

THEATRE: SCENIC DESIGN, BFA

for the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre, Scenic Design Concentration

Level 21: Design, Technology and Management Concentrations

Level 21 reflects the design, technology and management disciplines in theatre arts. It has seven unique yet inter-related concentrations in: Arts + Entertainment Technology, Costume Design + Technology, Lighting Design + Technology, Scene Design, Scenic Technology, Sound Design + Technology, and Stage Management. Freshman and sophomore students learn the foundations of theatrical production with a focus on acquiring practical skills for application in advanced course work and in theatre productions. Junior and senior students participate in advanced study in their chosen discipline supported by one-on-one faculty mentoring of assigned projects. Students in this area are the designers, technicians, managers, artisans and crew for over a dozen theater, musical theater, dance and opera productions at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts and work on these shows in various roles throughout their entire course of study.

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Graduation Requirements

Minimum hours required for graduation: 128 hours.
Twelve hours of 300 and 400-level courses in the major must be taken on this campus.

University Requirements

Minimum of 40 hours of upper-division coursework, generally at the 300- or 400-level. These hours can be drawn from all elements of the degree.
Students should consult their academic advisor for additional guidance in fulfilling this requirement.

The university and residency requirements can be found in the Student Code (<https://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3/part8/3-801/>) (§ 3-801) and in the Academic Catalog (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

General Education Requirements

Follows the campus General Education (Gen Ed) requirements (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/>). Some Gen Ed requirements may be met by courses required and/or electives in the program.

Code	Title	Hours
	Composition I	4-6
	Advanced Composition fulfilled by THEA 304	3
	Humanities & the Arts (6 hours) fulfilled by THEA 122 & THEA 208	6
	Natural Sciences & Technology (6 hours)	6

Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)	6
Cultural Studies: Non-Western Cultures (1 course)	3
Cultural Studies: US Minority Cultures (1 course)	3
Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Cultures (1 course)	3
Quantitative Reasoning (2 courses, at least one course must be Quantitative Reasoning I)	6-10
Language Requirement (Completion of the third semester or equivalent of a language other than English is required)	0-15

Core Requirements for all Theatre Majors

Code	Title	Hours
FAA 101	Arts at Illinois	1
THEA 100	Practicum I	2
THEA 200	Practicum II	2
THEA 121	Theatre Foundations: Performance	3
THEA 122	Theatre Foundations: Theory and Practice	3
THEA 123	Theatre Foundations: Production	3
THEA 208	21st Century Dramaturgy	3
THEA 304	Global Theatre Performance	3
THEA 364	Topics in Theatre History	3
THEA 404	Professional Career Development	1
Total Hours		24

Scenic Design Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
THEA 100	Practicum I (must be repeated in addition to the THEA 100 practicum I required in the core)	1
THEA 119	BFA Production Seminar (repeated for 4 total hours)	4
THEA 126	Stagecraft	3
THEA 222	Introduction to Scenic Design	3
THEA 225	Scenographic Drafting	3
THEA 300	Practicum III (repeated for 4 total hours)	4
THEA 400	Practicum IV (repeated for 4 total hours)	4
THEA 415	Scenic Design I	3
THEA 416	Scenic Design II	3
THEA 425	Advanced Scenographic Drafting	3
THEA 426	History of Decor (repeated for 6 total hours)	6
THEA 427	Scenic Painting I	3
THEA 438	Traditional Rendering Techniques	3
THEA 458	Digital Rendering Techniques	3
Choose one course:		2-3
THEA 456	Properties Design	
THEA 457	Model Making for the Stage	
THEA 461	Introduction to Media Design	
Choose 3 credit hours:		3
THEA 212	Introduction to Directing	
THEA 223	Introduction to Stage Rigging	
THEA 231	Intro to Lighting Design	
THEA 399	Undergraduate Group Seminar	
THEA 420	Shop Practice	
THEA 428	Scenic Painting II	

THEA 447	Costume Rendering	
Total Minimum Concentration Hours		51

General Non-Theatre Electives

Code	Title	Hours
General Non-Theatre Electives		9

Summary of Credits for Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre, concentration in Scenic Design

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements		
Core Requirements for All Theatre Majors		24
Scenic Design Concentration Requirements		51
General Non-Theatre Electives		9
Free Electives as needed to total 128 hours		
Total Credits for BFA in Theatre, concentration in Scenic Design		128

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Sample Sequence

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a third level of a language other than English. See the corresponding section on the Degree and General Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

First Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
THEA 100	1	THEA 100	1
THEA 121	2	THEA 122	3
THEA 119	1	THEA 119	1
THEA 126	3	THEA 222	3
Composition I or Language Other than English (3rd level)	4	General Education course	3
General Education course	3	General Education course	3
FAA 101	1	Composition I or Language Other than English (3rd level)	4
		15	18

Total Hours 33

Second Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
THEA 100	1	THEA 200	2
THEA 123	3	THEA 208	3
THEA 225	3	THEA 438	3
THEA 427	3	THEA 425	3
General Education course	3	General Education course	3
General Education course	3	General Education course	3
		16	17

Total Hours 33

Third Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
THEA 300	2	THEA 300	2
THEA 304	3	THEA 364	3
THEA 415	3	THEA 426	3
THEA 426	3	THEA 458	3
General Education course	3	General Education course	3
		Free Elective course	3
		14	17

Total Hours 31

Fourth Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
THEA 119	1	THEA 119	1
THEA 400	2	THEA 400	2
THEA 404	1	THEA 212, 223, 231, 399, 420, 447, or 428	3
THEA 416	3	General Non-Theatre Elective	3
THEA 456, 457, or 461	3	General Non-Theatre Elective	3
General Non-Theatre Elective	3	Free Elective course	2
Free Elective course	3		
		16	14

Total Hours 30

Total Hours: 128

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Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Demonstrates a mature, effective ability to analyze, interpret, and discuss creative and theoretical works.
2. Demonstrates necessary knowledge of materials, tools, techniques, methodologies, and safe working habits of all essential theatrical production environments.

3. Demonstrates practical application of learned methodologies including the ability to communicate ideas, concepts, and requirements in order to successfully fulfill a collaborative role related to scenic design for a stage production.
4. Demonstrates working knowledge of professional practices across genres of theatre, musical theatre, and opera.
5. Demonstrates necessary skills and knowledge to acquire an entry-level position in the field of scenic design including significant technical mastery, showing the capacity to produce work and solve problems independently.

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Theatre

Theatre Department website (<https://theatre.illinois.edu/people/meet-our-faculty/>)

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College of Fine & Applied Arts

FAA College Website (<https://faa.illinois.edu/>)

Admissions

Overview of the College of Fine & Applied Arts Admissions & Requirements (<https://faa.illinois.edu/student-resources/future-students/>)

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Undergrad Admissions (<https://www.admissions.illinois.edu/>)

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