THTR 595.02: Special Topics - Graduate Drafting for the Theatre

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Graduate Drafting for the Theatre

Course #: THTR 595
Time: MW 11:10-1:00
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Text: “Drafting for the Theatre” by Mike Monsos

Materials Needed:

- 30°-60° Triangle
- 45° Triangle
- 2-3 lead holders, lead (there are 18 different grades of lead, I recommend “2B”, “H”, and “2H” as a starting point)
- lead pointer
- eraser shield
- pink eraser
- kneaded eraser
- 12” architect’s square
- drafting dots or tape
- compass
- cleaning pad and dusting brush
- a variety of paper and vellum.

(Drafting table and parallel rules are available for student use in McGill 215; please treat with care and consideration.)

Course Description:

This course is designed to provide graduate students who have limited or insufficient experience in hand drafting to develop their drafting skills for theatre and the entertainment industry. Students will learn the language of the line, the drafting standards for theatre as codified by the United States Institute of Theatre Technology (USITT), and the means with which to create accurate measured drawings. Drafting is the tool with which designers, directors, technicians and all members of a production team communicate the information necessary to mount all the technical aspects of a given production, and one that needs to be recognized and consistent across the industry in order to be effective. Drafting is essentially a method of communication, one that is accurate and clear.
Course Objectives:

Through daily exercises and assignments, this course will teach students how to read, understand and generate measured drawings for the stage, screen, television and all other theatrical applications. Students will learn the codified standards of lines, line weights, line types and symbols in drafting. Students will achieve mathematically precise drawings through use of geometry and consistent practice with drafting tools and equipment. Students will learn the proper method of laying out and establishing drafting views including but not limited to: section, plan, orthographic, and exploded views. Students will learn the technique and method for creating drawings in perspective and how to solve for true size and shape in drafting. Students will learn the techniques for dimensioning and notation in drafting along with how to accurately create measured drawings of an existing space.

Grading:

This course will consist of 16 assignments including the final project and two additional upper level drafting exercises designed to challenge graduate students. 

**Do not fall behind! This course is rigorous and you will find it very difficult to succeed if you do not stay up to date in your work!**

| Assignments: | 20 points each | 300 points |
| Drafting projects: | 100 points each | 200 points |
| Final | 100 points | 100 points |
| Attendance+ | 100 points | 100 points |
| **Total** | **700 points** |

- 450-500 points A
- 400-449 points B
- 350-399 points C
- 300-349 points D
- 299 and below F

Attendance policy:

Attendance is extremely important; it is assumed students will attend all classes. **Only two unexcused absences are allowed**, each absence after two will result in the loss of ten points from the student’s total points. An unexcused absence is defined by failing to notify the instructor PRIOR to missing a class. Assignments are due either on or prior to due date. Late assignments will be accepted at the discretion of the instructor, and will be marked down a minimum of 10%.
SCHEDULE

Jan 27  Introduction to the course.  Tools. Chapter 1
        Assignment #1, go shopping.

Jan 29  Getting started-Setting up the drawing, title blocks, borders.
        USITT standard alphabet of lines, dimensioning and standard symbols.
        Chapter 2
        Assignment #2 given.

Feb  3  Lettering. Chapter 3
        Assignment #3 given.
        Assignment #2 due.

Feb  5  Tool use, scale rule.  Chapter 4
        Assignment #4 given.
        Assignment #3 due.

Feb 10  Geometry.  Chapter 5
        Assignment #5 given.
        Assignment #4 due.

Feb 12  Geometry continued. Chapter 5
        Assignment #5 part 2 given.

Feb 17  No class- Holiday

Feb 19  Drafting views. Chapter 6
        Assignment #6 given
        Assignment #5 due.

Feb 24  Section views. Chapter 7
        Assignment #7 given
        Assignment #6 due.

Feb 26  True size and shape.  Chapter 8
        Assignment #8 given
        Assignment #7 due.

Mar  3  Dimensioning. Chapter 9
        Assignment #9 given
        Assignment #8 due.

Mar  5  Notation.  Chapter 10
        Assignment #10 given
        Assignment #9 due.
Mar 10    Creating measured drawings. Chapter 11  
Assignment #11 given  
Assignment #10 due

Mar 12    Library visit-historic draftings

Mar 17    Perspective drawing  
Window drawing done in class

Mar 19    No class-NAST conference

Mar 24    No class-USITT

Mar 26    No class-USITT

Mar 31    Spring Break

Apr  2    Spring Break

Apr  7    Perspective drawings  
Assignment #11 due

Apr  9    Drop point perspective  
Drop point perspective assigned

Apr 14    Work on drop point perspective

Apr 16    Work on drop point

Apr 21    Final project assigned  
Drop point perspective due

Apr 23    Research presented

Apr 28    Sketch presented

Apr 30    Work on final projects

May  5    Work on final projects

May  7    Work on final projects

Monday May 12th 10:10-12:10    Final. Project due.
University and School Policies

Academic Misconduct and the Student Conduct Code

All students must practice academic honesty. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or disciplinary sanction by the University. All students need to be familiar with the Student Conduct Code. The Code is available for review online at http://life.umt.edu/vpsa/student_conduct.php.

From the School of Theatre & Dance

All Theatre & Dance students must have an in-depth knowledge of the practices and procedures outlined in the School of Theatre & Dance Student Handbook. The Handbook is available online at http://www.umt.edu/theatredance/about/handbook.

There is inherent risk involved in many Theatre & Dance classes as they are very physical in nature. Please proceed through class, shop time, or rehearsal with caution. Always be mindful of your personal safety and the safety of others. Students participating in class/shop/rehearsal/performance do so at their own risk.

Due to safety considerations, at no point during a student’s time spent in class or serving on a production (in any capacity) should non-enrolled persons be guests of that student without my consent. Presence of such unauthorized persons in a class, shop, or any backstage/off-stage area will negatively affect a student’s grade.

From the EO/AA Office:

Students with disabilities may request reasonable modifications by contacting me. The University of Montana assures equal access to instruction through collaboration between students with disabilities, instructors, and Disability Services for Students (DSS). “Reasonable” means the University permits no fundamental alterations of academic standards or retroactive modifications. For more information, please consult http://life.umt.edu/dss/.