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THE 497.03W FUNDAMENTALS OF SEWING
COURSE SYLLABUS: SPRING 2021

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Preferred Form of Communication: University email address
Communication Response Time: Within one (1) business day

COURSE INFORMATION

Textbook(s) Required: There is no textbook required for this course.

Software Required:

- Access to D2L via MyLeo
- Access to Homebase (via computer or app)
- Word-processing software (Microsoft Word, Google Docs, etc.)
- Presentation software (Google Slides, Power Point, Prezi, etc.)

Required Materials (Provided by Instructor):

- Muslin fabric
- Sewing kit

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- Sewing machine (if necessary)
- Sewing pattern
- Notions for projects

Required Materials (Provided by Student):

- Fabric for final project
- Notions for final project

Course Description

The purpose of this course is to learn basic sewing techniques applicable to theatrical projects. Students will develop both hand and machine sewing skills.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will gain an understanding of the process of taking garments from the page to the stage
2. Students will learn both hand and machine construction methods suitable for costume construction
3. Students will become familiar with the tools and materials within the costume shop
4. Students will be able to read a commercial pattern and basic patterning knowledge

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Students are required to execute projects based on tutorials.
2. Students are required to provide proof of work as required by instructor.
3. Students are required to participate in quizzes, assignments, etc. via D2L.

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

1. Students must be able to navigate D2L via MyLeo.
2. Students must be able to use a word processing software (Microsoft Word, Google Docs, etc.) as well as presentation software (Power Point, Prezi, etc.).
3. Students must be able to check their email regularly.

Instructional Methods

1. All students will be provided with essential tools and materials as described above.

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2. Students will be presented with online quizzes throughout the semester that must be completed by the due date.
3. Students will be provided with online tutorials that will teach various sewing skills. These skills will be practiced on the fabric provided. You must provide photographic proof of practice weekly via D2L for their attendance/participation grade.
4. Samplers consisting of these compiled skills will be due throughout the semester, as described in D2L.
5. Students will make a pair of pajama pants, from pattern to finished product, as their final project.

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

1. Students are encouraged to login multiple times per week in order to participate fully, check for updated information, and stay in contact with the instructor and fellow students.
2. Students should ensure they have stable, working internet connections in order to fully participate in online components of this class.
3. Give yourself plenty of time to practice the skills before you try to execute them for a grade.
4. Ask question. If you need clarification, just let me know.
5. Communication is key - students should feel free to contact the instructor with any questions, concerns, or to meet any needs necessary. Students are also encouraged to request socially distant meetings (via Zoom, etc.) as needed.

GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

- A = Exceptional work
- B = Above average work
- C = Average work
- D = Below average work
- F = Unacceptable work

Assessments

- Attendance/Participation - 15%
- Quizzes – 20% (total)
- Hand Sewing Sampler – 20%
- Machine Sewing Sampler – 20%
- Final Project – 25%

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TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

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Interaction with Instructor Statement

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 do not know that there is a problem.

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
 - Cosplay Question
- Address me by name
 - Donna is perfectly fine, or Ms. Donna if you do not feel comfortable calling me by my first name. But I assure you, everyone else calls me Donna.
- Salutation
 - Does not have to be “formal”
 - “Niceties” are always a good idea
 - I hope you are 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 am 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, especially if paperwork is involved

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

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Course Specific Procedures/Policies

Assignment information (including requirements, due dates, etc.) will be posted in D2L.

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

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[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

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

Gee Library- Room 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

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 the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

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Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

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.

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CLASS SCHEDULE

Week 1	1/11 - 1/17	Syllabus Materials Logistics
Week 2	1/18 - 1/24	Hand Sewing Jan. 18 – MLK Day (No Class) Jan. 24 – TOOLS QUIZ DUE
Week 3	1/25 - 1/31	Hand Sewing Jan. 31 - RULER QUIZ DUE
Week 4	2/1 - 2/7	Hand Sewing
Week 5	2/8 - 2/14	Hand Sewing
Week 6	2/15 - 2/21	Machine Sewing
Week 7	2/22 - 2/28	Machine Sewing Feb. 28 – MACHINE PARTS QUIZ DUE
Week 8	3/1 - 3/7	Machine Sewing Mar. 1 – HAND SEWING SAMPLER DUE
Week 9	3/8 - 3/14	Machine Sewing
Week 10	3/15 - 3/21	Patterns
Week 11	3/22 - 3/28	Fabrics Mar. 28 – PATTERN QUIZ DUE
Week 12	3/29 - 4/4	Cutting Mar. 29 – MACHINE SAMPLER DUE
Week 13	4/5 - 4/11	Final Project
Week 14	4/12 - 4/18	Final Project
Week 15	4/19 - 4/25	Final Project
Week 16	4/26 - 4/30	Finals Week FINAL PROJECT DUE – DATE TBD

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