THTRE 365 Theatrical Design Principles  
Fall 2021

**Course Description:** An exploration of the elements, principles and art of theatrical design.

**Learning Objectives:** in this course students will

- Define the role of theatrical designer in a changing world.
- Articulate the principles and elements of design through research, group collaboration, hands on projects and class discussion.
- Develop valuable collaboration skills with fellow students.
- Create design concepts that expresses the visual components of a play or performance production.
- Build skills as an artist to aid in the communication of ideas through verbal terms, research images, drawing, sketching, mood boards and collages.

**Learning Outcomes:** upon completion of this course students will be able to

- Define a designer’s vocabulary
- Illustrate the basics of creating color, line, shape, mass/form, and texture
- Associate the physical and psychological effects of color, line, shape, mass/form, balance, proportion, scale and texture
- Analyze a script through the eyes of a designer
- Identify the basics of the director's concept and imagine a designer's execution of that concept
- Collaborate with others to discover research and design ideas
- Sharpen an artistic eye
- Demonstrate artistic skills of sketching, painting, assembling to serve a communicative purpose
- Evaluate the physical and psychological effects of color, line, shape, mass/form, balance, proportion, scale and texture
- Succeed as a productive, innovative, thoughtful, flexible and creative citizen artist in a changing world

**Course Format:** This is an in-person course taught with the assistance of Canvas.
University Policies: Please familiarize yourself with the most up to date university policies and statements on the Syllabus Statements page on the left hand navigation list.

Attendance policy: Iowa State University Attendance Policy reads: “Students are expected to attend class meetings as scheduled. Each instructor sets his or her policy on class attendance, and excuses for absence from class are handled between the student and the instructor.”

Attendance in THTRE 365 is essential. Attendance will be taken each period in Canvas. Attendance for the semester will be worth 200 points. It is important that you attend all classes. Each day you are absent you will miss a significant amount of in class discussion and exercises that cannot be duplicated or repeated. Each day you are absent from this class 5 points will be deducted from the attendance grade, thus lowering your overall class score.

Required Text: There is no text for this class. You will however need a folder or binder to organize multiple classroom handouts. There will be several plays that you will need to read. They will be shared via PDF at a later date.

Required Technology: This course will be using Canvas for the information necessary for this class. You will need to check Emails, Canvas and Canvas announcements often!

Required Supplies:

- Binder or Folder to keep all classroom handouts organized
- Sketch Book. No smaller than 8.5x11 no larger than 11x14. Please make sure it has perforated pages. You will be tearing out pages at times.
- Pencils. Soft leads will be better for the needs of this course.
- A good hand eraser. (Artgum or pink pearl) a pencil top eraser will not get you through this class.
- Drawing app for computer or tablet such as Procreate or Sketch book. (recommended but not required, see instructor)

Carver Design Lab Policies: This room is for you to use as a place to meet for class and work on your design projects as long as the building is open. Please respect the classroom by keeping it clean and please respect your fellow student's property. The
Design Lab is ONLY for students enrolled in theatre classes to work on design assignments. There is NO rehearsing in the Design Lab unless approved by the design faculty. NO overnight sleeping is allowed in the Design Lab. Students may NOT move the design tables. Students MUST throw away all food wrappers and clean the tables after they are finished working. If this becomes a problem food and drinks will be prohibited! Abuse of this room will result in keeping the room locked during the evenings.