THEATRE ARTS 2114
DINNER THEATRE PRACTICUM
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UTEP DINNER THEATRE

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OFFICE HOURS

Gene Salgado
Hours for class discussion are by appointment only.

- YOU MAY COME IN TO WORK COSTUME SHOP HOURS BETWEEN 12:00 and 5:00 M-F
- UPON AGREEMENT BETWEEN HE AND YOU, OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOURS MAY BE AVAILABLE
**Ezra E Boney**

Hours for class discussion are by appointment only.

- YOU MAY COME IN TO WORK SHOP HOURS BETWEEN 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 M-F
- UPON AGREEMENT BETWEEN HE AND YOU, OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOURS MAY BE AVAILABLE

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Dinner Theatre Practicum is a course designed to give students the opportunity to learn skills required in the production of the technical aspect of producing musicals at the UTEP Dinner Theatre.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES OR EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES**

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Student will acquire basic understanding of the costume construction process.
- Student will acquire the knowledge and skills need for the technical support areas wardrobe for a production.
- Student will acquire the knowledge and skills need for the technical support areas of set construction for a production.
- Student will acquire the knowledge and skills need for the technical support areas of lighting for a production.
- Student will acquire the knowledge and skills need for the technical support areas of sound for a production.
- Student will acquire the knowledge of understanding the work that is necessary for completing the technical side of a production.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Each student is required to obtain a total of 60 points. These points may be a combination of lab hours, crew hours and the final paper.

- **Lab hours:** 1 hour – 1 point (UP TO 50 POINTS ALLOWED)
- **Final paper:** 10 points (REQUIRED TO RECEIVE AN A IN THE COURSE)
HOURS MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE LAST DAY OF THE SEMESTER.

IF YOUR SCHEDULE DOES NOT LEND ITSELF FOR YOU TO ATTEND THE DESIGNATED SHOP HOURS, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ASK THE PROFESSOR FOR ALTERNATIVE ASSIGNMENTS.

YOUR FINAL REFLECTION PAPER IS DUE THE LAST DAY OF SCHEDULED CLASSES AND SHOULD BE UPLOADED TO BLACKBOARD ON THE ASSIGNMENT LINK.

COURSE GRADING

A = 60-55 POINTS
B = 54-50 POINTS
C = 49–45 POINTS
D = 44-40 POINTS
F = 39-0 POINTS

COVID 19

This class is a “face to face” course. All “hours” to be completed will be done here at the UTEP Dinner Theatre. All assignments/exams submitted completely online.

I WILL BE CHECKING MY EMAILS AND RESPONDING SEVERAL TIMES A DAY (WITHIN REASON: WILL ANSWER DURING THE DAY AND EVENINGS. WILL NOT LATE NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS).

COVID-19 PRECAUTION STATEMENT

Please stay home if you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. If you are feeling unwell, please let me know as soon as possible, so that we can work on appropriate accommodations. If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you are encouraged to report your results to covidaction@utep.edu, so that the Dean of Students Office can provide you with support and help with communication with your professors. The Student Health Center is equipped to provide COVID-19 testing.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people in areas of substantial or high COVID-19 transmission wear face masks when indoors in groups of people. The best way that Miners can take care of Miners is to get the vaccine. If you still need the vaccine, it is widely available in the El Paso area, and will be available at no charge on campus during the first week of classes. For more information about the current rates, testing, and vaccinations, please visit epstrong.org.
ATTENDANCE POLICY

- It is up to the student to fulfill all the requirements to the best of their abilities. If you are unclear about anything, please seek clarification.
- Consistent attendance is mandatory for crew assignments. Absences will not be tolerated for running crew assignments. Failure to meet these requirements will result in a failing grade for the course.
- Hours are logged in on a timesheet in the main office daily. A shop Supervisor MUST sign you out at the time you leave.
- It is the student’s responsibility to record and keep track of their hours worked.
- It is the student’s responsibility to dress appropriately for each shop.

FINAL PAPER

The student is required to prove that they have successfully reached the learning outcomes as stated above.

