Theatre Arts Major and Minor

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The Theatre Arts major blends hands on experience in production with foundational training and advanced study. A core liberal arts base of coursework serves intermediate and advanced study in the classroom, rehearsal room, studio, and theatre. Students have the option to specialize in one or more of three areas of emphasis (performance/directing; design/tech; history/dramaturgy/criticism). Faculty advised capstone experiences, directed studies, and special projects complement coursework. All majors are mentored by leading professionals who are also passionate teachers. Theatre Arts majors regularly work alongside faculty, graduate students, teaching artists, and professional guests.

The department provides experiences in many areas of theatrical production, training, and study. Theatre Arts boasts a robust production season of three to five main stage shows directed by faculty or guest directors, and three to twelve lab shows directed by graduate or advanced undergraduate students. The department regularly hosts guest artists for additional workshops, lectures, and talks. Auditions for all productions are open to majors and non-majors alike.

Theatre Arts majors regularly secure internships, apprenticeships, and employment in theatre production upon graduation. Theatre Arts majors have successfully gone on to graduate training programs in performance, design, and history. Still other graduates find their Theatre Arts BA excellent preparation for law school, medical school, or other fields of employment that prioritize communication, project management, and creativity.

**Required courses for the Theatre Arts major**
The theatre arts major requires the completion of 42 credits distributed as follows.

**Core courses**
Introductory (3 credits)
THEA 0810 Introduction to Dramatic Art

Performance (9 credits)
Choose three of the following courses
THEA 0804 Theatre and Collaboration
THEA 0830 Introduction to Performance
THEA 1100 Voice and Movement 1
THEA 1101 Voice and Movement 2
THEA 1102 Acting 1
THEA 1103 Acting 2
THEA 1104 Acting 3
THEA 1110 Directing 1
THEA 1111 Directing 2
THEA 1229 Stage Management
THEA 1338 Musical Theatre
THEA 1392 Special Topics in Performance

Design/Technical (12 credits)
THEA 0842 Introduction to Stagecraft
THEA 0880 Theatrical Production: Construction (1 credit)
THEA 0880 Theatrical Production: Run Crew (1 credit)
THEA 0880 Theatrical Production: Run Crew (1 credit)
THEA 1240 Costume Crafts

Choose one of the following courses
THEA 0840 Introduction to Theatre Design
THEA 1230 Stage Lighting 1
THEA 1235 Scenic Design 1
THEA 1246 Costume Design 1

Playwriting / History / Criticism (12 credits)
Choose two of the following
THEA 1341 World Theatre: 500 BCE to 1640
THEA 1342 World Theatre: 1640 to 1890
THEA 1343 World Theatre: 1890 to 1970

Required course
THEA 1903 Theatre Seminar (W)

Choose one elective from the Playwriting / History / Criticism category not already taken from the lists above.
THEA 0505 Enjoying Performances
THEA 0825 Contemporary Global Stages
THEA 1341 World Theatre: 500 BCE-1640
THEA 1342 World Theatre: 1640-1890
THEA 1343 World Theatre: 1890-1970
THEA 1365 Playwriting 1 (W)
THEA 1366 Playwriting 2 (W)
THEA 1390 Special Topics
Elective courses (6 credits)
Students must take two courses selected from offerings in performance, design / tech, or playwriting / history / criticism. Directed study (THEA 1480 - THEA 1485) and independent study (THEA 1900) courses cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.

Note: The Department of Theatre Arts recommends that students declare the major as early as possible.

Grade requirements
A minimum cumulative average of a C (2.0) or better in all departmental courses is required. The minimum grade for any individual class required of the major must be at least a C- (1.75).

Satisfactory/No Credit option
Students must check with the program advisor to determine the appropriateness of using the S/NC grade option. No more than two courses in the major may be taken on an S/NC basis.

Writing (W) requirement
Students must complete one W-course in the major.

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Checklist for the Theatre Arts major
Core courses
Introductory (3 credits)
________ THEA 0810
Performance (9 credits)
Choose three of the following courses
________ THEA 0804 ________ THEA 1104
________ THEA 0830 ________ THEA 1110
________ THEA 1100 ________ THEA 1111
________ THEA 1101 ________ THEA 1229
________ THEA 1102 ________ THEA 1338
________ THEA 1103 ________ THEA 1392
Design/Technical (12 credits)
________ THEA 0842
________ THEA 0880 (construction crew)
________ THEA 0880 (run crew)
________ THEA 0880 (run crew)
________ THEA 1240
Choose one of the following courses
________ THEA 0840 ________ THEA 1230
________ THEA 1235 ________ THEA 1246
Playwriting / History / Criticism (12 credits)
Choose two of the following courses
________ THEA 1341 ________ THEA 1343
________ THEA 1342

Checklist for the Theatre Arts minor
Required courses
________ THEA 0880 (run crew)
Two of the three following courses
________ THEA 0505 *
________ THEA 0804 *
________ THEA 0810 *
Choose nine credits of theatre electives from any remaining theatre courses listed below.

________ THEA 0505*
________ THEA 1110
________ THEA 1365
________ THEA 0804*
________ THEA 1111
________ THEA 1366
________ THEA 0810*
________ THEA 1120
________ THEA 1390
________ THEA 0825
________ THEA 1227
________ THEA 1391
________ THEA 0830
________ THEA 1229
________ THEA 1392
________ THEA 0840
________ THEA 1230
________ THEA 1480
________ THEA 0842
________ THEA 1235
________ THEA 1481
________ THEA 0880
________ THEA 1240
________ THEA 1482
________ THEA 1100
________ THEA 1241
________ THEA 1483
________ THEA 1101
________ THEA 1245
________ THEA 1484
________ THEA 1102
________ THEA 1246
________ THEA 1485
________ THEA 1103
________ THEA 1338
________ THEA 1500
________ THEA 1104
________ THEA 1341
________ THEA 1501
________ THEA 1108
________ THEA 1342
________ THEA 1903
________ THEA 1109
________ THEA 1343

* These courses cannot count for both the required course and the 9 credits of theatre electives.

Note: Students must apply for any official minor they will complete or have completed at the time they apply for graduation.