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 can pursue advanced coursework in one or more of three emphasis areas (performance/directing; design/tech/management; history/literature/criticism) through departmental and college electives. Faculty advised independent projects, directed studies, and research complement coursework. All majors are mentored by leading professionals who are also passionate teachers. Theatre Arts majors work alongside faculty, graduate students, teaching artists, and professional guests on and off stage.

The department provides experiences in many areas of theatrical production, training, and study. Theatre Arts boasts a robust production season of three to four main stage shows directed by faculty or guest directors and a one-act series 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 completed graduate-level 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, collaboration, 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 1113 Acting for the Camera
THEA 1229 Stage Management
THEA 1315 Contemporary Actor Training
THEA 1331 New Performance Methods
THEA 1338 Musical Theatre Performance I
THEA 1339 Musical Theatre Performance II
THEA 1392 Special Topics in Performance

Design/Tech/Management (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 Production and Technology
Choose one of the following courses
THEA 0840 Introduction to Theatre Design
THEA 1230 Stage Lighting 1
THEA 1233 Sound Design 1
THEA 1235 Scenic Design 1
THEA 1246 Costume Design 1
THEA 1407 Intro Musical Theatre Design

History/Literature/Criticism area (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 History/Literature/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 1349 Disability and Performance
THEA 1365 Playwriting 1 (W)
THEA 1366 Playwriting 2 (W)
THEA 1390 Special Topics
THEA 1408 Immigrants and the Musical
THEA 1409 Queer Broadway
THEA 1410 Musical Theatre and Dance History

Elective courses (6 credits)
Students must take two additional courses selected from any offerings in the performance, design/technical/management, or history/literature/criticism categories. Courses cannot count for both the required courses and the 6 credits of theatre electives. Directed study (THEA 1480 - THEA 1499) 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).

Department Honors

A student who maintains an overall GPA of 3.25 and a departmental GPA of 3.5 is eligible for Department Honors.

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 0830
_____ THEA 1100
_____ THEA 1101
_____ THEA 1102
_____ THEA 1103
_____ THEA 1104
_____ THEA 1110
_____ THEA 1111
_____ THEA 1113
_____ THEA 1229
_____ THEA 1315
_____ THEA 1331
_____ THEA 1338
_____ THEA 1339
_____ THEA 1392

Design/Tech/Management (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 1233
_____ THEA 1235
_____ THEA 1246
_____ THEA 1407

History/Literature/Criticism (12 credits)

Choose two of the following courses

_____ THEA 1341
_____ THEA 1342
_____ THEA 1343

Required course

_____ THEA 1903

Choose one elective from the History/Literature/Criticism category

_____ THEA _____

Elective courses (six credits)

_____ THEA _____
_____ THEA _____

Checklist for the Theatre Arts minor

The theatre arts minor requires the completion of 16 credits distributed as follows.

Required courses (7 credits)

_____ THEA 0880 Theatrical Production: Run crew (1 credit)

Two of the three following courses

_____ THEA 0505 Enjoying Performances *
_____ THEA 0804 Theatre and Collaboration *
_____ THEA 0810 Introduction to Dramatic Art*

Theatre Electives (9 credits)

Students must take 9 credits of theatre electives from any offerings in the performance, design/technical/management, or history/literature/criticism categories.

* 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.