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

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.

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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.