



**THE 497
FUNDAMENTALS OF SEWING
TR 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM
ROOM 116
COURSE SYLLABUS: SPRING 2020**

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COURSE INFORMATION

Course Description: An introduction to both hand and machine sewing skills. Students will be taught skills in sewing with specific reference to theatrical costuming practices.

Materials:

1. Fabric (to be used when specified by the instructor)
2. Sewing Kit (provided)

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Gain an understanding of the process of taking garments from page to stage
2. Learn both hand and machine construction methods suitable for costume construction
3. Become familiar with the tools and materials within the costume shop
4. Be able to read a commercial pattern and basic patterning knowledge

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Attendance/Participation: *Note that attendance alone does not constitute participation.* Promptness, attendance, and “attentiveness” are valued in this class. PARTICIPATION IS NECESSARY. Please behave accordingly and do not disrupt the class with excessive talk or the use of cell phones or other devices. It is assumed that students will work cooperatively with one another. See the TAMUC *Student’s Guide Handbook* for more information on plagiarism. This is a serious offense that can result in separation from the university. EVEN if not

specifically noted on instructions or prompts for each assignment, plagiarism policies will be strictly enforced.

Grading

Your grade will be determined as follows:

900-1000	=	A
800-899	=	B
700-799	=	C
600-699	=	D
500-599	=	F

The points available break down as follows:

Scavenger Hunt worksheet	50 pts
Ruler Worksheet	50 pts
Pattern worksheet	50 pts
Machine parts worksheet	50 pts
Hand Sewing Sampler	150 pts
Machine Sewing Sampler	150 pts
Pajama Pants	200 pts
Lab Hours	150 pts **must pass
Attendance and Participation	150 pts

For a total of 1000 points

Assessment:

1. Sewing Samplers - You will be required to complete both a hand sewing and machine sewing sampler this semester. Each of the stitches you will be required to complete you will do a practice sample in class, and then will be given a piece of muslin to complete the sampler with. You will have some class time to work on your samplers, but plan on spending majority of the time on them outside of class.
2. Pajama Pants – You will be making a pair of pajama pants fitted to you this semester. You will be responsible for purchasing the fabric needed, and matching thread, as well as washing the fabric before the project begins. Basic notions and the pajama pants pattern will be provided for you. Grades will be given based on the execution of techniques taught in class.
3. Lab Hours – You are required to work two hours per week the costume shop. Your tasks will range from assisting the designers in pulling and restocking, sewing and altering garments, as well as general shop maintenance. These hours will not be flexible, so choose wisely. Hours will begin the second week of class. You must sign in and out of the notebook log, with a signature from the costume shop supervisor, in order to receive credit for your hours. Failure to receive a passing grade (C or above) in lab hours will result in failure of this course. You may not make up hours without a doctor's note or proof of emergency.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Each student is required to have a working email address that you will check daily. If you do not already have one, please make arrangement before the next class meeting.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If at any time you feel that you need further instruction or explanation, please feel free to speak with me at your convenience. I have an open-door policy with all students. If you do not feel that you are getting what you need please let me know. I cannot help you find a solution if I don't know that there is a problem.

When contacting me via email, please observe the following basic email etiquette:

- Informative Subject Line
 - Class name and/or number
 - Topic of discussion
 - Examples
 - Practicum Hours
 - THE 1301 Final Exam
 - Costume Design Question
- Address me by name
 - Does not have to be “formal”
 - “Niceties” are always a good idea
 - I hope you're having a nice day
 - I hope you had a great weekend
 - Congrats on being an amazing human being
- Briefly and concisely state what it is you need
 - If you cannot state your needs in a few sentences, consider requesting an appointment
 - If requesting an appointment, please:
 - State the reason for your appointment (I want to discuss my grade, I have questions about...)
 - GIVE YOUR SPECIFIC AVAILABILITY
 - Good idea—I am available Monday 1-3 or Tuesdays after 2:30
 - Bad idea—What works for you? I'm free whenever.
- Sign off
 - Does not have to be “formal,” and thank you is always appreciated
 - Give your name

Always a good idea to provide CWID if paperwork is involved

UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES

Student Disability Services: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with

disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services
Texas A&M University-Commerce Phone
(903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu
Gee Library Room 132
Fax (903) 468-8148

Student Conduct: All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. From the Code of Student Conduct: "Civility in the classroom or online course and respect for the opinions of others is very important in an academic environment. It is likely you may not agree with everything that is said or discussed in the classroom/online course. Courteous behavior and responses are expected. To create and preserve a learning environment that optimizes teaching and learning, all participants share a responsibility in creating a civil and non-disruptive forum. Students are expected to conduct themselves always in a manner that does not disrupt teaching or learning. Faculty have the authority to request students who exhibit inappropriate behavior to leave the class/online course and may refer serious offenses to the University Police Department and/or the Dean of Students for disciplinary action."

