Theatre Arts

Director, Division of Performing Arts
- Alan MacVey

Chair, Department of Theatre Arts
- Alan MacVey

Undergraduate major: theatre arts (B.A.)
Undergraduate minor: theatre arts
Graduate degree: M.F.A. in theatre arts
Faculty: https://theatre.uiowa.edu/people
Website: https://theatre.uiowa.edu/

The Department of Theatre Arts offers academic programs for undergraduate and graduate students. It also stages live performances throughout the academic year and during the summer.

The department is one of the academic units in the Division of Performing Arts. Students have the opportunity to earn a major in theatre arts and a second major in one of the other units within the division—dance or music. It also participates in offering the division's Certificate in Arts Entrepreneurship.

The department also educates students who plan to enter other fields in which understanding of the arts and experience with theatre skills are useful. Some earn a major in theatre arts, sometimes with a second major in another discipline. Others earn a minor or take theatre classes as nonmajors. For information, view the minor in Theatre Arts in the Catalog or see "Courses for Nonmajors" below.

Several of the department's courses are approved for General Education; look for courses with the prefix THTR in the list under "Culture, Society, and the Arts" in the General Education Program section of the Catalog.

Courses for Nonmajors

Most theatre arts courses are open to all students, regardless of their majors, and are appropriate for nonmajors interested in theatre. The following courses are designed specifically for nonmajors.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Units</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>THTR:1140</td>
<td>Basic Acting</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THTR:1141</td>
<td>Basic Acting II</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THTR:1410</td>
<td>Musical Theatre History</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THTR:1411</td>
<td>Comedy and Society</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THTR:1412</td>
<td>The Arts in Performance</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THTR:2120</td>
<td>Movement: Special Topics</td>
<td>2-3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THTR:2610</td>
<td>Acting for Success</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THTR:2620</td>
<td>Improvisation for Engineers, Scientists, and the Curious</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THTR:3210</td>
<td>Makeup Design for the Stage</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THTR:3301</td>
<td>Playwriting II</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THTR:3510</td>
<td>Introduction to Arts Management</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THTR:3520</td>
<td>New Ventures in the Arts</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THTR:3521</td>
<td>Acting for Singers and for Dancers</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Productions and Auditions

The Department of Theatre Arts presents around 25-30 public productions each year. These include a subscription series of five plays, a festival of new works by students, and other productions, many of them new plays.

Special attention is given to the process of developing new works and to the collaborative process that involves writers, directors, designers, dramaturgs, stage managers, and actors. Graduate and undergraduate students, faculty, and visiting guest artists work together on large and small projects throughout the year.

Auditions for Theatre Arts Productions

Auditions for theatre arts productions are open to everyone, including all University of Iowa students and members of the local community. Theatre arts students are given first priority for roles, but many roles are available throughout the year, so many students in other majors and nonstudent actors are cast each season. Occasionally, professional actors are employed.

General auditions are held at the beginning of the fall semester, and callback lists are posted during the semester. Additional general auditions usually are scheduled in early November and in March. Information about auditions is available from the Department of Theatre Arts office in August. Notices of auditions are posted on the department's online call board.

Programs

Undergraduate Programs of Study

Major
- Major in Theatre Arts (Bachelor of Arts)

Minor
- Minor in Theatre Arts

Graduate Program of Study

Major
- Master of Fine Arts in Theatre Arts

Facilities

The University of Iowa has one of the finest educational theatre complexes in the country. The Theatre Building offers four theatres and up-to-date facilities for classroom, laboratory, shop, and performance work.

The E.C. Mabie Theatre, a continental-style, 457-seat proscenium playhouse, is one of the finest theatres of its type in the United States. The David Thayer Theatre is a "black box" production space; its flexible seating units accommodate from 140 to 225 people and allow modification of space and audience relationships. Theatre B, which seats 144, is an open-stage theatre dedicated primarily to the production of new and experimental works. The flexible studio theatre seats 50.

In addition to classrooms for acting and directing, several spaces are designed for teaching particular aspects of dramatic studies. The Cosmo Catalano Acting Studio is for study of movement and motion by acting students. The Arnie Gillette Design Studio serves as classroom and studio workshop for design students.

