

Costume Shop Staff

The Costume Shop Staff is a team of skilled students who create and/or alter the costumes, accessories and wigs for the Whitman theatre season. Regularly-scheduled shifts occur throughout the week, coordinated around class schedules. Skills will be taught on the job, and accumulated throughout the length of employment. Due to the high-level skills needed to perform the work, as well as the time committed to teaching and learning such skills, hiring preference is given to students desiring to make a multi-year commitment to the shop. Regular attendance of scheduled shifts is required.

Responsibilities

Projects vary during the course of the year, as each production has unique costume requirements. Some examples of work responsibilities include, but are not limited, to:

- Following a pattern to create various garments from scratch
 - Preparing fabric for use
 - Laying out the pattern
 - Tracing the pattern and all appropriate markings
 - Cutting out the pieces
 - Serging all pieces before construction
 - Constructing the garment
 - Finishing the garment with hem, closures, trim, etc.
- Altering an existing garment
 - Alterations to the size and fit of the garment
 - Replacing or adding trim to alter the look of the garment
- Millinery (hat-making) and accessory-making
 - Creating or altering existing hats for use
 - Creating unique headpieces or other accessories as required by the production
- Wig Styling and Maintenance
 - Washing, setting, and styling wigs as necessary for the production
 - Maintaining wigs during the run of a production
- Pulling Garments
 - Sourcing garments from our collection for use in a production
- Organizational and Shop-Maintenance Tasks
 - Sorting, organizing, and culling items from stock, including garments, patterns, fabric, etc.
 - Sizing and re-organizing the collection to enhance user experience
 - Cleaning

Participation

- All regularly-scheduled shifts. Absences should be communicated in advance so that projects on a deadline may be reassigned to be completed on time.