## THAR 22.1 Course Outline as of Spring 2017

## **CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: THAR 22.1 Title: SPEC. FX MAKEUP & MASKS

Full Title: Special Effects Makeup, Wigs, and Masks

Last Reviewed: 4/26/2021

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	<b>Course Hours Total</b>	
Maximum	2.00	Lecture Scheduled	1.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	17.50
Minimum	2.00	Lab Scheduled	3.00	8	Lab Scheduled	52.50
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	4.00		Contact Total	70.00
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 35.00 Total Student Learning Hours: 105.00

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: THAR 22B

### **Catalog Description:**

Methods, materials, and techniques realized in special effects design as it relates to theatrical makeup, including prosthetics, wig styling, and mask design and construction for stage, screen, and video.

### **Prerequisites/Corequisites:**

## **Recommended Preparation:**

Course Completion or Concurrent Enrollment in THAR 2 AND THAR 22

### **Limits on Enrollment:**

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

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended: Course Completion or Concurrent Enrollment in THAR 2 AND THAR 22

Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

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:** Transferable Effective: Fall 1981 Inactive:

**UC Transfer:** Transferable Effective: Fall 1981 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. Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

Safely and effectively apply fundamental techniques in the design and application of special effects makeup including prosthetics, wig styling, and mask-making.

## **Objectives:**

In order to achieve this learning outcome during the course, the student will:

- 1. Identify and apply various types of materials used in special effects makeup, wig styling, and mask-making for theatre, screen, and video.
- 2. Safely and effectively demonstrate a variety of special effects makeup techniques used in the creation of three-dimensional makeup design.
- 3. Safely and effectively demonstrate the application of prosthetic appliances.
- 4. Analyze and interpret appropriate styles, color, and texture choices for a character from a work of dramatic literature, using special effects makeup techniques.
- 5. Create three-dimensional shapes by utilizing clay sculpture, painting techniques, wig styling, and prosthetics.
- 6. Identify cultural and historical trends and styles in makeup and hair as applied to a work of dramatic literature.
- 7. Conduct basic script analysis and research of the script's themes, style, historical period, and cultural setting, in preparation for mask, wig, and makeup design.
- 8. Design makeup charts and/or renderings for assigned projects.

# **Topics and Scope:**

All topics are covered in both the lecture and lab parts of the course.

- 1. Safety Issues and Hygiene
  - a. Product descriptions and uses
  - b. Proper material handling

- c. MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets)
- d. Proper material storage
- e. When to use particle masks vs. vapor masks
- f. Proper protective clothing for you and your model
- g. Ensuring the safety and comfort of your model: putting your model at ease
- h. Clean-up and skin care
- 2. Design Considerations
  - a. Makeup and the actor
  - b. Performance factors
  - c Environmental factors
  - d. Lighting and makeup
- 3. The Importance of Teamwork in Casting a Life Mask
  - a. Methods of communication
  - b. Proper procedures in casting a face, head, or limb
  - c. Curing and preparation of a life mask
- 4. Developing a Design Plan
  - a. Research
  - b. Photo to rendering
  - c. Accurate documentation of your process
- 5. Sculpting in Clay: Classical and Non-realistic Facial Shapes
  - a. Tool usage
  - b. Oil-base vs. water-base clays: why and when to use each
  - c. Developing texture
  - d. Recognizing and eliminating undercuts
  - e. Preparing the sculpted piece for mold making
- 6. Mold Making Materials and the Process for Creating Facial Prosthetics
  - a. Positive vs. Negative molds
  - b. Flange and flashings
  - c. Bridge and buttress
  - d. Keys
- 7. Understanding the Different Uses of Gelatin, Liquid Latex, and Foam Latex
  - a. Reviewing the MSDS for three-part foam chemicals
  - b. Safe handling: mixing, pouring, and curing of loam latex
- 8. Painting and Texturing a Prosthetic Appliance
- 9. Problem Solving the Application of Three-dimensional Appliances
- 10. Blood, Slime, and Ooze
  - a. Recipes
  - b. Delivery
- 11. Bald Caps
  - a. Types of bald caps
  - b. Preparing the actor
  - c. Fitting, trimming, and attaching the bald cap
  - d. Blending and coloring the bald cap
- 12. Wig Styling and Construction
  - a. Parts of a wig
  - b. Ventilated fronts construction, application, removal, cleaning and care
  - c. Tools
  - d. Creating a hair piece pattern
  - e. Setting and styling using multiple hairpieces
- 13. Mask Design and Construction
  - a. Performance factors
  - b. Designing with the actor and character in mind

- c. Adapting the finished mask for the best fit
- 14. Portfolio Development and Presentation

### Additional Topics May Include:

- 15. Tattoos and appliqués
  - a. Materials and methods
  - b. Painting in 3-D

### **Assignment:**

Lab: Skill Demonstration Projects and Exercises

- 1. Design and apply special effect makeup techniques on 3 or more projects. (Design project)
- 2. Complete a life mask using alginate and plaster.
- 3. Complete 2 or more painting exercises to create perspective and accentuate three-dimensional makeup effects.
- 4. Execute the application of a bald cap.
- 5. Sculpt 3-4 different projects in clay.
- 6. Complete 3-4 molds for individual projects.
- 7. Paint and apply to the face 3-4 completed makeup designs, which incorporate prosthetics and/or other special effects. (Design project)
- 8. Incorporate the use of wig styling in 1-2 complete makeup projects.
- 9. Design and create a mask using foam latex or other mask-making materials. (Design project)

### Other Assignments:

- 1. Render and develop a makeup chart for each makeup and hair design project.
- 2. Complete research for creative inspiration of all assigned makeup projects.
- 3. Identify and access appropriate materials for all assigned makeup projects.
- 4. Compile a portfolio of class work. (Design project)
- 5. Multiple choice exam covering safety procedures, as well as life mask construction methods and materials.

### 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.

Project research and material sourcing; makeup charts

Problem solving 20 - 40%

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

Design projects; skill exercises		Skill Demonstrations 30 - 50%			
<b>Exams:</b> All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.					
Multiple choice exam		Exams 5 - 10%			
Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.					
Teamwork, participation, and initiative		Other Category 20 - 40%			

# **Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

Representative Textbooks:

Character Makeup. Thompson, Paul and Romero, Gil. Make-Up Designory: 2008 (Classic) Stage Makeup (10th). Corson, Richard, Norcross, Beverly Gore and Glaven, James. Allyn & Bacon: 2010 (Classic)

Theatrical FX Makeup. Sartor, David and Pivovarnick, John. Heinemann: 2001 (Classic) Pictorial Magazines such as Vogue, Wild Life, National Geographic, Smithsonian, etc

Instructor prepared materials