To support its production schedule and to provide students with an appropriate range of experience, the department...
maintains shops for building, painting, maintaining, and storing scenery, costumes, and properties. Using these shops, students learn to work in metal, plastics, canvas, and wood.

## Courses

### Theatre Arts Courses

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course Code</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Credits</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>THTR:1001</td>
<td>First-Year Seminar</td>
<td>1 s.h.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THTR:1000</td>
<td>Art of the Theatre</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THTR:1120</td>
<td>Basic Acting for Language Learners</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THTR:1140</td>
<td>Basic Acting</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THTR:1141</td>
<td>Basic Acting II</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THTR:1200</td>
<td>Theatre and Society: Ancients and Moderns</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THTR:1401</td>
<td>Theatre and Society: Romantics and Rebels</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THTR:1410</td>
<td>Musical Theatre History</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### THTR:1411 Comedy and Society | 3 s.h. |
How comedy reflects, comments upon, and intersects with western culture, society, and identity; roots of western comedy, satire, censorship; stand-up comedians, improv and sketch troups, satirists; race, gender and sexuality, class perception; how portrayals of African Americans in popular culture evolved from 19th century to present; videos, readings, live performances. GE: Values and Culture.

### THTR:1412 The Arts in Performance | 3 s.h. |

### THTR:1834 Modes of Film and Video Production | 4 s.h. |
Introduction to filmmaking; how to shoot and edit short works of cinematic art; exposure to various working methods including nonfiction, fiction, and experimental modes of video production. Corequisites: for CINE:1834—CINE:1601, if not taken as a prerequisite. GE: Engineering Be Creative. Same as CINE:1834.

### THTR:2120 Movement: Special Topics | 2-3 s.h. |
Specialized study in movement techniques and movement styles for body conditioning; development of yoga techniques; varied topics.

### THTR:2140 Acting I | 3 s.h. |
Focus on acting technique for musical theatre; within the framework of song, this course will teach students to work truthfully with a partner, find the action of the piece, mine a piece of music for acting clues from the composer, and connect authentically while being larger than life. Prerequisites: THTR:1140 or THTR:2140 or THTR:3521 or THTR:3130. Requirements: any one of the courses listed as prerequisites, or one semester of applied lessons in vocal performance.

### THTR:2200 Elements of Design | 3 s.h. |
Development of visual literacy; manipulation of line, shape, color, value, texture, form; development of designs for theatre through techniques explored in class. GE: Engineering Be Creative.

### THTR:2215 Theatre Technology | 3 s.h. |
Theatrical production; technology and backstage operations including sound, projections, lighting, scenery, costumes, stage management. GE: Engineering Be Creative.

### THTR:2220 Production Lab | 1-3 s.h. |
Practical experience in physical construction and operation of live theatre; theatre department productions provide lab experiences for applied learning in technical theatre and run crew opportunities in scenery, costumes, lighting, sound, and stage management. GE: Engineering Be Creative.

### THTR:2301 Playwriting I | 3 s.h. |
Elements of playwriting; emphasis on analysis and discussion of original student writing. GE: Engineering Be Creative; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts.

### THTR:2402 Script Analysis | 3 s.h. |
Basic skills in critical reading and close analysis of dramatic texts, with focus on dramatic structure, challenges of putting texts into production.
THTR:2405 Staging Americans: U.S. Cultures Through Theatre and Performance 3 s.h.
Role of American theatre as a complex tapestry of race, gender, sexuality, and disability; examination of plays and performance outside primarily white-male canon; contemporary social practice and cultural politics in local and national contexts. GE: Values and Culture.

THTR:2410 History of Theatre and Drama I 3 s.h.
Major developments in Anglo-European, Indian, Asian, and African theatre and drama, 3000 B.C.E. to C.E. 1700; sociopolitical, economic, and cultural circumstances of original productions. Offered spring semesters. GE: Historical Perspectives; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts.

THTR:2411 History of Theatre and Drama II 3 s.h.
Continuation of THTR:2410; 1700 to 1960; revolutionary and modern European theatre and culturally diverse postwar U.S. theatre. Offered fall semesters. GE: Historical Perspectives; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts.

