course Materials for Remote Instruction

Remote instruction may be necessary if community health conditions change, or you need to self-isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19. Students will need access to a webcam and microphone to participate in fully remote portions of the class. Additional required classroom materials for remote learning include: [the materials listed above]. Information on how to be successful in a remote learning environment can be found at <https://online.unt.edu/learn>

Academic Integrity Policy

Academic Integrity Standards and Consequences. According to UNT Policy 06.003, Student Academic Integrity, academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviors including, but not limited to cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University. [Insert specific sanction or academic penalty for specific academic integrity violation.]

ADA Policy

UNT makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide a student with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding one's specific course needs. Students may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the ODA website (<https://disability.unt.edu/>).

Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation (Policy 16.004)

The University of North Texas (UNT) prohibits discrimination and harassment because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law in its application and admission processes; educational programs and activities; employment policies, procedures, and processes; and university facilities. The University takes active measures to prevent such conduct and investigates and takes remedial action when appropriate.

Course Safety Procedures (for Laboratory Courses)

Students enrolled in [insert class name] are required to use proper safety procedures and guidelines as outlined in UNT Policy 06.038 Safety in Instructional Activities. While working in laboratory sessions, students are expected and required to identify and use proper safety guidelines in all activities requiring lifting, climbing, walking on slippery surfaces, using equipment and tools, handling chemical solutions and hot and cold products. Students should be aware that the UNT is not liable for injuries incurred while students are participating in class activities. All students are encouraged to secure adequate insurance coverage in the event of accidental injury. Students who do not have insurance coverage should consider obtaining Student Health Insurance. Brochures for student insurance are available in the UNT Student Health and Wellness Center. Students who are injured during class activities may seek medical attention at the Student Health and Wellness Center at rates that are reduced compared to other medical facilities. If students have an insurance plan other

than Student Health Insurance at UNT, they should be sure that the plan covers treatment at this facility. If students choose not to go to the UNT Student Health and Wellness Center, they may be transported to an emergency room at a local hospital. Students are responsible for expenses incurred there.

Emergency Notification & Procedures

UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify students with critical information in the event of an emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). In the event of a university closure, please refer to Canvas for contingency plans for covering course materials.

Retention of Student Records

Student records pertaining to this course are maintained in a secure location by the instructor of record. All records such as exams, answer sheets (with keys), and written papers submitted during the duration of the course are kept for at least one calendar year after course completion. Course work completed via the Canvas online system, including grading information and comments, is also stored in a safe electronic environment for one year. Students have the right to view their individual record; however, information about student's records will not be divulged to other individuals without proper written consent. Students are encouraged to review the Public Information Policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) laws and the University's policy. See UNT Policy 10.10, Records Management and Retention for additional information.

Acceptable Student Behavior

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The University's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including University and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. Visit UNT's Code of Student Conduct (<https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct>) to learn more.

Access to Information - Eagle Connect

Students' access point for business and academic services at UNT is located at: my.unt.edu. All official

communication from the University will be delivered to a student's Eagle Connect account. For more information, please visit the website that explains Eagle Connect and how to forward email Eagle Connect (<https://it.unt.edu/eagleconnect>).

Student Evaluation Administration Dates

Student feedback is important and an essential part of participation in this course. The student evaluation of instruction is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. The survey will be made available during weeks 13, 14 and 15 [insert administration dates] of the long semesters to provide students with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught. Students will receive an email from "UNT SPOT Course Evaluations via IASystem Notification" (no-reply@iasystem.org) with the survey link. Students should look for the email in their UNT email inbox. Simply click on the link and complete the survey. Once students complete the survey they will receive a confirmation email that the survey has been submitted. For additional information, please visit the SPOT website (<http://spot.unt.edu/>) or email spot@unt.edu.