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1. **Course Number:** THR117
Course Title: Introduction to Theater Design
2. **Description:** Students use a practical, hands-on approach to designing and constructing various scenic elements for the stage including sets, costumes, props, and lighting. (2 class hours/3 studio hours)
3. **Student Learning Outcomes:**
Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:
 - Demonstrate the process of script analysis by defining period style, setting, text and sub-text.
 - Formulate performance concept from completed script analysis.
 - Collaborate with production team and work within parameters of design restraints.
 - Communicate design concepts through technical and thumbnail drawings and renderings.
 - Engineer design elements in technical drawings.
4. **Credits:** Three credits
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** No
6. **Prerequisite:** None; THR120 (Stagecraft & Theater Technologies) recommended.
7. **Semester(s) Offered:** Spring (biannually)
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** Students are evaluated on their understanding of the design process as demonstrated by their participation in class discussions, written work, exams and projects.
9. **General Topical Outline (Optional):**
 - Structure of production team
 - Script analysis
 - Design elements
 - Thumbnail sketching
 - Technical drawing
 - Rendering
 - Complete design paperwork