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Musical Theatre Certificate

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The Musical Theatre Certificate offers an interdisciplinary liberal arts musical theatre curriculum for undergraduate students with a range of interests and experiences. The coursework helps students develop a comprehensive understanding of musical theatre in its exploration of musical theatre history, theory, and practice (performance, music, dance, and design).

The certificate requires twenty-one credits with twelve credits of required courses within the Department of Theatre Arts, six credits of required courses within the Department of Music, and three Elective credits from among a selection of classes offered in both departments.

Requirements

Theatre Arts- Required

THEA 1338 Musical Theatre Performance
THEA 1406 Musical Theatre Appreciation
THEA 1407 Intro Musical Theatre Design

Choose one of the below History/Criticism Courses

THEA 1408 Immigrants and the Musical
THEA 1409 Queer Broadway

Music

Choose two of the following courses:
MUSIC 0100 Fundamentals of Western Music
MUSIC 0211 Introduction to Western Art Music
MUSIC 0411 Theory 1
MUSIC 0896 Music and Film
MUSIC 1253 Listening to Live Music Performance
MUSIC 1271 The Sounds of Romantic Comedy

Electives

Choose one of the following courses (that has not been used to fulfill other requirements in the certificate):
MUSIC 0100 Fundamentals of Western Music
MUSIC 0211 Introduction to Western Art Music
MUSIC 0411 Theory 1
MUSIC 0896 Music and Film
MUSIC 1253 Listening to Live Music Performance
MUSIC 1271 The Sounds of Romantic Comedy
THEA 1230 Stage Lighting 1
THEA 1235 Scene Design 1
THEA 1246 Costume Design 1
THEA 1339 Musical Theatre Performance 2
THEA 1408 Immigrants and the Musical
THEA 1409 Queer Broadway

Checklist for the Musical Theatre Certificate

Theatre Arts Required Courses

_____ THEA 1338
_____ THEA 1406
_____ THEA 1407

Choose 1

_____ THEA 1408
_____ THEA 1409

Music: Choose 2 of the following:

_____ MUSIC 0100
_____ MUSIC 0211
_____ MUSIC 0411
_____ MUSIC 0896
_____ MUSIC 1253
_____ MUSIC 1271

Electives: Choose one of the following

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