THEA 117 001  Fall 2012  Technical Theatre
10:30-11:45 T-Th.  
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Text: Scene Design and Stage Lighting  
Parker -Wolf -Block  
Learning Outcomes: The objective of this class is to familiarize the student with the techniques, materials  
and processes of the theatre. They will have a foundation of experience that will enable them to participate  
in the Design and advanced Technical classes as well as departmental productions.  
Students should be able to:  
. Understand and participate in the general processes of design and construction.  
. Clearly identify and analyze problems of design and construction with a goal towards discovering  
multiple solutions.  
. Understand and communicate in the terms and rhetoric of technical theater professionals.  
. Through hands-on learning, develop the skills to perform in a professional scene shop environment. This  
hands-on experience will involve the construction, load in and strike of the scenery, props and costumes for  
the department’s productions, as well as the maintenance of the shops. If time warrants, students may also  
assist some of the local professional theatres with building their productions-i.e. Idaho Shakespeare Festival  
Boise Contemporary Theater and Idaho Theatre for Youth.  

Class responsibilities include:  
Attendance and participation in class lectures and demonstrations  
Attendance in lab  
Reading assignments  
Quizzes/Projects  
Midterm  
Final

Grading:  
Quizzes/Projects  25%  
Shop  25%  
Final  25%  
Shop Participation  25%  
Projects will be explained and covered in class with separate handouts.

Shop:  
Each unexcused absence will reduce the student's grade. Unexcused absences cannot be made up. An  
absence is excused only when approved by the instructor of the class or lab.  
University policy states that 6 absences will result in a failure for the class.

All students are required to attend the department productions and will assist with one load-out or  
load-in. Assignments will be made in class at least 1 week prior to the event. Check the calendar for dates.

! NO CELL PHONES ALLOWED IN CLASS OR LAB!