

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 (6 credits)

THEA 0804 Theatre and Collaboration
THEA 0810 Introduction to Dramatic Art

Performance (9 credits)

Choose three of the following courses

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 course (3 credits)

Students must take one course 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 GPA of 2.0 in departmental courses is required for graduation.

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.

Related area: A minimum of 12 credits is required in any one Arts and Sciences department chosen in consultation with the major advisor or in a cluster of courses approved by your advisor. The completion of an official Arts and Sciences minor or an Arts and Sciences or UCIS certificate also satisfies this requirement.

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Checklist for the Theatre Arts major

Core courses

Introductory (6 credits)

_____ THEA 0804
_____ THEA 0810

Performance (9 credits)

Choose three of the following courses

_____ THEA 0830
_____ THEA 1100
_____ THEA 1101
_____ THEA 1102
_____ THEA 1103
_____ THEA 1104
_____ THEA 1110
_____ THEA 1111
_____ THEA 1229
_____ THEA 1338
_____ 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 1235
_____ THEA 1230
_____ THEA 1246

Playwriting / History / Criticism (12 credits)

Choose two of the following courses

_____ THEA 1341
_____ THEA 1342
_____ THEA 1343

Required course

_____ THEA 1903

Choose one elective from the Playwriting / History / Criticism category

_____ THEA _____

Elective course (3 credits)

_____ 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 9 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.