Theatre

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College of Arts and Science
Rhynsburger Theatre
129 Fine Arts Center
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http://theatre.missouri.edu

The Department of Theatre offers students an appreciation of theatre as a fine art, sharpens the talents of those who seek careers in theatre and provides students with methods of stimulating and using their imagination and intensifying their communication skills.

The department offers BA, MA and PhD degrees with a major in Theatre. A minor is also available.

Faculty
Professor C. Black**, S. Burgoyne*, H. Carver*, D. A. Crespy**, Associate Professor K. Brown**
Assistant Professor B. Carlson*, C. Syler**
Assistant Teaching Professor J. A. Drtina, C. Gleason*
* Graduate Faculty Member - membership is required to teach graduate-level courses, chair master's thesis committees, and serve on doctoral examination and dissertation committees.
** Doctoral Faculty Member - membership is required to chair doctoral examination or dissertation committees. Graduate faculty membership is a prerequisite for Doctoral faculty membership.

Undergraduate
• BA in Theatre (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/theatre/ba-theatre)
  • with emphasis in Design/Technical (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/theatre/ba-theatre-emphasis-designtechnical-theatre)
  • with emphasis in Performance (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/theatre/ba-theatre-emphasis-performance)
  • with emphasis in Writing for Performance (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/theatre/ba-theatre-emphasis-writing-performance)
• Minor in Theatre (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/theatre/minor-theatre)

Departmental Honors
To graduate with honors in theatre, a student must earn a minimum overall MU GPA of 3.3 and earn a minimum GPA of 3.5 in courses in theatre completed at the University of Missouri.

Double Majors
Many students in theatre choose either a double major or a minor in another area. In either case, the student must see a theatre advisor for approval.

Graduate
• MA in Theatre (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/theatre/ma-theatre)
• PhD in Theatre (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/theatre/phd-theatre)

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Director of Graduate Studies: Cheryl Black

About the Department of Theatre
The MU Department of Theatre has a distinguished history that began shortly after 1900 when a small group of aspiring thespians resolved to enhance the cultural life of the campus by producing plays in an abandoned dining room in Lathrop Hall. In 1925, Professor Donovan Rhynsburger joined the MU faculty and established the Missouri Workshop Theatre. For over 85 years, the department has sustained a national and international reputation as a major center for theatre and performance scholarship and dramatic art production. In 2007 "Academic Analytics" ranked MU Department of Theatre #4 nationally for scholarly productivity in Theatre Literature, History, and Criticism (reported in Chronicle of Higher Education, November 11, 2007). MU Theatre offers graduate and undergraduate programs.

A professional faculty comprises internationally recognized scholars and artists who develop the talents, skills and knowledge of students by teaching them to combine scholarship with artistry. MU has consistently produced fine theatre and notable alumni, including Tennessee Williams, George C. Scott, Tom Berenger, Chris Cooper, Jon Hamm, Ethel Pitts Walker, and Barbara Molette. MU students have won the prestigious David Library Award seven times, several nationally coveted awards like the Mark Twain Comedy Prize, and departmental productions have been cited for national awards by the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival, the National Communication Association, and the Association of Theatre in Higher Education. Graduate students in the department have won numerous campus, professional and national awards, fellowships and research grants for their scholarship and artistry. The department is proud of its legacy of artistic excellence and the enrichment it brings to the cultural life of the campus and community.

Facilities
Rhynsburger Theatre. Named after Donovan Rhynsburger, MU’s principal theatre for dramatic productions is in the Fine Arts Building, which also houses the music and art departments. The 278-seat proscenium theatre has a large stage and fly system with well-equipped costume and scenic shops located adjacent to the stage. The theatre houses faculty offices, classrooms, shops, dressing rooms and other production support spaces. Students interested in lighting and sound production will find a variety of equipment and modern control systems on which to learn their craft. We’re also thrilled to announce the addition of a new, state-of-the-art professional computer graphics lab in 2012.

Corner Playhouse. The Corner Playhouse provides an opportunity for students and faculty to present smaller, often more experimental productions in a flexible space. Seating up to 125, the theatre is designed to accommodate any stage configuration. Across the street from the
Rhynsburger Theatre, the Corner Playhouse also houses dressing rooms, graduate student offices and classrooms.