THTR:2450 Animals and Performance in American Culture 3 s.h.
Role of animals in various forms of cultural expression in the U.S. from the 19th to the 21st centuries; along with visual and literary arts, special emphasis will be placed on live performance (e.g., circus and theatre) because of how it highlights embodied and affective modes of communication that inform our connections to animals; relationship of cultural forms involving animals (real and imagined) to the lived experience of animals in the wider historical and social context; how animals shape human ideas about race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, and construct notions of “Americanness.” Same as AMST:2950.

THTR:2610 Acting for Success 3 s.h.
How skills learned by actors in the theatre world can be applied to presentations and interactions in business, education, and beyond; business world reliance on technology for communication; ability to connect and communicate on a personal level with others as the x-factor to stand out as a team player and a leader; acting techniques traditionally used in theatre to open up communication in office and interviews; presentations and elevator pitches (armed with techniques to avoid stage fright); how to connect and bring authentic self to everything you do. Corequisites: RHET:1030 or RHET:1040 or RHET:1050. GE: Engineering Be Creative. Same as RHET:2610.

THTR:2620 Improvisation for Engineers, Scientists, and the Curious 3 s.h.
Use of theatrical exercises and improvisation techniques to help students develop their imaginations, stimulate creativity, and approach practical projects from a fresh point of view; emphasis on working in teams and using improvisational techniques to solve problems. GE: Engineering Be Creative.

THTR:2800 Digital Arts: An Introduction 3 s.h.
Introduction to potential of integrating art with technology, providing a foundation of skills and concepts through hands-on experimentation; lectures and demonstrations will introduce key concepts and ideas as well as the history of digital arts; in labs, students will develop skills that will form a foundation for future investigation; work may include using an Arduino, programming, and developing an interface to control a software project; the final project will be shared with the public in some way; critical discourse, in the form of writing assignments, will allow for reflection and evaluation. GE: Engineering Be Creative. Same as ARTS:2800, CINE:2800, CS:2800, DANC:2800, MUS:2800.

THTR:3110 Voice for the Actor 3 s.h.
Progressive development of voice and speech for theatre; physical awareness, relaxation, breathing, freeing the sound channel, resonance, articulation; application of voice work through prose, poetry, text.

THTR:3120 Theatre Movement 3 s.h.
The body as a tool for dramatic expression; basic principles and practices of stage movement; approaches to physical technique. Requirements: theatre arts major.

THTR:3130 Singing for Actors and Dancers 2 s.h.
Skill development for healthy, effective singing in the musical theatre style; techniques of vocal production through breath management; resonance, articulation, flexibility; song interpretation and repertoire. Recommendations: MUS:3520—concurrent registration in MUS:1020. Same as DANC:3130, MUS:3520.

THTR:3140 Acting II 3 s.h.
Extension of work begun in THTR:2140; scene study, with focus on contemporary realism and development of collaborative dynamic. Prerequisites: THTR:1141 or THTR:2140.

THTR:3151 Accents and Dialects 3 s.h.
Varied topics on a rotational basis, may include vocal study of classical text including Shakespeare, dialects, and voice in classical and contemporary comedy. Prerequisites: THTR:3110.

THTR:3160 Movement Styles 3 s.h.
Intensive study of a selected movement style (e.g., mask, clown, commedia dell'arte). Prerequisites: THTR:3120.

THTR:3162 Movement: Special Topics II 3 s.h.
Specialized study in movement techniques and movement styles for body conditioning; intermediate development of yoga techniques; varied topics. Prerequisites: THTR:2120.

THTR:3165 Stage Combat 3 s.h.
Fundamental principles of stage combat in a specialized area of study—unarmed combat, rapier and dagger techniques, and hand-to-hand and knife techniques.

THTR:3180 Topics in Digital Media 3 s.h.
English majors may apply this course to the following area and/or period requirement. AREA: Literary Theory and Interdisciplinary Studies. PERIOD: 20th/21st-Century Literature. Same as ENGL:3180.

THTR:3202 Graphic Design and Identity 3 s.h.
Series of projects focusing on creating strong graphic design and graphic identity using Adobe Creative Suite. GE: Engineering Be Creative.

