

Theatre Arts, MFA

Requirements

The Master of Fine Arts program in theatre arts requires a minimum of 61 s.h. of graduate credit, plus additional courses and production requirements depending on the student's specialty area of concentration. Students typically must complete six semesters in residence (internships may be substituted).

The graduate program is dedicated to the creative development of theatre artists. Graduates have a solid background in major performance theories, dramatic literature, and practices of the past and present as well as in the craft of their chosen specialties.

Special attention is given to understanding the role and importance of live theatre in society. Interactions among the various theatre disciplines are emphasized, both in classes and through the department's extensive production program. Particular emphasis is placed on the development of new works for the theatre.

Students must make consistent progress toward completion of the degree requirements to remain in the program: they must maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.75 overall and 3.00 in all coursework within the primary area of concentration, they must receive no letter grade in their primary area below B-minus and no grade of U (unsatisfactory) in the primary area, and they must build a record of substantial creative work of high quality. Students who fail to make this progress are placed on academic probation and given one additional semester to demonstrate their qualifications for earning the degree.

Contact the Department of Theatre Arts for specific information on any of the MFA specialty areas.