

# THEATRE: THEATRE STUDIES, BFA

for the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre, Theatre Studies Concentration

## Theatre Studies Program

The theatre studies concentration focuses on the practical applications of theatre and explores theatrical productions as a collaborative art form that is grounded in practice, theory, criticism, history, research and writing. The theatre studies concentration is intended to lay the foundation for students planning to pursue professional careers in the areas of theatre for which advanced training or specialization at the graduate level is normally required. These areas include, but are not limited to: directing, dramaturgy, playwriting, arts management, social issues theatre and theatre history and criticism. Emphasis is given to a comprehensive study of theatre practices of the past, participation in theatre practices of the present and the discovery and development of theatre practices for the future.

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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	3
	fulfilled by THEA 304	
	Humanities & the Arts (6 hours)	6
	fulfilled by THEA 122 & THEA 208	
	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
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>24</b>

### Theatre Studies Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
THEA 175	Acting 2	3
THEA 211	Introduction to Playwriting	3
THEA 212	Introduction to Directing	3
THEA 220	Survey of Theatrical Design	3
THEA 391	Individual Topics	2
THEA 392	Individual Topics	2
THEA 400	Practicum IV	3
Choose 3 credit hours:		3
THEA 218	Intro to Social Issues Theatre	
THEA 270	Acting 3	
Other 200-level Theatre course (THEA)		
Choose 6 credit hours:		6
THEA 410	Dramaturgs Workshop	
THEA 411	Playwrights' Workshop	
THEA 412	Directors Workshop	
Choose 12 credit hours:		12
Any 300 or 400 level Theatre courses (THEA)		
Supporting Professional Electives: theatre (THEA), dance (DANC) or music (MUS, MUSC) courses, or other courses as approved by Theatre advisor		9
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>49</b>

### General Non-Theatre Electives

Code	Title	Hours
	General Non-Theatre Electives	9

### Summary of Credits for Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre, concentration in Theatre Studies

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements	
	Core Requirements for All Theatre Majors	24

Theatre Studies Concentration Requirements	49
General Non-Theatre Electives	9
Free Electives as needed to total 128 hours	
<b>Total Credits for BFA in Theatre, concentration in Theatre Studies</b>	<b>128</b>

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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. For more information, 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
THEA 100	1
THEA 121	2
Composition I or Language Other Than English (3rd level)	4
FAA 101	1
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>14</b>

### Total Hours 14

### First Year

Second Semester	Hours
THEA 100	1
THEA 122	3
Composition I or Language Other Than English (3rd level)	4
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

### Total Hours 17

### Second Year

First Semester	Hours
THEA 200	1
THEA 123	3
THEA 175	3
THEA 208	3
General Education course	3

General Education course	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

### Total Hours 16

### Second Year

Second Semester	Hours
THEA 200	1
THEA 218 or 270 (or other 200-level THEA course)	3
Supporting Professional Elective	3
General Non-Theatre Elective	3
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

### Total Hours 16

### Third Year

First Semester	Hours
THEA 211	3
THEA 304	3
300 or 400 level Theatre course	3
Supporting Professional Elective	3
General Non-Theatre Elective	3
Free Elective course	2
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

### Total Hours 17

### Third Year

Second Semester	Hours
THEA 364	3
Supporting Professional Elective	3
THEA 212	3
THEA 400	1
300 or 400 level Theatre course	3
General Non-Theatre Elective	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

### Total Hours 16

### Fourth Year

First Semester	Hours
THEA 404	1
300 or 400 level Theatre course	3
THEA 400	1
THEA 220	3
THEA 391	2
THEA 410, 411, or 412	3
Free Elective course	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

### Total Hours 16

**Fourth Year**

<b>Second Semester</b>	<b>Hours</b>
300 or 400 level Theatre course	3
THEA 400	1
THEA 410, 411, or 412	3
THEA 392	2
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
	<b>15</b>

**Total Hours 15****Total Hours: 128***for the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre, Theatre Studies Concentration*

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Demonstrates a mature, effective ability to analyze, interpret, write critically and creatively, and discuss thoughtfully in the field of theatre and performance.
2. Demonstrates ability to actively engage in the collaborative process in preparation, construction, and performance of works for the stage. Demonstrates comprehension of theory and application of practices in areas of emphasis through production related activities.
3. Demonstrates necessary skills and knowledge to acquire an entry-level position in the theatre showing the capacity to work and solve problems independently and with initiative (demonstrated through participation in a professional internship).
4. Demonstrates practical application of learned methodologies including the ability to communicate ideas, concepts, and outcomes of creative research (demonstrated in public presentation of a senior thesis project).

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