Satisfactory Progress: General Guidelines for MA and PhD in Theatre

Probationary Status

The following constitute grounds for placing a student on departmental probation:

Earning a grade of C or below in any departmental course taken for graduate credit will result in probationary status. A grade of incomplete in any course will result in probationary status for the subsequent semester. Incomplete grades must be changed to a grade of A or B by the end of the probationary semester (dissertation research incompletes are evaluated as S/U until the dissertation is defended). Failure to comply in a satisfactory manner with all responsibilities related to graduate assistantships. Graduate students in our department are expected to conduct themselves in a manner reflecting the university’s commitment to professional integrity, collegiality, and good citizenship. Students who consistently fail to conduct themselves in this manner may be subject to probation or dismissal. In the case of each student on departmental probation, the director of graduate studies will confer with the advisor (in the case of an MA student), or the members of the program committee (in the case of a PhD student) to determine the grounds for removal of probation, and will communicate this decision to the student.

Annual Review

Each Fall semester the director of graduate studies convenes the Graduate Studies Committee to review the progress and performance of all graduate students.

Each graduate student in residence should meet with his or her advisor within the first two weeks of each semester to determine whether satisfactory progress has been maintained, and the advisor shall report the results of this meeting to the director of graduate studies.

Losing & Regaining Financial Support

Termination of departmental financial support will result if the student is considered to be making unsatisfactory progress and the student’s program may be terminated. Departmental financial support may be restored when the student has made satisfactory progress toward a graduate degree for one semester, has made an A or a B in all incomplete courses, and is judged to be off probation by the director of graduate studies.

THEATR 1005: Topics in Theatre - Humanities/Fine Arts
Organized study of selected topics. Subject and credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated with departmental consent.

Credit Hours: 1-99

THEATR 1100: The Theatre in Society
Examines the form and meaning of theatre in civilizations of the West from the ancient Greeks to modern times.

Credit Hours: 3

Recommended: Freshman or Sophomore standing

THEATR 1200: Voice and Articulation
Techniques for improving speaking voice; theories underlying techniques. Attention to student’s articulation, pronunciation, voice quality, general expressiveness.

Credit Hours: 2

THEATR 1250: World Theatre Workshop
(same as BL_STU 1250). Provides a diverse ensemble of student performers, writers, and technicians with an intensive immersion in the process of theatrical production through the public presentation of dramatic literature that focuses on global issues of ethnicity and culture.

Credit Hours: 2

THEATR 1320: Beginning Scenic Construction
This course examines, through theory and practice, the art and science of technical theatre. Students explore the methods, equipment, and materials used in executing scenery, properties, and lighting designs for the stage, and participate in the backstage operation of a theatrical production.

Credit Hours: 3

THEATR 1340: Beginning Costume Construction
This course examines, through theory and practice, the art and science of costume technology in the theatre. Students explore the methods, equipment, and materials used in executing costume designs for the stage, and participate in the backstage operation of a theatrical production.

Credit Hours: 3

THEATR 1360: Stage Makeup
Character analysis, facial anatomy, color for stage and television makeup. Practice in application.

Credit Hour: 1

THEATR 1400: Acting for Non-Majors
Basic theory and practice of acting for the non theatre major.

Credit Hours: 3

THEATR 1420: Stage Movement for the Actor
Basic work in the techniques that comprise movement training for the actor.

Credit Hours: 2

THEATR 1720: African-American Theatre History
(same as BL_STU 1720). A historical and critical analysis of the evolution of African American cultural performance in the American theatre and entertainment industry.

Credit Hours: 3

THEATR 2005: Topics in Theatre - Humanities
Organized study of selected topics. Subject and credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated with departmental consent.

Credit Hours: 3
**Prerequisites:** instructor's consent

**THEATR 2150: African-American Cinema**  
(same as BL_STU 2150). Study of the impact of cinema and the entertainment industry on the social perceptions of African-Americans and on African-American culture.  
**Credit Hours:** 3

**THEATR 2200: Introduction to Performance Studies**  
This course focuses on the writing of adaptations for the stage through performance. Students develop skills in critical reading, writing, listening, speaking and analysis of performance as they study oral and literary texts, autobiography and narratives.  
**Credit Hours:** 3

**THEATR 2300: Production Workshop I**  
Work backstage in support of university theatre productions. Scenery, lighting, costumes, properties or other responsibilities. May be repeated. Graded on a S/U basis only.  
**Credit Hour:** 1  
**Prerequisites:** instructor's consent

**THEATR 2330: Stage Management**  
Study of the role of the theatre stage manager. Practice in becoming effective in planning and stage managing theatre productions. Graded on A/F basis only.  
**Credit Hours:** 3

**THEATR 2360: Stagecraft**  
Fundamentals of properties and scenic construction stressing terminology and practical production experience.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisites:** THEATR 1320