The Code of Student Conduct from Student Guide Handbook can be found here:
<http://web.tamuc.edu/studentLife/documents/studentGuidebook.pdf>

Academic Honesty: Students will adhere to the tenets of academic honesty while in this class. Academic dishonesty includes working on non-group projects with others, deception, impersonation, cheating during a test, and plagiarism. These are all offenses that warrant disciplinary action up to, and including, an F in the course. Additionally, any student found guilty of a Breach of Conduct, including Academic Honest, could face the following disciplinary actions imposed by the University:

- (1) Expulsion from the University. Students may not return to the University.
- (2) Suspension from the University for a definite or indefinite period.
- (3) Disciplinary probation with or without loss of designated privileges for a specified period. The violation of the terms of disciplinary probation or the infraction of any University rules
- (4) Loss of privileges.
 - a. Denial of the use of an automobile for a designated time (on campus).
 - b. Removal from elective or appointive office.
 - c. Ineligibility for pledging, initiation, and representation of the University.
 - d. Removal from residence hall or other University housing.
 - e. Loss of such other privileges as may be consistent with the offense committed and the rehabilitation of the student.

- (5) Admonition and warning.
- (6) Notification of parents.
- (7) Such other actions as may be approved by the University Discipline Committee or the Dean for Campus Life and Student Development.

Plagiarism is the use of someone else's information without proper and formal citation. Information about avoiding plagiarism can be found here: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/01/>

Campus Concealed Carry: Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02. R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to (<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>) and/or consult your event organizer). Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

STUDENT RESOURCES

Department of Theatre

Performing Arts Center (PAC), Room 101
Phone: 903-886-5346 (Main Office)
Box Office: 903-886-5900

Communication Skills Center

Writing Lab—for assistance with papers
Hall of Languages, Room 103
<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/colleges/humanitiesSocialSciencesArts/departments/literatureLanguages/writingCenter/default.aspx>

TAMUC Counseling Center

Free mental health screenings and counseling for all currently enrolled students
Student Services Building, Room 204
Phone: 903-886-5145

Student Health Services

Free healthcare for all currently enrolled students
Henderson Hall
Phone: 903-886-5853
<http://www.tamuc.edu/campuslife/campusServices/studentHealthServices/default.aspx>

Class Schedule

Week 1	1/13 – 1/17	Hand out syllabus Shop Tour Scavenger Hunt
Week 2	1/20 – 1/24	Hand Sewing – basting stitch, running stitch, backstitch Ruler Worksheet Jan. 20 – NO CLASS
Week 3	1/27 – 1/31	Hand Sewing – catch stitch, slip stitch, blanket stitch
Week 4	2/3 – 2/7	Hand Sewing – hooks and eyes, snaps, buttons
Week 5	2/10 – 2/14	Hand Sewing
Week 6	2/17 – 2/21	Machine Sewing Feb. 20 – HAND SEWING SAMPLER DUE
Week 7	2/24 – 2/28	Machine Sewing Machine Worksheet Feb. 25-Mar. 1 – <i>Somewhere In Between</i>
Week 8	3/2 – 3/6	Machine Sewing
Week 9	3/9 – 3/13	SPRING BREAK – NO CLASS
Week 10	3/16 – 3/20	Serger Machine Work
Week 11	3/23 – 3/27	Machine Work Body Measurements
Week 12	3/30 – 4/3	USITT – NO CLASS
Week 13	4/6 – 4/10	Patterns Cutting Apr. 9 – MACHINE SEWING SAMPLER DUE Apr. 7-Apr. 12 – <i>Constellations</i>
Week 14	4/13 – 4/17	Cutting Apr. 16 – PATTERN WORKSHEET DUE Apr. 17 – UIL OAP
Week 15	4/20 – 4/24	Pajama Pants
Week 16	4/27 – 5/1	Pajama Pants
Week 17	5/4 – 5/8	FINAL EXAM – MAY 5 @ 10:30 AM

****All dates and assignments are subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.****



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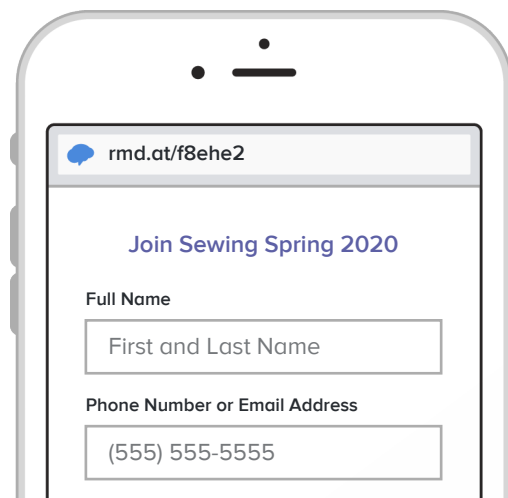
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