THTR:3203 Computer Visualization 3 s.h.
Creation of virtual design using Adobe Photoshop and Google SketchUp.

THTR:3205 Concepts in Drawing 3-4 s.h.
Intermediate-level topics; observation, theory, media, form, content; emphasis on personal direction. Prerequisites: DRAW:2310. Same as DRAW:3310.

THTR:3208 Mask and Puppet Crafts 3 s.h.
Mask and puppet design; paper mache, plaster gauze, thermal plastics, and soft sculpture techniques. GE: Engineering Be Creative.

THTR:3210 Makeup Design for the Stage 3 s.h.
GE: Engineering Be Creative. Same as DPA:3210.
THTR:3211 Period Styles 3 s.h.
Survey of design and motifs spanning history of western civilization through development of interior and exterior architecture, furniture, decorative themes, fashion, and fine art.

THTR:3221 Technology for the Entertainment Industry 3 s.h.
Introduction to technology skills that are at the center of the entertainment industry; programming and operating digital lighting and sound consoles, intelligent lighting systems, projection hardware and software; outdoor event rigging, metal construction, and fabrication. Same as DPA:3221.

THTR:3223 Introduction to Lighting Technology 3 s.h.
Training for a career as a touring or resident stage electrician in the entertainment industry; plot organization/shop orders, digital fixtures, power distribution, personal management, console configuration/control, and electrical troubleshooting/maintenance.

THTR:3225 Makeup Design: Body Art 3 s.h.
Advanced techniques in stage makeup design and application through analysis of forms, research, and hands-on projects.

THTR:3230 Scene Design I 3 s.h.
Development of theatre scenery; how to research, conceptualize, and express ideas in 3-D models, simple sketches, and drafting. GE: Engineering Be Creative. Same as ARTS:3230.

THTR:3240 Costume Design I 3 s.h.
Introduction to theatre costumes; how to conceptualize and express ideas through rendering and 3-D mannequin projects. May be taken after THTR:4240. GE: Engineering Be Creative.

THTR:3250 Lighting Design I 3 s.h.
How to research, conceptualize, and express ideas through light plots, other design paperwork, and theatre lighting design projects. GE: Engineering Be Creative.

THTR:3260 Sound Design for the Theatre 3 s.h.
Introduction to digital sound recording and live sound reinforcement techniques for a variety of entertainment venues (theatre, dance, concerts, industrial projects); creation of soundscapes using Pro Tools software; implementation of designs through the use of QLab playback systems and digital mixing consoles; documentation of sound design for theoretical and realized productions. GE: Engineering Be Creative.

THTR:3270 Entertainment Design 3 s.h.
Introduction to entertainment design and technology; primary focus on contemporary approaches to design and delivery of content in entertainment industry; assignment of practical projects using media servers, projection, LED arrays, video editing software, and moving light technologies. GE: Engineering Be Creative.

THTR:3276 Medieval Drama 3 s.h.
English majors may apply this course to the following area and/or period requirement. AREA: Medieval and Early Modern Literature and Culture. PERIOD: Early Literatures Through 17th Century. Same as ENGL:3276.

THTR:3277 English Renaissance Drama 3 s.h.
English majors may apply this course to the following area and/or period requirement. AREA: Medieval and Early Modern Literature and Culture. PERIOD: Early Literatures Through 17th Century. Same as ENGL:3277.

THTR:3301 Playwriting II 3 s.h.
Application of fundamental skills learned in THTR:2301 to more advanced study of dramatic structure and style; reading of plays, weekly writing assignments; focus on writing one-act play. Prerequisites: THTR:2301.

THTR:3310 Undergraduate Playwriting Workshop 1-3 s.h.
Workshop discussion of original full-length plays, collaborative creation of new plays, work with guest artists. Prerequisites: THTR:2301 and THTR:3301. Requirements: submission of writing sample.

THTR:3315 Standup Comedy Practicum 3 s.h.
Writing and performing standup comedy; emphasis less on creating a comic persona and more on pulling from and articulating personal truth; analysis of contemporary comedians and joke structure; performing original work for multiple audiences in classroom and out in community.

