**Course meeting time and location:**
Variable as determined by criteria of independent study

**Instructor Information:**
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Or by appointment

**Course Description:**
Students are required to define a project within the scope of the variable credits (1–3) assigned relating to a production or design element of live performance. Studies should seek to further the knowledge of the student in an area of interest and/or result in an extended focus of a specific topic.

Written proposals not to exceed 6 pages of single spaced text/graphics detailing the nature of the study must be submitted for review no later than 3 weeks into the semester in which the study is scheduled to occur. Online submission of proposals through web delivery or email is encouraged.

The proposals must contain the following information:
1. The specific learning goals of the study
2. The expected outcome/result or demonstration method of the study
3. Step by step procedure to accomplish the learning goals
4. Calendar timeline of the study
5. Budgetary requirements if applicable
6. Assessment rubric with criteria to satisfy the stated learning goals of the study

Students may have a mentor with expertise to assist them in their research. If a mentor is desired, please include a letter of record that this individual has agreed to the proposal and is willing to complete an evaluation of the finished work. If the proposal is organizationally based in the PSOA Department of Theatre, list the immediate supervisor who will be responsible for evaluation on study success and completion. Budgetary resources required for the project will be monitored through this supervisor and must come from identified funding sources.

Once defined, students will be working within personal and/or defined class time as required or must arrange other time by consulting with faculty member supervising the study.

**Grading:**
Once the study is completed as defined by the established calendar, students will evaluate the success of the study through presentation of the process documentation, project result and demonstration if applicable. Students must submit mentor (if engaged) evaluation letters to the supervising faculty within 2 weeks of the defined completion date of the study. Students determine their letter grade by evaluating the learning outcomes against the rubric established at the beginning of the study. That grade recommendation will be evaluated and adjusted by the faculty of record for the study based on the following rubric:

A – Successfully completed all aspects of the proposed study and actively participated in the learning process
B – Successful completion of most aspects of the proposed study and actively participated in the learning process
C – Successful completion of some aspects of the proposed study, but active participation in the learning process was not at stated levels and/or expectations
D – Most aspects of the proposed study were not completed and active participation was not evident
F – The majority of aspects of the proposed study were not completed and/or active participation was not evident

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