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**General Syllabus**

**THTR 36073 Directing I**

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Prerequisite: THTR 13073 Acting I or consent of instructor

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

**I. Course Information**

**A. Catalog Description**

Acquaints the student through study and practice with the problems of producing plays.

**B. Additional Course Information**

This course is an optional requirement for students seeking a theatre minor, and is required for most 4-year degree programs. It may be taken by students in other disciplines as an elective.

**II. Student Learning Outcomes**

**A. Subject Matter**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Outline the main steps of the directing process.
2. Form a directorial concept from script analysis.
3. Understand the key visual and auditory elements of theatrical performance.
4. Develop a production schedule and integrate technical elements into productions.
5. Utilize the standard acting vocabulary for working with performers.
6. Convert concepts and key dramatic forms into performable actions.
7. Produce a work of theatre.

**B. University Learning Outcomes (ULOs)**

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

**Communication Skills (written and oral)**

Communication is the key to the theatrical art. Students will continue to improve their communication skills by working with actors, designers, and technicians in creating and sharing a production vision from concept to completion.

**Analytical Skills****Critical Thinking**

Students will learn to analyze theatrical works to form a production concept, cast actors, approve design choices, and integrate all these into a whole, unified production.

**III. Major Course Topics**

- A. Production concepts
- B. Script analysis
- C. Rehearsal process
- D. Casting process
- E. Organizational methods
- F. Design integration
- G. Working with actors
- H. Performance evaluations