

# **Semester IV**

**As per NEP 2020**

## **Integrated Theatre Production: Stage Craft, Costume, Music and Technology**

**Syllabus for Two Credits Programme**

**With effect from Academic Year 2025-2026**

## **Aims and Objectives**

- Theorize the semiotic and emotional functions of lighting and costume design within various theatrical traditions.
- Critically examine the historical evolution and theoretical paradigms of lighting and costume design in stagecraft.
- Explore the interplay between visual design elements and narrative dramaturgy in theatrical performance.
- Understand technical terminologies and design documentation processes from a theoretical perspective.
- Discuss the role of modern technologies (e.g., DMX, lighting consoles) and their theoretical implications on visual design aesthetics.
- Evaluate costume design strategies in relation to character psychology, period accuracy, and genre conventions.

## **Learning Outcomes**

### **The course will enable the learner to**

- **Define and describe** key theoretical concepts related to lighting and costume design in theatre.
- **Interpret** the narrative and symbolic meanings conveyed through visual design elements in performance.
- **Analyze** lighting and costume designs using appropriate theoretical and historical frameworks.
- **Discuss** the interrelationship between text, character, and design from a theoretical standpoint.
- **Compare and contrast** design practices across different theatrical genres and periods.
- **Evaluate** how technological advancements have influenced theoretical approaches to stage design.

## Modules at Glance Semester IV

| Module No.                | Unit | Content                                   | No. of Hours |
|---------------------------|------|---|--------------|
| 1                         | I    | Stage Lighting Design and Documentation   | 07           |
|                           | II   | Principles and Practice of Costume Design | 08           |
| 2                         | III  | Background Music and Sound Design         | 07           |
|                           | IV   | Technological Tools in Theatre Production | 08           |
| <b>Total No. of Hours</b> |      |   | <b>30</b>    |

| Module No. | Unit | Content  |
|------------|------|--|
| 1          | I    | <b>Stage Lighting Design and Documentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to lighting as a narrative and emotional tool in theatre</li> <li>• Preparation and documentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lighting layout plan</li> <li>○ Ground plan</li> <li>○ Cue sheet making</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Study of light placement, intensity, color, and timing</li> <li>• Introduction to modern lighting technology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Use of computerized and automated lighting systems (DMX, consoles, software)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Integration of lighting with sound and stage movement.</li> </ul> |
|            | II   | <b>Principles and Practice of Costume Design</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elements and principles of costume design: texture, silhouette, line, color, proportion</li> <li>• Costume construction techniques: fabric selection, stitching, pattern-making</li> <li>• Embellishment and ornamentation: embroidery, painting, appliqué</li> <li>• Costumes for theatrical styles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Realistic/Representational theatre: historically and culturally accurate costume design</li> <li>• Stylized/Presentational theatre: symbolic, abstract, and thematic design approaches</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                       |
| 2          | III  | <b>Background Music and Sound Design</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objectives and importance of background music in theatre production.</li> <li>• Methods of using sound: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live performance effects vs. recorded effects</li> <li>• Synchronizing sound with cues, lighting, and performance</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Introduction to musical instruments used in theatre:</li> </ul>  |

|  |           |   |
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|  |           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• String instruments (e.g., sitar, violin)</li> <li>• Wind instruments (e.g., flute, shehnai)</li> <li>• Percussion instruments (e.g., tabla, drums)</li> <li>• Music cue sheets: structure, timing, and application in live performance.</li> </ul>   |
|  | <b>IV</b> | <b>Technological Tools in Theatre Production</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of sound equipment: microphones, mixers, speakers</li> <li>• Integration of computers and software in sound and music production</li> <li>• Use of digital platforms in cueing, editing, and managing technical aspects of performance</li> <li>• Case studies/examples from contemporary and traditional performances integrating modern technology.</li> </ul> |

### Scheme of Evaluation

The Scheme of Examination shall be of 50 marks. It will be divided into Internal Evaluation (20 marks) and Semester End Examination (30 Marks).

### Semester IV (50 Marks - 2 Credits)

#### Internal Evaluation (20 Marks)

| Sr. No. | Particulars   | Marks |
|---------|---|-------|
| 1       | Presentation<br><b>OR</b><br>Project<br><b>OR</b><br>Assignment   | 15    |
| 2       | Participation in Workshop / Conference / Seminar (as decided by the Teacher)<br><b>OR</b><br>Participation in Online Workshop / Conference / Seminar (as decided by the Teacher)<br><b>OR</b><br>Field Visit<br><b>OR</b><br>Attendance | 5     |

### Semester End Examination (30 Marks)

| Question No. | Particulars   | Marks |
|--------------|---|-------|
| 1            | <b>Objective Type Questions (All Units)</b>   | 06    |
| 2            | <b>Descriptive Question(s) on Unit I</b><br>The Question may be divided into sub questions:<br>Attempt any 2 out of 4 (Each of 3 Marks)   | 06    |
| 3            | <b>Descriptive Question(s) on Unit II</b><br>The Question may be divided into sub questions:<br>Attempt any 2 out of 4 (Each of 3 Marks)  | 06    |
| 4            | <b>Descriptive Question(s) on Unit III</b><br>The Question may be divided into sub questions:<br>Attempt any 2 out of 4 (Each of 3 Marks) | 06    |
| 5            | <b>Descriptive Question(s) on Unit IV</b><br>The Question may be divided into sub questions:<br>Attempt any 2 out of 4 (Each of 3 Marks)  | 06    |
| <b>Total</b> |   | 30    |

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