

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.

Iowa Degree in Three

University of Iowa majors who are strongly motivated can graduate with a degree in three years under the Iowa Degree in Three. The program is available to students who can complete more semester hours each term than they would on the Four-Year Graduation Plan.

Students sign an agreement during their first semester of enrollment; meet with an advisor at least once a semester to review their plans and progress; take courses during summer sessions, if necessary; meet specific course checkpoints; and maintain the grade-point average required for the major.

Students are allowed to bring Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), or transfer credit upon admission to reduce the number of semester hours required for their degree. They should consult their advisor about the program.

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:2220	Production Lab ^b	1
THTR:2402	Script Analysis	3
RHET:1030	Rhetoric	3 - 4
or ENGL:1200 or The Interpretation of Literature		
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences ^c		3
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	2
Hours		15-16

Spring

THTR:2140	Acting I	3
THTR:2220	Production Lab ^b	1
THTR:2410	History of Theatre and Drama I ^{d, e}	3
RHET:1030	Rhetoric	3 - 4
or ENGL:1200 or The Interpretation of Literature		
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab ^c		4
Elective course ^f		2
Hours		16-17

Second Year

Fall

THTR:2220	Production Lab ^b	1
THTR:2411	History of Theatre and Drama II ^{d, e}	3
Major: theatre arts design course		3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency		4 - 5
or elective course ^g		
Elective course ^f		2
Hours		16-17

Spring

THTR:2215	Theatre Technology	3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^g		4 - 5
Elective course ^f		2
Elective course ^f		3
Hours		15-16

Third Year

Fall

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

Spring

Major: theatre arts dramatic literature course		3
Major: advanced theatre arts elective course ^h		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course ^g		4 - 5
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		3
Hours		16-17

Fourth Year

Fall

Major: advanced theatre arts elective course ^h		3
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		3
Hours		15

Spring

Major: advanced theatre arts elective course ^h		3
Elective course ^f		3
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Elective course ^f	3
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) ⁱ	
Hours	15
Total Hours	123-129

- 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 and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.
- 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 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.
- e Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
- f 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.
- g Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.
- h 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. Three of the four elective courses must be numbered 3000 or above; the other course may be from any level. A minimum of two courses must be selected from one of the following areas: Acting, Directing, and Music Theatre; Design; Playwriting, Dramatic Literature, and Dramaturgy; or Stage Management, Arts Management, and Technical Theatre.
- i Please see Academic Calendar, 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 Graduation Services.