



WACO, TEXAS

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**Stagecraft**  
**DRAM 1330**  
**COURSE SYLLABUS**

REVISED: 10-11

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**Course Description:**

Introduces the theories and practices of technical theatre design and construction through lecture and practical application. Required of theatre majors.

**Required Text & Material:**

To access updated information on textbooks, please visit <http://www.bkstr.com>.

Drafting pencils and incidental supplies for projects.

Safety glasses/goggles, earplugs.

Proper attire during crew hours. NO FLIP-FLOPS!!!

**Course Objectives:**

1. Understanding of the general principles of the planning, preparation, and organization of the technical aspects of theatrical presentation.
2. Understanding of the fundamentals of specialized technology and theory as it applies to the theatre, including color, electricity, acoustics, and design theory.
3. Fundamental skills in representing technical ideas through sketching, drafting, and model making.

**Course Requirements:**

1. Performance of all required reading and completion of all quizzes, exams, skill tests, projects, and other activities.
2. Each student is required to fulfill their minimum 6 production crew hours per week for theatre department productions.
3. Class discussion will be used as a forum for students to share ideas and insights into the nature of their exploration of theatre.
4. Assigned readings will supplement the student's knowledge of the practices of stagecraft.
5. Discussion, quizzes, tests, play reviews, possible graded written assignments and participation/attendance will be a measure of student progress.
6. Student is expected to be in class everyday and on time. Much of what will be discussing each week cannot be learned (or "made up") by any other means except during each class.

7. Plagiarism or cheating of any kind will have serious consequences and may result in a failing grade.
8. Written assignments must be neatly typed, free of grammatical mistakes, spelling, etc. College level writing is expected. Due dates will be announced. All written material must be typed, double spaced and stapled. Margins should be 1 inch on all sides, including the top; use 12 point type. Enclose a cover sheet with all assignments, but do not submit assignments in any type of folder or plastic cover.

### **MCC Attendance Policy:**

Regular and punctual attendance is expected of all students, and each instructor will maintain a complete record of attendance for the entire length of each course, including online and hybrid courses. Students will be counted absent from class meetings missed, beginning with the first official day of classes. Students, whether present or absent, are responsible for all material presented or assigned for a course and will be held accountable for such materials in the determination of course grades. In the case of online and hybrid courses, attendance will be determined in terms of participation, as described in the course syllabus.

Absence from 25 percent of scheduled lecture and/or laboratory meetings will be taken as evidence that a student does not intend to complete the course, and the student will be withdrawn from the course with a grade of W. The instructor may reinstate the student if satisfied that the student will resume regular attendance and will complete the course. If the student's 25 percent absences are reached after the official drop date, the instructor may assign a W, if the student is passing and requests to be withdrawn. However, if a student who is not passing reaches the 25 percent point after the official drop date, the student will receive an F. In extenuating circumstances, the instructor may assign a W to a student who is not passing.

Each absence will count toward attendance requirements in each course.

Students will be permitted to make up class work and assignments missed due to absences caused by (1) authorized participation in official College functions, (2) personal illness, (3) an illness or a death in the immediate family, or (4) the observance of a religious holy day. Also, the instructor has the prerogative of determining whether a student may make up work missed due to absences for other reasons. It is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor of the reason for an absence and to do so in a timely fashion.

### **Student Absences on Religious Holy Days**

McLennan Community College shall excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities including examinations for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for

that purpose. Students are required to file a written request with each instructor for an excused absence. A student whose absence is excused for this observance may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence. Religious holy day means a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under the Texas Tax Code. McLennan Community College may not excuse absences for religious holy days which may interfere with patient care.

Note: Students interested in seeing the class attendance policy in its entirety should check the Highlander Guide or the MCC policy manual.

**ADA Statement:**

In accordance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and the regulations published by the United States Department of Justice 28 C.F.R. 35.107(a), MCC's designated ADA co-coordinators, Mr. Gene Gooch - Vice President, Finance and Administration and Dr. Santos Martinez – Vice President, Student Services shall be responsible for coordinating the College's efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under ADA. Students with disabilities requiring physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact Mr. Marcus Sweatt, Disabilities Specialist, at 299-8122 or [msweatt@mclennan.edu](mailto:msweatt@mclennan.edu).