THE 301: Theatre Practicum

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Course Description: THE 301, 302, 303, 304 Theatre Practicum (1 SH) Major assignments in departmental productions: acting, directing, stage managing, lighting, sound. Theatre practicum is a one-credit course that gives students graded credit for involvement with Theatre Westminster productions. Students work onstage, backstage, or in front-of-house operations. Through this work, students can expand upon their current knowledge in an already-familiar area or learn valuable skills in a completely new job. Theatre practicum provides personal, hands-on instruction & experience in theatre & the opportunity to apply skills acquired in other theatre classes to real world problem solving.

Westminster Student Outcomes
1. to reason logically and evaluate critically
2. to communicate effectively
3. to think creatively, and appreciate aesthetic expressions
4. to demonstrate intellectual curiosity
5. to acquire knowledge of self, society, human cultures, the natural world, and human relationships to God
6. to apply your knowledge to contemporary issues
7. to demonstrate moral and ethical commitments to neighbor, society, and the natural world
8. to demonstrate commitment to lifelong learning and the acquisition of skills for careers and responsible service as world citizens.

Desired Course Outcomes:
1. Learn essential skills (construction, painting, etc.) in the production aspects of Theatre 1,4,8
2. Apply of these skills to a theatrical production. 1, 2, 5
3. Comprehend to proper attitude, skills and decorum required when working in the theatre. 2, 3, 5, 8
4. Develop theatrical/problem solving skills 1, 2, 6
5. Appreciate of the art and craft of live performance. 1, 3, 4

Evaluation and Grading: Evaluation and grading is based upon how you contribute your talents at a level appropriate to your experience. Your grade is determined by your faculty supervisor’s assessment of your learning and his/her evaluation of your work ethic, achievement, collaboration, and critical engagement. Participation during strike is mandatory and failure to do so is an automatic drop one letter grade. As a general rule you can expect the following:

A= excellent work, an outstanding contribution to the company though diligent & consistent application of talent at whatever level is appropriate to your experience & evidence of collaborative effort
B=good work, positive contribution to the company through applying your talents at whatever level is appropriate to your experience
C=fair work, contributed to the production with some minor shortcomings which indicate performance below a level appropriate to your experience
D=poor work, contribution was seriously flawed by absences, carelessness, or other detractions which are under your control
F= unacceptable work

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) If you have a condition that qualifies you for reasonable accommodation under the ADA, you must have ADA documentation on file with the Student Affairs Office to receive that accommodation.

Academic Dishonesty: Plagiarism is the use of another’s ideas, words, or creations as your own. Academic dishonesty (plagiarism, cheating on tests, etc.) can result in failure of the assignment, class, and, in the worst case, expulsion.

Dress: Theatre Practicum requires physical participation, often working with paint and construction materials, floor work in rehearsals and performance. Please dress appropriately.