THTR:3320 Writing for Film 3 s.h.
Rigorous writing for film; focus on feature-length screenplay; for students with experience in dramatic writing, fiction, or screenwriting. Requirements: completion of at least 60 s.h. or graduate standing.

THTR:3401 Topics in Dramatic Literature 3 s.h.
Topics in dramatic literature, including specific authors, periods, and movements; sample topics include Ibsen and Strindberg, Chekov, Brecht and the Brechtian, and avant-garde theatre.

THTR:3402 Shakespeare the Dramatist 3 s.h.
Exploration of a number of Shakespeare's greatest works; close textual analysis supplemented with historical, theoretical, theatrical, and philosophical considerations; special attention given to Shakespeare’s dramatic method and relation of his dramaturgy to profession of theater-making.

THTR:3403 Free-Style Writing: Poetry, Plays, and Performances 3 s.h.
Creative writing lab experience in reading, writing, and performing poetry and short plays; expansion of students' horizons of the self; arc of innovation in African American literature from Harlem Renaissance to present, with texts from Langston Hughes and Zora Neale Hurston to Saul Williams and Jill Scott; role of the artist in society and as outsider and insider; shifting perspectives on race, gender, class; musical influences and models, from blues to house music; sensuality, spirituality; artistic reflections on the cultural moment; effects of these on literary form and performance style; students create and perform a work for an audience. Same as AFAM:3840.

THTR:3415 Cultural Diversity and Identity 3 s.h.
Nature of personal and cultural identity within a pluralistic society; race, ethnicity, national identity, class, sexuality, and gender as categories of cultural difference. Same as GWSS:3415.

THTR:3421 Performing Autobiography 3 s.h.
Write and perform original pieces stemming from personal experiences and interests; readings and videos; genre of contemporary autobiographical performance as established artists have developed it; improvisational performance and writing exercises to foster deeper reflection on personal experiences; final staging of students' original work. Recommendations: RHET:1030. Same as GWSS:3421.
THTR:3440 American Drama Since 1900 3 s.h.
American playwrights and plays after 1900. English majors may apply this course to the following area and/or period requirement. AREA: American Literature and Culture. PERIOD: 20th/21st-Century Literature. Same as ENGL:3440.

THTR:3462 African American Drama 3 s.h.
English majors may apply this course to the following area and/or period requirement. AREA: American Literature and Culture. PERIOD: Varies by semester. Same as AFAM:3462, ENGL:3462.

THTR:3501 Stage Management I 3 s.h.
Duties and procedures of stage management; focus on development of production from preparatory work through performance; role of stage manager in collaboration.

THTR:3510 Introduction to Arts Management 3 s.h.
Nonprofit performing arts management and administrative principles; practical applications, trends in the field; focus on arts organizations and their key administrative positions. Same as DPA:3510, INTD:3510.

THTR:3520 New Ventures in the Arts 3 s.h.

THTR:3521 Acting for Singers and for Dancers 2 s.h.
Fundamentals of acting technique, with attention to demands on performers in opera, musical theater, and dance. Same as DANC:3521, MUS:3521.

THTR:3550 Stage Management II 3 s.h.
Duties and procedures of stage management; focus on development and understanding of leadership role of stage manager; examination of stage manager's role in a professional theatre; topics may include equity contracts and stage managing for opera. Prerequisites: THTR:3501.

THTR:3601 Theatre for Social Outreach arr.
Use of improvisation, storytelling, readers' theatre to explore complex social issues; participation in Darwin Turner Action Theatre; experience creating works that examine social issues, especially those related to cultural diversity; performances in Iowa schools and communities.

THTR:3605 Inclusive Theatre 3 s.h.
Introduction to implementation of performance opportunities for special populations (defined as those with cognitive or physical disability) and underrepresented populations. Same as EDTL:3963.

THTR:3610 Drama in the Classroom 3 s.h.
Theories of community, culture, identity in relation to language arts teaching and learning; emphasis on incorporating multiple literacies, both oral and print, into language arts curricula; action research involving oral literacy. Same as EDTL:3180.

