

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY THEATRE PARTICIPATION/ELIGIBILITY POLICY

Students wishing to be considered for major assignments (acting, stage management, or running crews) on University Theatre productions, in the Educational Theatre Company, or KCACTF participation in the Department of Communication and Theatre Arts must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. (Complete is defined as finishing the class and receiving a grade of D or better.) **And, you must achieve the following minimum grade point average each semester:**

Freshmen	2.0
Sophomores	2.3
Juniors and Seniors	2.5

Part-time students can be considered for major assignments in productions if they complete 70% of the hours in which they enroll and meet the same GPA standards as full-time students. Theatre majors and scholarship holders are responsible to notify the theatre faculty if they are ineligible in advance of the first audition of the semester; they will have the right to appeal the decision. Students declared ineligible may still volunteer to work on costumes, scenery, publicity, or box-office for the University Theatre productions, and may also audition for Directing class scenes and other student projects.

THEATRE MAJORS PARTICIPATION POLICY. Since productions are the labs where the skills learned in class are applied, all theatre majors (BFA/BA) and scholarship holders are expected to be a company member (cast or running crew) for at least one ESU Theatre production each semester. Theater minors and BSE students are required to audition and accept a company assignment for a major production at least once in their freshman/sophomore years, at least once more in their junior/senior years (theatre minors and BSE students are encouraged, however, to audition and accept a company assignment every semester). At the auditions for each semester, majors may state (on their audition form) their cast or crew preferences for each production. The faculty will do its best to comply with the requests, to find one company assignment for every major every semester, and to make no more than one assignment requiring a heavy time commitment. Students who wish to be considered for more than one company assignment (acting or running crew assignments) in the same semester, may indicate so on their audition form for that semester. This option will only be available to students who are juniors or seniors and who have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00. If a student is given two major assignments in the same semester, the maximum number of scholarship hours they may earn from these assignments remains 18 hours, requiring them to work the additional 18 hours in the shops.

All majors are required to audition for all productions. Auditioning is part of the experience necessary for anyone who intends to work in the theatre, whether in a professional or educational setting. However, if a major has auditioned at ESU at least once for both a fall and a spring semester of productions (a total of two different audition sequences), they may then apply in writing for the auditioning requirement to be waived. This exception might apply to students who are focused on technical and production aspects of theatre, rather than performance. These students will still be expected to fill out the audition form each semester, and accept all company assignments they are given. Majors may also request to be excused from participation in all the productions during a semester, or in a particular production, for academic reasons (such as a class conflict or a need to concentrate on course work). The request should be made in writing and submitted to the Director of Theatre at least 24 hours in advance of the first audition for the semester. The faculty will rule on the request before auditions. Any major who does not make a formal request in writing for exemption, and who goes through the audition process, is assumed to be available for any cast or crew. **Majors may not turn down assignments.** Majors are reminded that **future assignments, scholarships, and recommendations will be based on their adherence to this policy.**