

THTRE 393M: Costume Construction for Theatre

Carver Design Lab 338

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Class Description:

This is an introductory class meant to acquaint the student with the basic techniques of costume technology used in professional costume shops. Students will complete several projects covering hand and machine sewing, cutting and fabric identification.

Class Objectives:

- To identify and execute common hand sewing stitches.
- To thread and operate a sewing machine with accuracy.
- To interpret pattern markings and instructions.
- To familiarize the student with costume construction methods including pinning, stitching and pressing
- To identify the personnel in a professional costume shop.

Attendance:

Attendance is mandatory and necessary for adequate progress in class assignments and projects. Attendance will be graded, 100 points are available for the semester. Official university functions will of course be excused.

Grading:

Projects will be graded as noted in the list below. Projects will be graded on neatness, accuracy and adherence to demonstrated procedure.

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| Attendance | 100pts |
| Construction Sampler | 200pts |
| Pajama pants project | 200pts |
| <u>Final project</u> | <u>300pts</u> |
| Total | 800pts |

Required Technology:

This class will use Canvas. You can track your grade and receive updates about class related information using Canvas.

Required Text:

There is no text book for this class. I will have a few informational texts in the class room for you to reference if needed.

Required Materials:

Wide 3 ring binder for keeping and displaying your sampler project
1 standard zipper. 7-9 inches in length only. NOT invisible!
Fabric and elastic for pajama pant project
Necessary fabric, pattern and notions for final project.

Project descriptions:

Costume Construction Sampler: Each stitch you learn in class will be collected into your three ring binder and displayed. Each stitch will be evaluated for accuracy and neatness and then graded. This sampler will serve as a resource for you for the remainder of the class projects.

Pajama Pant Project: You will each make your own pair of pajama pants as a beginning project. You can use all of the supplies from the classroom. You will provide the fabric and elastic. You will follow a pattern provided by me and I will guide you step by step through all the steps needed for fabric layout, cutting, sewing and finishing.

Final Project: You will choose a garment of your choice to construct as your crowning achievement in this class. You can make this as easy or as difficult as you would like. You may not make another pair of pajama pants. For this project, you provide the pattern, fabric and all notions needed for successful completion of your chosen garment. Please discuss your choices with me prior to purchase.

**Although it is far from the best fabric store, Joann's is conveniently located here in Ames. I get many coupons for Joann's mailed to me on a weekly basis. I will bring these coupons in to share with you to help defray the cost of your project materials.

**Hobby Lobby can also be a good place to acquire materials for this class. Before purchasing anything there be sure to look online for coupons. They often have a 40% off coupon that can be very helpful.

**Walmart also has a small selection of fabrics and notions. They can be great in a pinch.

Costume Construction Class Schedule Fall 2018

August

- M20 Introduction
- W22 Machine and Serger use/ fabric info
- F24 Seams
- M27 Work on Seams
- W29 Curves, Darts and clipping
- F31 Work on Curves, Darts and Clipping

September

- M3 No Class Labor Day
- W5 Gathering
- F7 Bias Tape and Piping
- M10 Work on Bias tape and Piping
- W12 Pleats
- F14 Machine set enclosures (must have zipper)
- M17 Work on machine enclosures
- W19 Basic Hand Sewing Stitches
- F21 Hand Sewn Enclosures
- M24 In class work on Sampler
- W26 In class work on Sampler
- F28 In class work on Sampler

October

- M1 Sampler Project Due at end of class
- W3 Taking Measurements/ Reading a pattern
- F5 Fabric Layout and Cutting
- M8 In class work on PPP
- W10 In class work on PPP
- F12 In class work on PPP
- M15 In class work on PPP
- W17 In class work on PPP
- F19 In class work on PPP
- M22 In class work on PPP
- W24 In class work on PPP
- F26 In class work on PPP
- M29 Final Project Discussion
- W31 Final Project Begins

November

- F2 In class work on Final Project
- M5 In class work on Final Project
- W7 In class work on Final Project
- F9 In class work on Final Project
- M12 In class work on Final Project
- W14 In class work on Final Project
- F16 In class work on Final Project
- M-F19-23 No Class Thanksgiving!!!**
- M26 In class work on Final Project
- W28 In class work on Final Project
- F30 In class work on Final Project

December

- M3 Finish work on final project
- W5 Finish work on final project
- F7 Finish work on final project

Final Exam!!!

Monday December 10 at 9:45am!