THTR:3875 Topics in Digital Performing Arts 2 s.h.
Introduction to digital documentation and editing for dance performance; from a digital reel of student's work, including performance and teaching, to creative strategies for using digital imagery in performance; digital arts literacy as an invaluable tool in today's dance field. Same as DANC:3875.

THTR:3876 Video for Performance 3 s.h.
Introduction to aesthetics and practical applications of digital media and video design for live performance including content creation, system design, and content optimization for media servers; students create digital video and animations and integrate them into live performance and entertainment events via projections, media servers, and digital displays using QLab Media Server and Adobe Creative Cloud (e.g., Illustrator, Photoshop, Premiere Pro, Audition, After Effects); for those with an interest in designing, creating, and displaying digital media for theatre, dance, concerts, corporate events, gallery installations, and architectural projections. Same as CINE:3876.

THTR:3880 Installations and Interactive Performance 3 s.h.
Introduction to aesthetics, techniques, and practical possibilities of fusing together theatre, dance, music/sound, art, design, cinema, gaming, human computer interaction, and engineering; foundations of creating interactive experiences that use digital photos, video, text, real-world objects, sensor data, live bodies moving in space, Kinect 2 sensors, cameras, and multiple video outputs (e.g., projectors, LED displays); use of Isadora, an interactive, node-based programming software, to create immersive mediated performances, interactive installations, embodied user-based experiences, and user-manipulated virtual environments. GE: Engineering Be Creative. Same as DANC:3880.

THTR:3890 Producing and Directing Digital Video 3 s.h.
Introduction to the basic concepts, theories, and practical applications of digital video production for multiple distribution streams, with a focus on aesthetic and technical principles; focus on developing proficiency in contemporary approaches to digital media production by understanding the production pipeline, from ideation to preproduction, production, postproduction, and through to distribution. GE: Engineering Be Creative. Same as DANC:3890.

THTR:3895 Performing with New Technologies 3 s.h.
Survey of major technological innovations that have deeply impacted society and live performance in the late 20th and early 21st century, and the future of the rapidly evolving technological world; students examine theoretical texts and performances that address the impact of technology on the human condition, as well as create original applied live performances, interactive installations, embodied user-based experiences that use digital photos, video, text, real-world objects, sensor data, live bodies moving in space, Kinect 2 sensors, cameras, and multiple video outputs (e.g., projectors, LED displays); use of Isadora, an interactive, node-based programming software, to create immersive mediated performances, interactive installations, embodied user-based experiences, and user-manipulated virtual environments. GE: Engineering Be Creative. Same as DANC:3895.

THTR:4144 Acting: Special Topics 3 s.h.
Specialized study in a specific aspect or theory of acting.

THTR:4180 Directing I 3 s.h.
Basic elements of stage direction; exercises in composition, emphasis, movement, rhythm, directorial analysis; director's role in production process; short scenes, projects, papers. Prerequisites: THTR:2140 and (THTR:2402 or CINE:1601).

THTR:4230 Scene Design II 3 s.h.
Design and execution of increasingly complex projects in a variety of formats, including perspective sketching, detailed drafting, and color models. Prerequisites: THTR:3230.

THTR:4240 Costume Design II 3 s.h.
Conceptual and analysis skills in costuming; fashion history and dress related to individual, cultural, and artistic expression. May be taken before THTR:3240.
THTR:4250 Lighting Design II  3 s.h.
Development of advanced lighting artistry; preparation for
mainstage lighting assignments through a series of hands-on
projects and practicals; emphasis on the process of design,
communicating the design concept, acclimating to University
of Iowa venues, advanced moving light programming, 3-D
modeling, pre-visualization techniques, and organizing the
plot and paperwork in accordance with professional lighting
practices. Prerequisites: THTR:3250.

THTR:4265 International Perspectives:
Xicoténcatl  2-3 s.h.
Introduction to providing service to a community in a less
developed country; student projects intended to improve
community life in Xicoténcatl. Requirements: P3 standing. Same
as CEE:4788, GHS:4126, PHAR:8788.

THTR:4270 Scenic Art  3 s.h.
Techniques in scenic art for the theatre; classical trompe
l'oeil scene painting, sculpting with nontraditional materials,
finishing. Offered every other year. GE: Engineering Be
Creative.

