

BA in Theatre with Emphasis in Writing for Performance

Degree Program Description

Student in the BA in Theatre with emphasis in Writing for Performance are offered a curriculum that includes a sequence of creative writing and literature classes, emphasizing the art and craft of writing as it applies to theatre and performance. MU student playwrights tell their stories through the words and actions of the characters they create. Students take a series of introductory and advanced classes in playwriting, acting, directing, dramaturgy, theatre history, script analysis, performance studies, world dramatic literature, adaptation of literature for stage and film, and screenwriting for film and television. They study dramatic structure, plot and story structure, complex character development, and special playwriting problems and techniques. Students participate in our annual Life and Literature Performance Series which is a celebration of original student plays, stories, poetry, and adaptations of literature, devised theatre, ethnography, performance art, music, and dance. Student playwrights have their new plays performed every week at our Missouri Playwrights Workshop, presented as concert readings during our annual Mizzou New Play Series and summer Comedies-in-Concert Series, and fully produced during our Academic Season as MU Theatre mainstage productions. Students are regularly invited to share their ten-minute plays, one-act plays, and full-length plays at local, regional, and national theatre events, including the annual Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Graduates are involved in theatre, film, and television productions in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and across the country. They are playwrights, screenwriters, dramaturgs, editors, storytellers, and teachers, who share their imagery, creativity, and theatrical imagination with audiences everywhere.

Major Program Requirements

In addition to University (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>), general education (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>), and College of Arts and Science (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/#undergraduatetext>) requirements, students must also meet the following major program requirements. All major requirements in the College of Arts and Science must be completed with grades of C- or higher unless otherwise indicated.

THEATR 2200	Introduction to Performance Studies	3
THEATR 2920	Beginning Playwriting	3
THEATR 3200	Performance of Literature	3
THEATR 3920	Intermediate Playwriting	3

Semester Plan

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
ENGLSH 1000		3 MATH 1100	3
Humanities		3 Am. Government or History	3
Second Language I		4 Second Language II	4
THEATR 1320 or 1340		3 THEATR 1420	3

Behavioral Science			
			3
			13
16			
Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
Second Language III		4 Humanities	3
Biological/Physical/Math Science w/ Lab		4-5 Biological/Physical/Math Science +	3
THEATR 2710		3 Social Science	3
THEATR 2200		3 THEATR 2800 or 2800W	3
			THEATR 2330
			3
			14-15
15			
Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
Humanities ⁺⁺		3 Social Science ⁺⁺	3
Behavioral Science		3 3000+ Level Electives	6
THEATR 2920		3 THEATR 2300	1
THEATR 2510		3 THEATR 3200	3
Biological/Physical/Mathematical Science		3 Elective	3
			15
			16
Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
3000+ level Writing Intensive		3 Humanities ⁺⁺	3
THEATR 3920		3 THEATR 4990	1
THEATR 3300		1 3000+ level Electives	9
3000+ level Electives		6 Electives	2
Elective		3	
			16
			15

Total Credits: 120-121

* Writing Intensive

+ Math Reasoning Proficiency

++Course numbered 2000 or above