CHANGES IN THE DESIGN/TECHNOLOGY
UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

For those who might need to be informed about the changes in the Theatre Majors/Minor curriculum next year. The big changes are happening in the Design and Technical area. For incoming freshman or any current students who have not taken TH3513 – Technical Production I (TH3503 for BFA) or TH3515- Technical Production II (3505 for BFA), your Design/Tech course requirements would be the same as incoming freshman. This is as follows:

TH1501 Introduction Design and Technology for Live Performance (3 credits) (This class has a lab similar to 3513/15
TH3571 Introduction to Stage Technology (3 credits) (no lab)

Then one of the following 3 courses:
TH3521 Introduction to Scenic Design for Theatre and Performance (3 credits) (no lab)
TH3531 Introduction to Theatrical Costume Design (3 credits) (no lab)
TH3541 Introduction to Stage Lighting Design (3 credits) (no lab)

You should understand that TH1501 is a prerequisite for or should be taken concurrently with TH3571. Also TH3571 is a prerequisite for any of the design courses and one last prerequisite that TH1501 is a prerequisite or to be taken concurrently with TH1322. If a student is interested in taking some of the advanced design courses offered in the department they will first need to take the relative 3000 level course. For example if you want to take TH5540 Lighting Design, you will first need to take TH3541. All of these prerequisites will be enforced.

These requirements are the same for all BA majors and minors. All other BA major and minor requirements remain the same. The change for the BFA is as follows:

TH1501 Introduction Design and Technology for Live Performance (3 credits) (This class has a lab similar to 3513/15
TH3571 Introduction to Stage Technology (3 credits) (no lab)

These are the required courses however BFA students are welcome and encouraged to take any of the design courses if they are interested.

Now if you have had TH3513 (3503) and TH3515 (3505) then you have completed your Design/Technical requirements for the degree. If you have taken TH3513 but not TH3515 then you would need to take one of the
following courses, TH3571, TH3531, or TH3541. If you have taken TH3515 but not TH3513 then you would need to take one of these following courses, TH3571 or TH3521.

There may be some students who are caught between a rock and a hard place. If you are in that position, I and or your stellar DUS, Sonja Kufinec would be happy to discuss your situation. As DUS Sonja has the final say.

I understand this can be confusing and by all means feel free to contact me if you have any questions. The Design/Tech program is very excited and proud of this new curriculum and feels that it speaks to a number of issues that have been raised by students over the past few years. It has been unanimously supported by the departmental faculty. We know however that it will take a year or two to get everything worked out and get everyone flowing smoothly through the curriculum. We thank you for your understanding and patience.

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