

THEATRE M.F.A

MASTER OF FINE ARTS - THEATRE

Degree Specific Credits: 60-64

Required Cumulative GPA: 3.0

Specializations

There are four areas of specialization for the M.F.A. in Theatre, each with its own requirements. Based on the student's transcript and professional experience within the field, courses may be added, substituted, or waived with approval of the program head and Director of the School of Theatre and Dance.

- Acting - 64 credits
- Design & Technology - 60 credits
- Directing - 64 credits
- Music Directing - 64 credits

Acting Course Requirements

In addition to the requirements listed, students must:

- Serve as teaching assistant for faculty instructor of at least one undergraduate performance course.
- Complete a minimum of three major acting projects, with one being part of the Final Creative Project.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
Complete all of the following courses:		
THTR 475	Directing II	3
THTR 476	Directing III	3
THTR 501	Intro to Grad Studies	1
THTR 513	Graduate Voice & Speech I	3
THTR 515	Graduate Physical Performance Skills	3
THTR 520	Graduate Acting I	3
THTR 521	Grad Acting II	3
THTR 526	Studio Training I	3
THTR 527	Studio Training II	3
THTR 528	Studio Training III	3
THTR 535	Performance Theory & Criticism	3
THTR 539	Graduate Methods Teaching Theatre	3
THTR 591	Special Topics (Professional Skills)	1
THTR 595	Practicum (Performance)	4
THTR 695	Grad Final Creative Project	1-6
Electives		
Complete 24 credits of electives chosen in consultation with your advisor. At least one course must be a 500-level course in the School of Theatre and Dance. At least one course must be a graduate-level course outside of the School in a discipline relevant to the Final Creative Project.		24
Total Hours		64

Design and Technology Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
Complete all of the following courses:		
THTR 501	Intro to Grad Studies	1
THTR 531	Graduate Seminar in Theatre History	3
THTR 556	Graduate Rendering Techniques	2
THTR 545	Graduate Design Seminar: Collaboration	2
THTR 546	Graduate Design Seminar: Freelancing	2
THTR 609	Grad Design Project	4
THTR 645	Graduate Design Seminar: Teaching	2
THTR 646	Graduate Design Seminar: Outreach	2
Primary Design Emphasis		
Complete 9 credits of the following courses:		9
THTR 540	Graduate Costume Design	
THTR 550	Graduate Scene Design	
THTR 560	Graduate Light Design	
THTR 565	Graduate Sound for Performance	
Complete 3 credits of the following courses:		3
THTR 542	Problems in Costume Design	
THTR 552	Problems in Scene Design	
THTR 562	Problems in Light Design	
THTR 567	Problems in Sound Design	
Secondary Design Emphasis		
Complete 3 credits of the following courses:		3
THTR 540	Graduate Costume Design	
THTR 550	Graduate Scene Design	
THTR 560	Graduate Light Design	
THTR 565	Graduate Sound for Performance	
Complete 3 credits of the following courses:		3
THTR 542	Problems in Costume Design	
THTR 552	Problems in Scene Design	
THTR 562	Problems in Light Design	
THTR 567	Problems in Sound Design	
Production Assignments		
Complete 9 credits of the following courses:		9
THTR 507	Technical Production Assignment	
THTR 508	Design Production Assignment	
Electives		
Complete 15 credits of graduate-level courses chosen in consultation with your advisor.		15
Total Hours		60

Directing Course Requirements

In addition to the requirements below, students must:

- Serve as teaching assistant for THTR 375.
- Serve as stage manager for faculty director.
- Serve as assistant director to faculty director.
- Complete three major directing projects, the last being part of the Final Creative Project.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
THTR 475	Directing II	3
THTR 476	Directing III	3
THTR 501	Intro to Grad Studies	1
THTR 513	Graduate Voice & Speech I	3
THTR 515	Graduate Physical Performance Skills	3
THTR 520	Graduate Acting I	3
THTR 521	Grad Acting II	3
THTR 532	Graduate Seminar in Dramaturgy	3
THTR 539	Graduate Methods Teaching Theatre	3
THTR 545	Graduate Design Seminar: Collaboration	2
THTR 570	Graduate Stage Management	2
THTR 572	Stage Management Practicum	1-6
THTR 577	Directing IV	3
THTR 578	Directing V	3
THTR 591	Special Topics (Professional Skills)	1
THTR 595	Practicum (Directing)	4
THTR 675	Directing VI	3
THTR 677	Problems in Directing	1-3
THTR 695	Grad Final Creative Project	1-6
Electives		
Complete 18 credits of electives chosen in consultation with your advisor. At least one course must be a 500-level course in the School of Theatre and Dance. At least one course must be a graduate-level course outside of the School in a discipline relevant to the Final Creative Project.		18
Total Hours		64

MUSI 500	Secondary Perform Area (Voice)	2
MUSI 511	Advanced Conducting	2
MUSI 551	Major Performance Area (Piano)	4
MUSI 593	Professional Projects (Music Direction)	6
MUSI 595	Special Topics (Musical Direction for Theatre)	1
MUSI 595	Special Topics (Graduate Jazz)	1
MUSI 596	Independent Study (UM Cabaret)	1
Sound Design & Technology Elective		
Complete 3 credits of graduate-level courses in MART, MUSI, or THTR		3
Advanced Performance Elective		
Complete 3 credits of graduate-level courses in DANC, MUSI, or THTR		3
Electives		
Complete 14 credits of electives chosen in consultation with your advisor. At least one course must be a 500-level course in the School of Theatre and Dance. At least one course must be a graduate-level course outside of the School in a discipline relevant to the Final Creative Project.		14
Total Hours		64

Music Directing Course Requirements

In addition to the requirements listed below, students must:

- Serve as teaching assistant in undergraduate musical-theatre curriculum.
- Serve as assistant music director/rehearsal accompanist to faculty music director.
- Complete three major music directing projects, the last being part of the Final Creative Project.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Theatre Courses		
Complete all of the following courses:		
THTR 475	Directing II	3
THTR 476	Directing III	3
THTR 501	Intro to Grad Studies	1
THTR 520	Graduate Acting I	3
THTR 521	Grad Acting II	3
THTR 532	Graduate Seminar in Dramaturgy	3
THTR 695	Grad Final Creative Project	6
Required Music Courses		
Complete all of the following courses:		
MUSI 416	Topics in Music History (History of Musical Theatre)	3
MUSI 442	Vocal Studio Pedagogy and Lit	2