In order to receive a grade of A in the course, the student must write a 2-3 page paper answering the following questions:

1. What new skills/knowledge did you gain while completing your shop hours?
2. What skills did you improve on while completing shop hours?
3. How did the work you performed during shop hours affect this semester’s productions at the UTEP Dinner Theatre?
4. How would these productions be different if you had not worked shop hours?
5. How might some of the tasks learned affect you in your future life?

THE FINAL PAPER MUST BE DOUBLE SPACED
MUST BE TURNED IN BEFORE 5:00 PM ON THE FINAL DAY OF CLASSES
MUST BE TURNED IN TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE LETTER GRADE OF A

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

- Course material is delivered via the internet through the Blackboard Learning Management System. Make sure that your UTEP email account is working and that you have access to the internet. Mozilla Firefox and Google Chrome are the most supported browsers and work the best for Blackboard; other browsers may cause problems.
- You will need to have access to a computer/laptop, scanner, a webcam and a microphone. You will need to download or update the following software: Microsoft Office, Adobe, and Flashplayer,
Windows media Player, QuickTime and Java. Check that your computer hardware and software are up-to-date and able to access all parts of the course.

- You need to be sure you are able to turn in video presentations to Blackboard that I can open.
- If you encounter technical difficulties that you cannot overcome, please feel free to contact the Help desk at https://www.utep.edu/technologysupport/

**NETIQUETTE**

Remember that, although we will not be in a physical classroom for most of the semester, this online course should be a safe space for everyone involved.

- Remember who is in the class. Members of the class and the instructor will be reading discussion board posts.
- Respect and Courtesy must be given to classmates and the instructor at all times. No inappropriate postings or harassment will be allowed.
- Remember that you are responding to another classmate’s opinion/idea not to the person. It is not personal.
- Any posting delivered through Blackboard is private. What is discussed in class is for class purposes. Do not copy and post discussions to a public website without permission of the writers involved.

**LATE WORK POLICY**

- No late work will be accepted.

**DROP POLICY**

In order for you to drop this class you must contact the Registrar’s Office at: records@utep.edu or by phone at: (915) 747-5544. Please contact me if you are having issues and cannot complete the course.

**ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY**

The University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations and auxiliary services to students, staff, faculty, job applicants, applicants for admissions and other beneficiaries of University programs, services and activities with documented disabilities in order to provide them with equal opportunities to participate in programs, services and activities in compliance with sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) of 2008. Reasonable accommodations will be made unless it is determined that doing so would cause undue hardship on the University. Students requesting and accommodation based on a disability must register with the UTEP Center for Accommodations and Support Services at www.utep.edu/student-affairs/cass.
SCHOLASTIC INTEGRITY

It is the official policy of the University that all suspected cases or acts of alleged scholastic dishonesty must be referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (OSCCR) at: www.utep.edu/student-affairs/osccr for investigation and appropriate disposition. Any student who commits an act of scholastic dishonesty is subject to discipline. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

STUDENT RESOURCES

UTEP provides a variety of student services and support:

- **UTEP Library**: Access a wide range of resources including online, full-text access to thousands of journals and eBooks plus reference service and librarian assistance for enrolled students.
- **Help Desk**: Students experiencing technological challenges (email, Blackboard, software, etc.) can submit a ticket to the UTEP Helpdesk for assistance. Contact the Helpdesk via phone, email, chat, website, or in person if on campus.
- **University Writing Center (UWC)**: Submit papers here for assistance with writing style and formatting, ask a tutor for help and explore other writing resources.
- **Math Tutoring Center (MaRCS)**: Ask a tutor for help and explore other available math resources.
- **History Tutoring Center (HTC)**: Receive assistance with writing history papers, get help from a tutor and explore other history resources.
- **Military Student Success Center**: UTEP welcomes military-affiliated students to its degree programs, and the Military Student Success Center and its dedicated staff (many of whom are veterans and students themselves) are here to help personnel in any branch of service to reach their educational goals.
- **RefWorks**: A bibliographic citation tool; check out the RefWorks tutorial and Fact Sheet and Quick-Start Guide.