**THEATR 2410: Performance Workshop**  
Credit for performance in University Theatre Production. Must audition and be cast to receive credit. May be repeated. Graded on S/U basis only.  
**Credit Hour:** 1

**THEATR 2510: Introduction to Theatre Design**  
Design principles and elements as they relate to theatre performance. Use of drawing and creative 3-dimensional exercises to develop design concepts.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Recommended:** to students interested in directing, playwriting, and design for the theatre

**THEATR 2710: Introduction to Theatre History**  
Survey of major periods emphasizing the produced play in its historical context.  
**Credit Hours:** 3

**THEATR 2800: Principles of Script Analysis**  
Methodologies of script analysis for theatrical purposes. Extensive writing will be required.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisites:** ENGLSH 1000

**THEATR 2800W: Principles of Script Analysis - Writing Intensive**  
Methodologies of script analysis for theatrical purposes. Extensive writing will be required.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisites:** ENGLSH 1000

**THEATR 2810: Script Analysis for Theatre Majors**  
Advanced methodologies of script analysis. Critical analysis of scripts for theatre, film, and performance, including the analysis of plots, characters, themes, and language. Students in this class view performances and read scripts, then analyze the connections between the scripts and performances through extensive writing exercises.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisites:** ENGLSH 1000  
**Recommended:** Intended for Theatre Majors

**THEATR 2920: Beginning Playwriting**  
(same as ENGLSH 2560). Study and practice of playwriting fundamentals; emphasizes the one-act play.  
**Credit Hours:** 3

**THEATR 3005: Topics in Theatre - Humanities**  
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated with departmental consent.  
**Credit Hour:** 1-99  
**Prerequisites:** instructor's consent  
**Recommended:** Junior Standing

**THEATR 3005H: Topics in Theatre - Honors - Humanities**  
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated with departmental consent.  
**Credit Hour:** 1-99  
**Prerequisites:** Instructor's consent and honors eligibility  
**Recommended:** Junior standing

**THEATR 3100: Summer Repertory Theatre**  
Participation in production of Summer Repertory Theatre. May be repeated.  
**Credit Hour:** 1-99  
**Prerequisites:** Instructor's consent and honors eligibility  
**Recommended:** Junior standing

