



**THE 215.001 – Technical Theatre
COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2021**

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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.

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COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings:

Textbook(s) Required: The Backstage Handbook, 3rd ed.

1 Pair of Safety Goggles

1 Pair of work gloves

Course Description: Lecture/Practical Exercise based course that bases itself around the building blocks of stage construction, lighting, sound, rigging, sewing, and other valuable technical theatre production skills.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will learn essential skills (construction, painting, etc.) in the production aspects of Theatre.
2. Students will acclimate themselves with all technical theatre production equipment.

3. Students will be acclimated to proper attitude, skills and decorum required when working in a Theatre environment

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Instructional / Methods / Activities Assessments:

Students will be graded on a series of quizzes, exams, type-written/hand written assignments, drafting projects, model projects, painting projects, and theoretical essay responses.

Grading:

Quizzes:	5	20 pts.	100 pts.
Topic Assignments:	10	10 pts.	100 pts.
Final Project	1	100 pts.	100 pts.
Mid-Term Exam:	1	100 pts.	100 pts.
Final Exam:	1	100 pts.	100 pts.
		TOTAL:	500 pts.

Points Breakdown:

500-450 pts. = A
449-340 pts. = B
399-350 pts. = C
349-300 pts. = D
299-000 pts. = F

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

All technology that a student will be required to utilize will be taught "on-site."

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

N/A

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Interaction with Instructor Statement:

If at any time during this course you are in need of further explanation or should need to speak with me about the course or its outcomes, please see me after class and set up an appointment time.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

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](#)

[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/graduateschool/faculty/GraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyFormold.pdf>

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

Velma K. Waters Library Rm 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.

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.

A&M-Commerce Supports Students' Mental Health

The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel

COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

The class schedule for Theatre Practicum is dependent on student availability and production schedule. Your schedule will be determined at the beginning of the semester by information provided by you and the needs of the department.

WEEK 1

INTRODUCTION/SYLLABUS

TOOLS/SAFETY

(ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE SAFETY GOGGLES AND GLOVES)

WEEK 2

DRILL GUNS

STAGE MECHANICS

WEEK 3

(ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE A COPY OF *The Backstage Handbook*)

MATERIALS

WEEK 4

FLATS

STYLES OF FLATS AND USES

READING CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS

WEEK 5

PLATFORMS

LEG STYLES

READING CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS

WEEK 6

ELECTRICITY

WIRING

CONNECTORS

WEEK 7:

LIGHTING INSTRUMENTS
READING A LIGHT PLOT LIGHTING

WEEK 8

SOUND
SOUND SET-UP AND BREAKDOWN
MID-TERM EXAM

WEEK 9

SOUND/KNOTS

WEEK 10

KNOTS

WEEK 11

FLY RAIL/RIGGING
COUNTERWEIGHT SYSTEMS
BLOCK AND FALL

WEEK 12

PAINT
PAINT BRUSHES

WEEK 13

PAINTING

WEEK 14

READING STAGE DRAWINGS

WEEK 15

CONSOLE OPERATION

WEEK 16

TBA