

THEATER ARTS (COURSE 21T)

Music and Theater Arts Section (<https://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-sciences/music-theater-arts/#undergraduatetext>)

Bachelor of Science in Theater Arts

General Institute Requirements (GIRs)

The General Institute Requirements include a Communication Requirement that is integrated into both the HASS Requirement and the requirements of each major; see details below.

Summary of Subject Requirements	Subjects
Science Requirement	6
Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) Requirement [between three and six subjects can be satisfied by subjects in the Departmental Program]; at least two of these subjects must be designated as communication-intensive (CI-H) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.	8
Restricted Electives in Science and Technology (REST) Requirement	2
Laboratory Requirement (12 units)	1
Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree	17

Physical Education Requirement

Swimming requirement, plus four physical education courses for eight points.

Departmental Program

Choose at least two subjects in the major that are designated as communication-intensive (CI-M) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.

Required Subjects	Units
Select three of the following:	36
21T.101 Introduction to Acting	
21T.110 Physical Improvisation: Bodies in Motion	
21T.120 Fundamentals of Theater Design	
21T.130 Performance Media	
21T.131 Script Analysis	
21T.150[] Playwriting Fundamentals	

Restricted Electives

In consultation with the Major Advisor, select a coherent program of Theater Arts subjects, which may include a pre-thesis tutorial (21T.THT) and a thesis (21T.THU). The decision to write a thesis is made in consultation between the student and advisor.¹

Units in Major	126-132
Unrestricted Electives ²	96-132
Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs	(36-72)
Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree	186-192

The units for any subject that counts as one of the 17 GIR subjects cannot also be counted as units required beyond the GIRs.

¹ See the Theater Arts subject listing (<https://catalog.mit.edu/subjects/21t>) for a list of available subjects. CI-M subjects for Theater Arts can be found in the CI-M subject listing (<https://registrar.mit.edu/registration-academics/academic-requirements/communication-requirement/ci-m-subjects/subject>). Pursuit of the thesis is by application only. By the beginning of the second semester of the junior year, all interested students will write a thesis proposal in consultation with the Major Advisor. This proposal will be submitted to the Theater Arts Curriculum Committee, which will communicate its decision to the student in April.

² This chart has been calculated based on an overlap of 36 units (three subjects) between the HASS General Institute Requirement and the departmental requirements. Students who develop a program of study with more overlap will be able to select more unrestricted electives to meet the number of total units beyond the GIRs required for an SB degree.