THTR:4402 Dramas of the Spirit  3 s.h.
Western and nonwestern dramatic texts that enact or describe
journeys of the human spirit; textual analysis, investigation of
the notion of spirit and its relation to dramatic form.
Prerequisites: THTR:2411 and THTR:2410 and THTR:2402.

THTR:4403 Studies in Drama  3 s.h.
Exploration of a specific period of dramatic literature, or the
work of specific authors, or dramatic principles central to
playwrighting.

THTR:4420 Dramatic Theory  3 s.h.
Theoretical questions of interest to dramatists and
philosophers in western and nonwestern traditions;
metaphysics of play; theories of character, psyche, self;
narrative and nonnarrative dramatic forms. Prerequisites:
THTR:2402 and THTR:2410 and THTR:2411.

THTR:4422 Dramaturgy  3 s.h.
Overview of history, theory, and practice of dramaturgy and
dramaturg in Europe and the United States including
relationship to dramatic criticism, dramaturgical research,
analysis and conceptualization of texts for production,
audience outreach, and new play development; may focus
intensively on one of these topics and workshop creative work
related to the topic. Prerequisites: THTR:2402.

THTR:4510 Arts Leadership Seminar  3 s.h.
Performing arts management and administrative principles,
practical applications, trends in arts leadership and advocacy.
Prerequisites: THTR:3510 or ENTR:2000 or THTR:3520. Same
as DPA:4510, ENTR:4510, INTD:4510.

THTR:4630 London Performance Study  3 s.h.
English majors may apply this course to the following
area and/or period requirement. AREA: Literary Theory
and Interdisciplinary Studies. PERIOD: 20th/21st-Century
Literature. Same as ENGL:4172.

THTR:4690 Senior Seminar: The Artist as Creator  3 s.h.
Advanced course to empower undergraduate theatre majors
by providing tools to make provocative, courageous art
as whole theatre artists, without waiting for permission or
needlessly segmenting themselves as actor or designer;
collapsing the artificial distance between theory and practice,
use of tools for performance art, devised work, and classical
dramaturgy to create and perform original and text-based
works where performers have full, collective ownership of
their creations; for theatre artists who want to explore their
craft holistically—actors, designers, directors, writers, and
managers. Requirements: senior standing and theatre arts major.

THTR:4691 Projects in Theatre  arr.

THTR:4692 Honors Theatre Arts  arr.
Development and production of a new work for film or
television by writers, directors, actors.

THTR:4693 Independent Study  arr.

THTR:4694 Design: Special Topics  1-3 s.h.
Specialized study in a specific aspect or theory of theatrical
design.

THTR:4695 Performance Practicum  1-2 s.h.
Perform as an actor or serve as an assistant stage manager in
a production of at least an hour's length, rehearsed for at least
four weeks, directed by a faculty member or guest artist or
graduate student, and produced by the Department of Theatre
Arts.

THTR:5110 Acting for Graduate Non-Actors  3 s.h.
Examination of the practice and language of acting as
developed by Constantin Stanislavski and Sanford Meisner.
Requirements: admission to M.F.A. in theatre arts.

THTR:5200 Graduate Design Seminar  arr.
Graduate design in set, lighting, and costume
design; teamwork; meetings with design faculty in
specific disciplines; short-term projects in the theatre
department; long-term projects, including summer design
work, internships, and other professional opportunities during
the three-year program and beyond. Prerequisites: THTR:4230
or THTR:4240 or THTR:4250.

THTR:5230 Scene Design III  3 s.h.
Complex assignments; documentation skills, scenic design
preparation. Prerequisites: THTR:3230 and THTR:4230.

THTR:5240 Costume Design III  3 s.h.
Advanced projects in costume design and portfolio
development. Prerequisites: THTR:4240.

THTR:5250 Lighting Design III  3 s.h.
Advanced projects in venues such as dance, opera, industrials;
preparation of lighting designs for production. Prerequisites:
THTR:4250.

THTR:5300 The Collaborative Process  3 s.h.
Development of new plays, collaboratively created works.

