

**UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: THTR 261 Theatre Production: Running Crew**

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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 type="checkbox"/>	Course Number(s)	THTR 261	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Formal Title	Theatre Production: Running Crew	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transcript Title (≤30c)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommended Course Preparation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prerequisite	You must complete THTR 100 or THTR 104.	THTR 100, 104, or concurrent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credits	1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Repeatable?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Max. Total Credits	8	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grading Method(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) <input type="checkbox"/> Audit <input type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail	<input type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) <input type="checkbox"/> Audit <input type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail

**CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

A practical study of the backstage support needed to present a departmental production. Through various crew assignments, students will learn the step-by-step process of how a theatre production is presented.

**PROPOSED CATALOG DESCRIPTION** (no longer than 75 words): leave blank if no changes are being proposed to the catalog description. NOTE: information about prerequisites should NOT appear in the catalog description.)

**RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:**

As the Department has implemented the THTR “260-series of courses” in Theatre Production, we have better determined how these courses should be completed. In this regard, THTR 261 can be taken concurrently with THTR 100 or THTR 104 as the content areas need not be taken in sequence for optimal success. This allows first semester freshmen or transfer students to immediately enroll in the course, keeping them on track with the Department’s lock-step graduation plan.

We are removing the course’s repeatability to reflect actual Department practice. Should a student wish to again perform production duties in this content area, he or she would take a THTR 339 Advanced Production Techniques with the appropriate instructor. This sequence better positions students for timely graduation given the upper-level production requirements in their junior and senior semesters.