Course Syllabus

DRAM 2335 – THEATRE DESIGN

Catalog Description: Survey of principles and practices of theater design and its elements. The fundamentals of art and their application to major areas of theatrical design.

Prerequisites: N/A

Semester Credit Hours: 3
Lecture Hours per Week: 3
Lab Hours per Week: 1
Extended hours: Additional study is required outside posted class times.
Contact Hours per Semester: 64

State Approval Code: 50.0502.52 26

Alternate Operations During Campus Closure: In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic, it may be necessary for Panola College to move to altered operations. During this time, Panola College may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include, but are not limited to: online learning management system (CANVAS), online conferencing, email messaging, and/or an alternate schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor Panola College's website (www.panola.edu) for instructions about continuing courses remotely, CANVAS for each class for course-specific communication, and Panola College email for important general information.

Core Components and Related College Student Learning Outcomes
This course counts as part of the academic requirements of the Panola College Core Curriculum and an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree. ☐ Yes ☒ No: If no, skip to Instructional Goals.

The items below marked with an X reflect the state-mandated outcomes for this course IF this is a CORE course:

☐ Critical Thinking Skills – to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry and analysis, evaluation and syntheses of information
  ☐ CT1: Generate and communicate ideas by combining, changing, or reapplying existing information
  ☐ CT2: Gather and assess information relevant to a question
  ☐ CT3: Analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information

☐ Communication Skills – to include effective development, interpretation, and expression of ideas through written, oral, and visual communication
  ☐ CS1: Develop, interpret, and express ideas through written communication
  ☐ CS2: Develop, interpret, and express ideas through oral communication
  ☐ CS3: Develop, interpret, and express ideas through visual communication
Empirical and Quantitative Skills – to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
  - EQS1: Manipulate and analyze numerical data and arrive at an informed conclusion
  - EQS2: Manipulate and analyze observable facts and arrive at an informed conclusion

Teamwork – to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal
  - TW1: Integrate different viewpoints as a member of a team
  - TW2: Work with others to support and accomplish a shared goal

Personal Responsibility – to include the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making
  - PR1: Evaluate choices and actions and relate consequences to decision-making

Social Responsibility – to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities
  - SR1: Demonstrate intercultural competence
  - SR2: Identify civic responsibility
  - SR3: Engage in regional, national, and global communities

Instructional Goals and Purposes:
The purpose of this course is to enable students to apply the principles of design in both theoretical and practical situations.

Learning Outcomes: [from the ACGM catalog]
After studying all materials and resources presented in the course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify the elements and principles of design
2. Analyze dramatic literature in preparation to design for the theater.
3. Produce research in preparation to design for the theater
4. Differentiate established methods for developing a design concept.
5. Visualize and communicate designs as part of a collaborative process.

Course Content:
A general description of lecture/discussion topics included in this course are listed in the Learning Outcomes section of this syllabus.

Students in all sections of this course will learn the following content:

1. Design Styles for Set and Lighting
2. How to perform Dramaturgy
3. Technology usage in Design practice
4. The overall effects of solid design in practice

Methods of Instruction/Course Format/Delivery:
This course is offered in lecture, lab, and online methodologies.
**Major Assignments / Assessments:**
The following items will be assigned and assessed during the semester and used to calculate the student's final grade.

**Assignments**
1. Written research Projects
2. Design projects – online and hard copy

**Assessment(s):**
1. Exams
2. Portfolio work
3. Daily task work such as discussions and instructor assignments
4. Collaborative Project work

**Course Grade:**
The grading scale for this course is as follows:
- Exams 20%
- Assignments – 40%
- Portfolio – 20%
- Project work – 10%
- Participation – 10%

**Texts, Materials, and Supplies:**
- OER – Provided materials
- Drafting supplies
- Digital+ Theatre database

**Required Readings:**
- All materials provided online
- Class handouts

**Recommended Readings:**
* A Whole New Mind - D. Pink
* The Dramatic Imagination - RE Jones

**Other:**
- Courses conducted via video conferencing may be recorded and shared for instructional purposes by the instructor.
- For current texts and materials, use the following link to access bookstore listings: [https://www.panolacollegestore.com](https://www.panolacollegestore.com)
- For testing services, use the following link: [https://www.panola.edu/elearning/testing.html](https://www.panola.edu/elearning/testing.html)
• If any student in this class has special classroom or testing needs because of a physical learning or emotional condition, please contact the ADA Student Coordinator in Support Services located in the Charles C. Matthews Student Center or go to https://www.panola.edu/student-success/disability-support-services/ for more information.

• Withdrawing from a course is the student’s responsibility. Students who do not attend class and who do not withdraw will receive the grade earned for the course.