

Technical Theatre I

Technical Theatre I is a course designed to introduce the student to the backstage elements of the stage. Everything that is associated with the technical elements of the Theatre will be covered in this course. Sets, lights, sound, costumes, props, makeup and publicity and promotions will be looked at in detail. You have a mandatory 80 hours after school work to complete before the end of the year (20 every 9 weeks). This is a major grade every nine weeks. All students are required to go to all school theatre performances.

Tech I is a course designed to challenge the student on multiple levels. This course runs the gambit when you consider the various educational configurations which will be used to teach the backstage elements. Lecture, tests and quizzes are only a small part of the course. Design, building and participation in the productions will be a major focus for this course. If do NOT like to get dirty, then this course is NOT for you. I have been around a lot longer than Mike Rowe so I can say this with certainty, GET READY TO GET DIRTY!

Technical Theatre II-IV

Tech II is designed for the student who is SERIOUSLY interested in pursuing a career in the backstage areas of the theatre. Tech II is a continuation of where we leave off in the Tech I course. Here the students will have a major emphasis in the design elements and the stage management part of the theatre. Tech II will REQUIRE that each student participate in every production for that year in some form of capacity. This usually means that these students will take the lead as crew head positions and stage managers. There is a lot of time involved in this course. The student has to be willing to commit to the hours that are required. If they cannot do the hours, it is seriously suggested that they NOT TAKE THE COURSE.

Technical Theatre III/IV

This class meets in conjunction with the Tech II course. These students will be working independently of the Tech II students. Each of these students will have to put in at least 40 hours of work for every nine weeks, a total of 80 for the semester. This class is based upon independent design projects and work related to each production. This class is for the student who is pursuing a career in theatre technology and or backstage jobs. This course, along with the Tech IV course will be used to build the students portfolio to be presented their senior year. These portfolios will then be used at college or university interviews and or job interviews such as placement in the Local I.A.T.S.E 51 in downtown Houston. (International Alliance of Theatrical Stagehands Union) These students are the leaders of the Technical program. It will be their responsibility to care for and maintain the theater spaces here at the school. They will be in charge of crews for each of the productions and will be required to work EVERY SHOW during the year! This is not up for negotiations.