

Hagerstown Community College
Official Course Syllabus Document
(replace this parenthetical with semester and year)

COURSE:

THR 207 – Technical Theater (3 credits)

(replace this parenthetical with section number & Days/Times class meets)

INSTRUCTOR:

(replace this parenthetical with name, office hours, and all contact information)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is a practical study of all technical aspects of theater. Emphasis is on scene design and construction, lighting theory and practice, the placement and use of stage equipment and lighting instruments.

TEXTBOOK:

None required, course materials provided.

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The student will be able to:

- Recognize terminology and clearly apply communication skills within the field of theater.
 - Use a knowledge base of terminology and concepts inherent to the scene design elements of a theater production.
- Discuss the integration of the synergistic properties involved in producing a performance.
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STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

As a result of hands-on participation in the semester's productions, the student should be able to:

- Describe the importance of theatrical settings.
- Explain the processes in which theatrical sets are decided upon.
- Evaluate the script as it relates to technical elements.
- Explain what technical requirements are needed for the semester's productions.
- Demonstrate a working knowledge of proper set construction as well as lighting and sound techniques.
- Help construct a proper theatrical setting and all property responsibilities for a public production.
- Actively practice duties as a running crew member for a public performance.

MINIMUM CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE

To earn one hour of academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 12.5 clock hours (15 fifty-minute "academic" hours) of coursework per semester. Those hours of coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours

outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 12.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit. A three credit hour course requires 37.5 clock hours.

For most classes, students should expect to do at least 2 hours of coursework outside of class for each hour of in-class coursework.

	DIRECT Faculty Instruction In-class 37.5 h required	Student Work Out of Classroom 75 h required
In-class instruction	37.5 hours	
Read scripts		8 hours
Shop time one-on-one		5 hours
Attend performances and dress rehearsals		25 hours
Attend Saturday rehearsals		18 hours
Homework/study		15 hours
Tests prep		4 hours
Total Hours	37.5 h	75 h

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES:

(replace this parenthetical with explanation of quizzes, exams, projects, etc.; the grading scale and how a student can calculate a grade need to be included here as well)

COURSE POLICIES:

(please delete this parenthetical: Course policies should contain statements about the following topics, as well as any individual policies of an instructor. Please consider a plagiarism statement; the student handbook defines plagiarism this way: Plagiarism is the use of ideas or work of another without sufficient acknowledgment that the material is not one's own. Examples of plagiarism include submitting material created by another as one's own work or including passages of another author without giving due credit, and submitting purchased material, in any form of communication, as one's own work.)

- Attendance Policy – the college attendance policy can be found in the College catalog.
- The instructor reserves the right to modify course content.
- HCC abides by an honor code that can be found in the student handbook and college catalog: "I promise to uphold the Hagerstown Community College Honor System and to understand all written provisions pertaining to its application. As a member of the college community, I hold the qualities of honesty and integrity in highest regard and will not violate them nor tolerate those who do."

Inclement Weather Policy:

(replace parenthetical with directions as to what students should do if the weather is bad and class must be cancelled. Please consider having students also refer to the student handbook.)

Services for Students with Disabilities:

Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the

Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at dss@hagerstowncc.edu or at 240-500-2530.