Stagecraft

Banner Title: Stagecraft
Credit Hours: 3.0
First Offered: Fall 2017

Full Course Name: Stagecraft

Instructional Method: [ ] Online  [ ] Hybrid  [ ] Classroom

Prerequisites: None

Min. Grade: [ ] D

Co-requisites:

Prerequisites with Concurrency:

Restrictions: [ ] A-F  [ ] S-U

Grading System: Yes [ ] No [ ]

Cross-listed: Cross-listed courses must provide both graduate and undergraduate syllabi.

Catalog Description: This course will provide students with the basic knowledge of stage construction, its practices, and implementation. Additional hands-on experience will be gained by working outside of class hours in the scene shop assisting in the construction and installation of main-stage productions.

Does this course involve multiple academic units in the originating college? Yes [ ] No [ ]
If so, the chair of each academic unit must sign this form.

Is this course to be added to Charger Foundations? Yes [ ] No [ ]
If so, the Charger Foundations committee must review this form.

Does this course involve academic units external to the originating college? Yes [ ] No [ ]
If so, deans of all colleges involved must sign this form.

Is this a Laboratory course (stand alone or combined)? Yes [ ] No [ ]
If yes, indicate the number of credit hours for the lab and the number of contact hours.
Lab Hours: ______  Contact Hours: ______  Total Credit Hours: ______
Indicate the type of course and hours.

- Studio Course
  - Studio Hours:____
  - Contact Hours:____
  - Total Credit Hours:____

- Clinical Course
  - Clinical Hours:____
  - Contact Hours:____
  - Total Credit Hours:____

- Internship
  - Internship Hours:____
  - Contact Hours:____
  - Total Credit Hours:____

- Study Abroad
  - Abroad Hours:____
  - Contact Hours:____
  - Total Credit Hours:____

- Lecture
  - Lecture Hours:____
  - Contact Hours:____
  - Total Credit Hours:____

- Research
  - Research Hours:____
  - Contact Hours:____
  - Total Credit Hours:____

- Special Topics
  - Special Topics Hrs:____
  - Contact Hours:____
  - Total Credit Hours:____

- Dissertation
  - Dissertation Hrs:____
  - Contact Hours:____
  - Total Credit Hours:____

- Thesis
  - Thesis Hours:____
  - Contact Hours:____
  - Total Credit Hours:____

- Co-Op
  - Co-Op Hours:____
  - Contact Hours:____
  - Total Credit Hours:____

- Ensemble
  - Ensemble Hours:____
  - Contact Hours:____
  - Total Credit Hours:____

- Validation
  - Validation Hours:____
  - Contact Hours:____
  - Total Credit Hours:____

- Recitation
  - Recitation Hours:____
  - Contact Hours:____
  - Total Credit Hours:____

Compare with existing catalog offerings, with justification if apparent overlap:

There is no class is stagecraft, though there is an advanced class in scene design that will be a follow-on for this one.

Discuss demonstrated value of course. Please justify why this new course is needed.

Theatre students require hands-on experience in constructing and installing theatre sets. This is a typical course to provide instruction and experience in that process.

Will this course be required? Explain.

Yes, for all majors and minors in Theatre.

Is this course part of a program core? Explain.

Yes, the Theatre major.

Is this course part of a new major or minor? Explain.

No, it is a requirement for a revised version of the old Theatre major.
Textbooks: The Stagecraft Handbook, Don Ionazzi

Intended Instructors: David Harwell

Implications for faculty workload: This is a shift in requirements with no overall impact on workload.

Implications for facilities: This course requires a construction space, which the new Theatre annex provides.

A detailed syllabus must be attached giving an overview of topics covered, course goals and structure, grading system, and policies.

Department Chair: Grad. Council:

College Dean: Graduate Dean:

College Curriculum Committee: Undergrad Curriculum Cmte:

Charger Foundations: Provost:

Acknowledgements from other units:
Department Chair: College Dean:
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COURSE DESCRIPTION
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REQUIRED TEXT
The Stagecraft Handbook, Don Ionazzi

COURSE OBJECTIVES
1. To learn basic techniques used in the construction of scenery.
2. To learn how to use various power and hand tools.
3. To learn basic painting techniques used in the theatre.
4. To fabricate items for use in the theatre.
5. To gain a useful overview of the history of theatre fabrication.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS
Students will be on time and safe in the scene shop. Students will give their best effort on all shop activities and class demonstrations. Attendance is vital as this class only meets once a week. Projects will be turned in on time. Students will show deep respect for the equipment and each other. Safety requires attention and care.

GRADING

• Shop Projects (5) - 50% Students will complete a series of fabrication projects. They are designed to demonstrate various techniques taught in the course. Specific details of each assignment will be given in class and include:
  Cut List
  Flats
  Platforms
  Joinery
  Painting

• Exams (2) – 15% Students will be given two exams during the course of the semester. One will cover the stagecraft terminology and definitions. One will cover the history of scenic fabrication. Each is worth 15% and represent 30% of the final class grade.

• UAH Theatre Project - 10%
Each student will participate in 20 hours scenery fabrication for UAH Theatre main-stage. This will include the installation and removal of scenery used in the plays. Students will be graded on
demonstrated skills, crew cooperation and time spent. Some of these hours may be completed in class.

- Attendance - After three UNEXCUSED absences, students will be penalized 10% of their final grade. No exceptions.

  (5) Shop Projects 50%
  (2) Exams 30%
  UAH Theatre project 10%
  Attendance 10%

CM 122 – 01 CLASS SCHEDULE

Aug 18 Syllabus – scene shop orientation
Aug 25 CH 3 - Power and Hand Tools
Sept 1  CH 5 - Stick Lumber and Sheet Goods
Sept 8  CH 6 - Basic Carpentry Skills
Sept 15 CH 1 - Basic History of Western Scenic Practices
Sept 22 Load in scenery for Musical ~ Chan Auditorium
Sept 29 Load in scenery for Musical ~ Chan Auditorium
Oct 6  Fall Break
Oct 13 Fabric in the Theatre
Oct 20 CH 6 - Stairs, Platform and Trusses
Oct 27 Technical Rehearsal ~ Chan Auditorium
Nov 3  CH 8 - Stock Scenery
Nov 10 Scenic Painting Techniques - Lab
Nov 17 Basic Stage Lighting Techniques - Lab
Nov 24 Thanksgiving Break
Dec 1  CH 2 - Rigging: Counterweight System ~ VBC
Dec 8  FINAL