



# 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.

### Advising

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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

### Required course

\_\_\_\_\_ THEA 1903

### Choose one elective from the Playwriting / History / Criticism category

\_\_\_\_\_ THEA \_\_\_\_\_

### Elective courses (six credits)

\_\_\_\_\_ THEA \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ THEA \_\_\_\_\_

### 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.