

**UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: THTR 252 Theatre Lab**

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**COURSE INFORMATION:** (please provide all information in the “current” column, and only the information changing in the “proposed” column)

change		current	proposed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Number(s)	THTR 252	THTR 452
<input type="checkbox"/>	Formal Title	Theatre Lab	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transcript Title (≤30c)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recommended Course Preparation	(None)	Students must apply and be selected for the Studio 3 production process.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prerequisite <b>NOTE:</b> Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a “D” or better.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	# of Credits Must adhere to the <a href="#">UMBC Credit Hour Policy</a>	1-3	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Repeatable?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Max. Total Credits	6	<b>Max. Total Credits:</b> This should be equal to the number of credits for courses that cannot be repeated for credit. For courses that may be repeated for credit, enter the maximum total number of credits a student can receive from this course. E.g., enter 6 credits for a 3 credit course that may be taken a second time for credit, but not for a third time. Please note that this does NOT refer to how many times a class may be retaken for a higher grade.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grading Method(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) <input type="checkbox"/> Audit <input type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail

**CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

An elective laboratory course designed to provide students with the opportunity to apply their practical crafts through contracted departmental production projects.

**PROPOSED CATALOG DESCRIPTION** (Approximately 75 words in length. Please use full sentences): leave blank if no changes are being proposed to the catalog description. NOTE: information about prerequisites should NOT appear in the catalog description.)

A preparatory course for the Department’s Studio 3 program. This course mentors student directors, designers, and dramaturges in the academic and professional practices necessary for collaborative theatre making. At the end of the course, the production team will have a conceptual plan ready for actualization in the next semester. Instructor consent required.

**RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:**

This course will now become the preparatory course for the Department’s new Studio 3 program. Studio 3 is an integrated part of the UMBC Theatre Production Season designed to provide students with an opportunity to apply their theatre training and learn their craft in the process of creating live theatre. The focus of Studio 3 will be placed on learning the work of the theatre artist in collaborative theatre making. Filling production positions, students will serve as Directors and Designers in the process of mounting a fully-realized, Department supported One-Act play in the Black Box Theatre.

We believe the more advanced upper-division level is a better reflection of the academic rigor and production experiences required for success in this course. By the time a student is eligible to take this 400 level course, he or she will have had a series of experiences through lower-division courses and practical production work that will prepare them to undertake a significant directing or design assignment of Studio 3.