

Overview

Technical Theatre is a one-trimester survey and production course. The first part of our trimester will be divided between exploration of the history of stagecraft, stage construction and effects, costume and makeup design, lighting and sound, basic theory and practice of stage combat, and techniques and practice of scenic design. We will take class off-campus on occasion to see some of these topics in practice.

Activities will include:

- Backstage operations
- Understanding stage architecture
- Proper and safe use of basic tools and supplies used for set construction
- Ins and outs of lighting and sound instruments
- Makeup and costume workshops
- Learning and performing basic stage combat techniques
- Planning sets by constructing scale models

The second part of the course will involve putting our skills into practice by assisting in the design, construction, and running of sets for the middle and upper school plays.

Assessment

- **In-class Activities:** With each unit, students will complete activities that allow hands-on experience with the topics covered throughout the course.
- **Quizzes:** There will be quizzes throughout the trimester and each will be worth 5-25 points. Quizzes will be announced at least one day before they are given.
- **Projects:** Each unit will culminate in a project that should demonstrate comprehension of skills and information. Projects will be graded using a rubric and will range in value from 30-100 points based on the extent of the activity.
- **Participation:** All students are expected to participate in all activities and class discussions. For each day that they are not prepared for class, they will lose points from their daily participation grade. In addition, students who choose to be disruptive or not participate in class discussions will lose daily points.

Materials

While there is no text for this course, all students are required to have one section of a binder designated for this course. There will be a need to take notes on occasion, and there will be handouts and readings that need to be kept together.