

Assistant Designer (Student)

Job Description

Barnard College Department of Theatre

Assistant Designers work with professional designers on Departmental shows, in the areas of Sets, Costumes, Lighting, Sound, Video, and occasionally Puppets or other specialty designs. This is an opportunity to learn, hands-on, about design, collaboration, and the process of realizing a design.

Duties may include: research or other preparation for the design and production process, model making, shopping, pulling items from stock or rental houses, creating samples or mock-ups, drafting, attending production meetings, attending and/or taking notes at rehearsals, and administrative support like compiling receipts.

Students will have a chance to work closely with the designer, and will learn how to support and contribute to a professional design process. No previous experience is necessary, but it is useful to have taken the relevant design courses.

Assistant Design positions are for course credit (1-2 credits), and fulfill one of the departmental crew requirements (if taken for 2 credits, a minimum of 60 hours of work). Students will arrange a regular work schedule with the relevant designer and/or shop supervisor, and must be available for tech and dress rehearsals, and strike.

Assistant Designers should register for Rehearsal and Performance, and should consult with the departmental Production Manager to determine which section.

Assistant Designers receive a grade for their work, determined in collaboration with the designer, the relevant shop supervisor, and the instructor of record.