

Theatre Arts, BA

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the university's Four-Year Graduation Plan.

Before the fifth semester begins: three courses in the major chosen from THTR:2140 Acting I, THTR:2215 Theatre Technology, THTR:2402 Script Analysis, THTR:2410 History of Theatre and Drama I, and THTR:2411 History of Theatre and Drama II.

Before the seventh semester begins: three more courses in the major, two semesters of production credit, and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: two more courses in the major and one more semester of production credit.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability ^a		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
THTR:2000	Orientation to Theatre Arts	1
THTR:2220	Production Lab ^b	1
THTR:2402	Script Analysis	3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric: Writing and Communication or Interpreting Literature	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Understanding Cultural Perspectives ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences ^c		3
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	1
Hours		15-16
Spring		
THTR:2140	Acting I	3
THTR:2220	Production Lab ^b	1
Major: theatre arts design course ^d		3
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	Interpreting Literature or Rhetoric: Writing and Communication	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab ^c		4
Elective course ^e		2
Hours		16-17

Second Year

Fall		
THTR:2220	Production Lab ^b	1
THTR:2410	History of Theatre and Drama I ^{f, g}	3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course ^h		4 - 5
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		2
Hours		16-17

Spring

THTR:2215	Theatre Technology	3
THTR:2411	History of Theatre and Drama II ^{f, g}	3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^h		4 - 5
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		16-17

Third Year

Fall		
Major: theatre arts elective course ⁱ		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Society ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course ^h		4 - 5
Elective course ^e		2
Hours		15-16

Spring

Major: theatre arts dramatic literature course ^d		3
Major: theatre arts elective course (prefix THTR, numbered 3000 or above) ⁱ		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course ^h		4 - 5
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		16-17

Fourth Year

Fall		
Major: theatre arts elective course (prefix THTR, numbered 3000 or above) ⁱ		3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		15

Spring

Major: theatre arts elective course (prefix THTR, numbered 3000 or above) ⁱ		3
Elective course ^e		3
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Elective course ^e		3
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) ^j		
Hours		15

Total Hours **124-130**

- a Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative or Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Society.
- b Students must earn a total of 3 s.h. in THTR:2220.
- c GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.
- d See the General Catalog for list of approved courses.
- e Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
- f Students who complete THTR:1400 or THTR:1401 before declaring a major in theatre arts must consult the undergraduate director before they may register for THTR:2410 or THTR:2411.
- g Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
- h Students who have completed four levels of a single language or two levels of two different languages in high school or college have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Students who have completed three levels of a single language may complete a fourth-level course in the same language or may choose an approved World Language and Cultural Exploration course. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course. Contact your academic advisor or CLAS Undergraduate Programs Office with questions concerning the World Languages requirement.
- i Students must earn a total of 12 s.h. in theatre arts elective coursework. Students may not use a course to fulfill more than one requirement for the major. At least 9 s.h. in elective courses must be numbered 3000 or above; the other 3 s.h. may be from any level. A minimum of 6 s.h. must be selected from one of the following areas: Acting, Directing, and Music Theatre; Design; Playwriting, Dramatic Literature, and Dramaturgy; or Stage Management, Engagement, and Digital Media.
- j Please see Academic Calendar, on Office of the Registrar website, for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Degree Services.