#### THAR 121.1 Course Outline as of Fall 2015

## **CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: THAR 121.1 Title: COSTUME DRAPING Full Title: Stage Costuming: Introduction to Historical Draping

Last Reviewed: 4/26/2021

Units		Course Hours per Week	•	Nbr of Weeks	<b>Course Hours Total</b>	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	2.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	35.00
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lab Scheduled	52.50
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	5.00		Contact Total	87.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 70.00 Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade Only

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

#### **Catalog Description:**

Practical application of methods, materials, and techniques used in draping a pattern for historical costume construction, with emphasis on costume construction for a current Theatre Arts production.

#### **Prerequisites/Corequisites:**

## **Recommended Preparation:**

Course Completion or Concurrent Enrollment in THAR 21A

#### **Limits on Enrollment:**

#### **Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Recommended: Course Completion or Concurrent Enrollment in THAR 21A

Limits on Enrollment:

**Transfer Credit:** 

Repeatability: Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

# **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

AS Degree: Area Effective: Inactive: CSU GE: Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

**IGETC:** Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

**CSU Transfer:** Effective: Inactive:

**UC Transfer:** Effective: Inactive:

CID:

## Certificate/Major Applicable:

Certificate Applicable Course

# **COURSE CONTENT**

## **Student Learning Outcomes:**

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

- 1. Demonstrate basic ability to drape a pattern and construct a costume for one or more of the following periods.
  - a. Ancient Greek, Roman, or Byzantine
  - b. Gothic, Tudor, or Elizabethan,
  - c. 17th century European
  - d. 18th century women's wear
  - e. 19th century women's wear
- 2. Demonstrate the ability to work independently and collaboratively, under pressure of production deadlines.

### **Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course, the students will be able to:

- 1. Interpret and apply the correct vocabulary and terminology related to basic and intermediate draping and costume construction.
- 2. Demonstrate the ability to measure the body accurately.
- 3. Identify body type and problem areas and apply a decision-making process to select appropriate design lines and shapes in proportion for the individual performer as a specific character.
- 4. Adapt a standard dress form for an individual body type that reflects an accurate historical silhouette.
- 5. Demonstrate effective use of the tools and equipment used in the draping and pattern making process of costume construction.
- 6. Work safely, with effective use of the costume studio workrooms and equipment.
- 7. Work effectively under the pressure of actual production deadlines and fitting schedule demands.
- 8. Identify and select appropriate fabrics for historical costume design.
- 9. Demonstrate the ability to drape a fitted body block.
- 10. Demonstrate the ability to transfer a draped body block to a paper pattern

- 11. Demonstrate the ability to utilize and interpret pattern symbols appropriately.
- 12. Demonstrate an ability to follow instructions and work effectively as a team member.
- 13. Render a costume schematic demonstrating visual communication of pattern pieces and layout of a historical costume.
- 14. Apply the fundamental steps in draping and constructing a theatrical costume.
- 15. Recognize basic period silhouettes for historical European costumes.

## **Topics and Scope:**

- 1. Logistics of professional costume houses and workroom expectations
  - a. Functionality and organization of the costume studio workrooms and equipment
  - b. Safety in the costume workrooms
  - c. Costume Studio personnel, titles, and job descriptions
- 2. Strategic planning and working calmly under the pressure of deadlines
  - a. Professional standards and teamwork
  - b. Developing a schedule for fittings
- 3. Measuring the body for pattern development
  - a. Analysis of body type
  - b. Addressing solutions for problem areas
- 4. Basic terminology and symbols used in draping and pattern drafting
- 5. Survey of period silhouettes
  - a. Unstructured vs. structured historical garments
  - b. Effects of period undergarments
- 6. Fabrics and trims used in historical context
  - a. Fibers and finishes
  - b. Know your straight of grain
- 7. Utilizing a standard dress form for draping a pattern
  - a. Padding up a dress form
  - b. Marking a dress form
  - c. Proper care of a dress form
- 8. Draping an unstructured costume form ancient times using flow and rhythm of line: allow the fabric to speak to you
- 9. Draping a structured historical costume
  - a. Bodice
  - b. Sleeves
  - c. Peplums and skirts
  - d. Neck and collar treatments
- 10. Developing a paper pattern from a draped sloper
  - a. Utilizing a fashion ruler
  - b. Truing the pattern
- 11. Developing a costume schematic using pattern shapes and fabric layout
- 12. Hand sewing techniques vs. machine use in construction of a historical costume
  - a. Seams
  - b. Hems
  - c. Closures
  - d. Fitting strategies and alterations

# **Assignment:**

- 1. Read five pages a week.
- 2. Take accurate measurements of student actors performing in a current SRJC production.
- 3. Prepare a dress form for draping techniques with appropriate descriptive information.

- 4. Create a calendar reflecting appropriate deadlines including 1st, 2nd, and 3rd fittings.
- 5. Drape an unstructured costume from ancient times.
- 6. Drape a fitted body block.
- 7. Drape, pattern, and construct one or more costumes for a major SRJC Theatre Arts production with effective and safe use of all appropriate equipment, tools, and materials.
- 8. Research and draw a costume schematic an historical costume.
- 9. Go on a shopping trip to gather all materials for the construction of a historical costume.
- 10. Drape a historical costume.
- 11. Draft and accurately label a paper pattern utilizing appropriate tools and pattern symbols for an historical costume.
- 12. Complete the construction of an historical costume.
- 13. Exams and quizzes.

#### **Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:**

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

None, This is a degree applicable course but assessment tools based on writing are not included because problem solving assessments and skill demonstrations are more appropriate for this course.

Writing 0 - 0%

**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Homework assignments including: analysis, research, planning, purchasing

Problem solving 25 - 40%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Demonstration of costume draping and construction skills

Skill Demonstrations 35 - 50%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Multiple choice quiz on draping terms and methods

Exams 5 - 10%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Teamwork, promptness, and initiative

Other Category 20 - 35%

# **Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

Draping Period Costumes (Classical Greek to Victorian). Sobel, Sharon Focal Press: 2013 The Tudor Tailor; Techniques and patterns for making historically accurate period clothing. Mikhaila, Ninya & Malcolm-Davies, Jane Costume and Fashion Press: 2006 (classic)

Patterns for Costume Accessories. Levine, Arnold S. & McGee, Robin L. Costume & Fashion Press: 2006 (classic)
Instructor prepared materials