

Course Syllabus
THR 114 & THR 314
Management Crew

Spring 2008

Crew Hours: MTWTF 2:00 – 5:00

Some evenings and Weekends

University Theatre Center

1.0 Hour Credit

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Objective: To introduce the student to the duties and responsibilities of a box office and house management.

Attendance Policy: Class participation is an important part of any class/crew, so it is imperative that you attend all crews for which you are called. If you are absent for a crew call you must be able to make it up at a later date in the semester. There will be strike calls following the closing of a show (The Skin of Our Teeth, Marisol, and The Full Monty). All crew members must attend each strike. If you miss a strike with out a pre-approved reason you will have your crew grade reduced by one letter grade. Tardiness is also unacceptable. If you must be late please notify one of the student assistants. Excessive tardiness will result in a reduction of your final grade.

Classroom Demeanor: Please come to class focused and ready to work. Turn off all cell phones and pagers. Remember you are the first people our patrons meet when arriving to purchase tickets or visit our program. Use appropriate manners at all times.

Catalogue Course Description: One semester hour of credit may be received per semester for work done in this practical workshop consisting of actual work on productions. May be repeated for credit.

Course Requirements: All students are required to participate in all aspects of House and Box Office management for the following Department of Theatre and Dance Fall 2007 Productions: The Skin of Our Teeth, Marisol, and The Full Monty. This participation will include, but not limited to, ushering for productions, ticket sales, mail outs, lobby displays, poster runs, and office work as it relates to these productions.

Management Crew has a sign in/sign out book located in the Box Office. Each crew member must sign in at the beginning of crew and sign out when all his/her tasks are completed. The crew member is responsible for signing in and out. Neither the student assistants nor the box office or house manager will sign in or out for the crew members.

Classroom Attire: Come to crew wearing clothes you don't mind getting dirty. You will be putting up posters, running errands, using paste, paint, glue etc. You may also be moving items from one area of the theatre to another. When you usher or work in the box office dress in business attire. This means pressed clothing, no crop tops, ragged pants, or tee shirts with either plain or offensive slogans

and no blue or black jeans. Use your best judgment. When in doubt ask the Student Assistants or Theatre Manager about your attire. If your clothing is inappropriate for the tasks assigned you may be sent home to change and lose points off your grade.

Grading Criteria:

Each hour worked equals TWO points.

You are eligible to receive up to ONE point per hour based on work ethic, attitude and job performance.

You are eligible to earn up to FIVE points for each strike.

Example:

60 hours x 2 points = 120 points

60 hours x 1 point = 60 points

4 strikes x 5 points = 20 points

TOTAL 200 points

Point Break Down

200-180 = A

179-159 = B

158-138 = C

137-117 = D

117 and below = F

An “F” in crew will result in your being ineligible for casting, design, stage management and payroll positions in the next long semester.

If the student is unable to complete course requirements, the student’s grade will reflect this.

The drop date for all Spring 2008 is March 7, 2008.

Academic Honesty: House & Box office management is a collaborative art. It is essential that crew members on this crew are able to work independently as well as part of a group. Some assignments must be adhered to rigorously. For example, if you are assigned a specific area of poster run and do not complete the task on the day it is assigned your grade may be reduced. Anyone who does not adhere to the rules of the assignment runs the risk of receiving a zero on the assignment.

Americans with Disabilities Act: *It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that no otherwise qualified individual shall, solely by reason of his/her handicap, be excluded from the participation on, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic or Student Life program or activity. Disabled students may request assistance with academically related problems stemming from individual disabilities by contacting the Director of Counseling Center in the Lee Drain Annex or by calling (936) 294-1720.*

Religious Holidays: University policy states that if any student must be absent from class for the observance of religious holy day they must notify their instructor by the 12th calendar day after the first day of the semester (February 1, 2008).

Classroom Visitors: Please talk to the instructor if you would like to bring a visitor to crew.