## **Liverpool** John Moores University

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Title: Performance and Design Technology

Status: Definitive

Code: **7505IABDIR** (124370)

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Owning School/Faculty: Liverpool Screen School Teaching School/Faculty: Institute of the Arts Barcelona

Team	Leader
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Academic Credit Total

Level: FHEQ7 Value: 10 Delivered 60

**Hours:** 

Total Private

Learning 100 Study: 40

**Hours:** 

**Delivery Options** 

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours	
Lecture	30	
Practical	20	
Seminar	5	
Tutorial	5	

**Grading Basis:** 50 %

### **Assessment Details**

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Practice	Practice	Advanced design proposal for specific peformance	100	

#### Aims

This module focuses on developing the student's understanding of the relationship between performance, design and technology. The subject is explored through both practice (interrogating performance texts to explore design possibilities) and theory (investigating the various approaches to mise-en-scène, text, choreography and

performance). A particular focus is on the impact of emerging technology.

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Reflect upon, elucidate and demonstrate a critically evaluated understanding of the theoretical and conceptual underpinnings of designing for performance
- 2 Reflect upon, elucidate and demonstrate an advanced critical understanding of the relationship between space, setting, design and performance
- Reflect upon, elucidate and demonstrate an evaluative ability to interrogate a text and develop an innovative, appropriate and practical design concept that reflects contemporary practice

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Practical Project 1 2 3

# **Outline Syllabus**

The module will explore the relationship between text, performance, venue and design. The module will begin with a history of performance design from the mid 19th Century to the present day, with a particular focus on key individual design practitioners who have impacted on practice from Adolphe Appia and Edward Gordon Craig onwards.

Through these investigations and case studies the student will be asked to explore the various options available to the performance designer across the disciplines of dance, opera, realist theatre, experimental / avant-garde theatre and other forms in diverse performance setting and context.

The module will ask the student to evaluate the relationship between stage setting and audience, and to investigate viable modes through which (a) design can create meaning in and of itself, and (b) enhance and reinforce the overall concept of the performance.

#### **Learning Activities**

The module will be delivered via lectures and seminar presentations, screening and site visits. The majority of the module however will consist of practical interrogations of texts and an exploration of the design and technological opportunities arising from them. The module will conclude with the student's development of a design concept and proposal together with an accompanying rationale and evaluation.

#### **Notes**

The module enables the interrogation and exploration performance and performance

text within a context of emerging technologies. Assessment is via an advanced design proposal.