THTR:5420 Dramaturgy Practicum  arr.
Exploration of theoretical, creative, and practical issues that
arise in working dramaturgically on both established and new
plays, and in a variety of collaborative processes; practical
dramaturgical exercises in script reporting, dramaturgical
research, educational programming, season planning,
production documentation, and writing of critical and
dramaturgical essays for a general audience. Requirements:
admission to M.F.A. dramaturgy program.
THTR:5500 Stage Management: Special Topics 3 s.h.
Topics in stage management, arts production, and their professional practice. Requirements: admission to M.F.A. stage management program.

THTR:5510 Production Management 3 s.h.
Organization and supervision of theatre productions; resources, procedures for successfully mounting a theatre production or season; personnel, equipment, facility and budget management; scheduling, communication. Requirements: stage management M.F.A. enrollment.

THTR:5600 Orientation to Graduate Studies 1-2 s.h.
Requirements: theatre arts M.F.A. enrollment.

THTR:5605 Career Preparation 1-3 s.h.
Business aspects of the actor's career; entrepreneurial tools for the professional world; topics include agents, managers, taxes, fees, résumés, head shots, unions, the similarities and differences between the three major markets (New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles), and the particular needs for television, film, and theatre.

THTR:5610 Collaborative Performance 3-4 s.h.
Collaborative process with advanced dance artists and creative, design, and technical practitioners from varied disciplines that culminates in a devised performance for the general public; emphasis on sharing and investigating ideas, artistic intent, personal vision, and practical application. Same as DANC:5550, DPA:5550.

THTR:6140 Advanced Acting 3 s.h.
Preprofessional training; may include psychophysical training in impulse, openness and the "mask," individual and group dynamics, improvisation, repetition, characterization and scene work, Shakespeare and style, on-camera, development of professional work habits and skills, audition and interview. Requirements: admission to M.F.A. program.

THTR:6150 Vocal Technique 3 s.h.
Skills training; voice and speech for the actor, phonetics, dialects, sound exploration, contemporary and classical text analysis. Requirements: admission to M.F.A. program.

THTR:6160 Movement Technique 3 s.h.
Fundamental principles and practices required for physical acting technique; basic stage movement, stage combat, mime technique, Lecoq-based improvisation; a new works project. Requirements: admission to M.F.A. program.

THTR:6170 Graduate Acting: Special Topics 3 s.h.
Specialized study in one aspect or theory of acting. Requirements: admission to M.F.A. program.

THTR:6180 Director's Seminar 1-3 s.h.
Preprofessional training in stage direction; the art and craft of directing; research, practical experience; development of new pieces; approaches to a variety of theatrical materials through concept, type, style. Requirements: admission to M.F.A. program.

THTR:6300 Guest Seminar arr.

THTR:6310 Special Topics in Playwriting 3 s.h.

THTR:6400 Classical to Romantic Theatre 3 s.h.
Representative plays from the Classical to the Romantic periods—in historical context of their original productions, contemporary production potential. Requirements: theatre arts M.F.A. enrollment.

THTR:6401 Modern Drama 3 s.h.
Questions of dramatic form and content examined in-depth through close readings of modern plays.

THTR:6402 Postmodern Theatre 3 s.h.
Diverse postmodern traditions; emphasis on questions of relation of text.

THTR:6500 Stage Management Seminar 1-2 s.h.
Practice and techniques of stage management. Requirements: graduate stage management major.

THTR:6525 Voice for Performers 2 s.h.
Comparison of Kinesthetic techniques for singing and acting voice; relaxation, posture, breathing, tone quality, diction, interpretation. Same as CSD:6204, MUS:6525.

THTR:6691 Projects in Theatre Advanced arr.
Create a special project under the mentorship of a faculty member; projects may include performing in a main stage production, writing, directing, or designing a play performed in the department, developing a research project that intersects production.

THTR:7300 Playwrights Workshop 1,3 s.h.
Development of works by Iowa Playwrights Workshop members. Requirements: playwriting or dramaturgy M.F.A. enrollment.

THTR:7601 M.F.A. Thesis 0-3 s.h.
Work related to M.F.A. thesis projects in theatre arts.