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

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 to 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

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 1229
    - 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 1235
- THEA 1230
- THEA 1246
- THEA 1233
- THEA 1407

**History/Literature/Criticism (12 credits)**

- Choose two of the following courses
  - THEA 1341
  - THEA 1343
  - THEA 1342
  - THEA 1392

- **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.