

Instructional Touch and Theatrical Intimacy Policy: Syllabus Language

We are in the process of making a culture shift with the implementation of recommended intimacy practice which takes intentional practice and effort on everyone's part. Our intimacy policies are living documents that are designed to support our living and evolving practice and culture. Tools for how to communicate personal boundaries are being taught throughout the department in classes and in production. Recommended practice and boundary communication training is available to any member of the Theatre and Dance Department upon request this spring thanks to the support of a SEED grant from the Vice Provost for Diversity Office, please contact Resident Intimacy Director, Andy Grapko at andrea.grapko@austin.utexas.edu to schedule a class or area training.

Suggested Syllabus Language:

The Department of Theatre and Dance at the University of Texas at Austin is dedicated to integrating consent-based practices into all classroom and production environments. In all Theatre and Dance Department related activities, all participants are expected to abide by recommended Instructional Touch and Theatrical Intimacy practices. All participants in Theatre and Dance Department activities are expected to be able to communicate their boundaries, ask before they touch, and maintain a respectful working environment. Full policy information detailing the Recommended Practices is available on the department website at *TBA.

*No one is expected to be able to include this language before fall 2023, as soon as a link to intimacy policy is available it will be shared in an updated version of this document.

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