**THEATR 3200: Performance of Literature**  
(same as ENGLSH 3570 and COMMUN 3570). Analysis and oral interpretation of literary works. Graded on A-F basis only.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Recommended:** sophomore standing
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<td>Vocal Performance Technique</td>
<td>This course develops the ability to use the voice as a creative and expressive instrument through a comprehensive study of speech and voice dynamics which include the exploration of proper breathing, relaxation, tonal placement, and non-regional articulation.</td>
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<td>THEATR 3300</td>
<td>Production Workshop II</td>
<td>Credit earned in a technical project in support of a University Theatre production. Scenery, costumes, properties, or other responsibilities. May be repeated to total of 3 hours. Graded on S/U basis only.</td>
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<td>Costume Crafts</td>
<td>To develop the skills and techniques needed in executing costume crafts, including millinery, corsetry, painting and dyeing, and embellishment.</td>
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<td>THEATR 3320</td>
<td>Theatrical Patternmaking</td>
<td>Patternmaking for the theatre. Basic knowledge of sewing required.</td>
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<td>THEATR 3330</td>
<td>Advanced Costume Construction</td>
<td>Learn advanced techniques in theatrical costuming through lecture, demonstration and practical application.</td>
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<td>THEATR 3340</td>
<td>Scene Painting</td>
<td>Studio practice in techniques of painting scenery for the Theatre.</td>
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<td>THEATR 3420</td>
<td>Acting I</td>
<td>Basic theory, practice of acting, stage movement.</td>
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<td>THEATR 3430</td>
<td>Acting II</td>
<td>Script analysis, character and role development in modern and contemporary non-realistic theatrical forms. Rehearsal and presentation of scenes, based on contemporary dramatic and performance theory.</td>
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<td>THEATR 3530</td>
<td>Computer Graphics in Theatre Design</td>
<td>The use of graphics and CAD software to create theatre designs. The course will progress from 2D CAD drafting to 3D image rendering.</td>
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<td>THEATR 3540</td>
<td>Advanced Stage Makeup</td>
<td>Advanced practical experience in stage makeup techniques. Projects might include: mask making, ventilation, advanced character applications. Practice in application. Graded on A-F basis only.</td>
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<td>THEATR 1360 and instructor's consent</td>
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<td>THEATR 3550</td>
<td>Sound Design</td>
<td>Beginning sound design for the theatre. Units include basics of researching, recording, and augmenting sound for the use in a theatrical production.</td>
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<td>THEATR 1320 and instructor's consent</td>
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<td>THEATR 3560</td>
<td>Scene Design</td>
<td>Theory/practice of scenic design for the theatre with emphasis on the evolutionary process of design from concept to reality.</td>
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<td>Theatrical Directing</td>
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<td>Theatrical Directing - Writing Intensive</td>
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<td>World Dramatic Literature</td>
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<td>New American Theatre</td>
<td>Survey of drama of the most recent decade as it documents contemporary mores and amplifies cultural themes.</td>
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<td>THEATR 3770</td>
<td>The Theatre Experience: From Page to Stage and Screen</td>
<td>Stimulates critical thinking about theatrical performance, its relationship to the society of which it is a part, and its past and present significance</td>
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<td>Intermediate study of the writing process as applied to theatre, leading to the creation of a full-length play to be considered for production.</td>
<td>Credit Hours: 3 Prerequisites: Journalism Majors only</td>
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<td>THEATR 3930: Screenwriting for Television and Film</td>
<td>Fundamentals of storytelling utilizing tools and structure used by television and film.</td>
<td>Credit Hours: 3 Prerequisites: THEATR 2920 or ENGLSH 2560</td>
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<td>THEATR 4005: Topics in Theatre - Humanities</td>
<td>Organized study of selected topics. Topic and credit may vary semester to semester. May be repeated with department consent.</td>
<td>Credit Hours: 1-99 Prerequisites: ENGLSH 1000</td>
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<td>THEATR 4220: Acting III</td>
<td>Period acting styles. Special projects in interpretation, rehearsal, creation of roles.</td>
<td>Credit Hours: 3 Prerequisites: THEATR 3420 or THEATR 3430 Recommended: THEATR 2800</td>
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<td>THEATR 4240: Theory and Practice of Theatre of the Oppressed</td>
<td>Theory and practice of Augusto Boal's liberatory interactive theatre process, including application of techniques of specific social issues.</td>
<td>Credit Hours: 3 Prerequisites: THEATR 3420 or THEATR 3430 Recommended: THEATR 2800</td>
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<td>THEATR 4280: Digital Media and Performance</td>
<td>This course introduces students to the history and practice of the combination of live actors and digital media within the context of theatre and performance. Students learn about developments in the history of this topic as well as significant individuals, groups of artists, and theorists who have contributed to the field. Theories of performance are utilized as a way to understand subjects such as the development of computers and the Internet, the impact of technology and social media on society, virtual reality, telematics, robotics, and video games. Students create their own performances that combine live performances with digital media elements, and learn basic approaches to using computer software that is employed in creating these types of performances.</td>
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<td>THEATR 4460: Musical Theatre Performance</td>
<td>A practical study for the actor of theatrical songs through character analysis, lyric interpretation and movement. A performance course.</td>
<td>Credit Hours: 3 Prerequisites: instructor's consent</td>
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<td>THEATR 4530: Stage Lighting Design</td>
<td>Theory and practice of lighting for theatre production.</td>
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<td>THEATR 4570: Theatrical Costume Design</td>
<td>Basic practice in costume rendering using charcoal, crayon, ink, watercolor and other media. Costume history, both theatrical and general, will be surveyed. Basic problems of theatre design will be considered.</td>
<td>Credit Hours: 3 Prerequisites: THEATR 1320 or THEATR 1340</td>
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<td>THEATR 4600: Advanced Directing</td>
<td>Advanced principles of theatrical directing; emphasizes stylistic variations. May be repeated once.</td>
<td>Credit Hours: 3 Prerequisites: THEATR 3600 and instructor's consent</td>
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<td>THEATR 4650: Introduction to Dramaturgy</td>
<td>The course focuses on the practice of dramaturgy and the various functions currently performed by the artist/scholar identified as &quot;dramaturg&quot; including research, dramatic criticism/interpretation, new play development, marketing and educational outreach, and textual adaptation.</td>
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<td>THEATR 4700: Studies in Theatre History</td>
<td>Advanced survey of major periods, movements. Repeatable to a maximum of 6 hours with instructor's consent.</td>
<td>Credit Hours: 3 Recommended: Senior standing</td>
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<td>THEATR 4720: American Musicals</td>
<td>Historical survey of the development of the 20th-Century American Musical in Theatre and Film.</td>
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<td>THEATR 4730: Theatre Architecture</td>
<td>Examines the renovation of existing buildings into workable theatre spaces. Includes history of theatre architecture.</td>
<td>Credit Hours: 3 Prerequisites: instructor's consent</td>
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<td>THEATR 4800: Studies in Dramatic Theory</td>
<td>Analysis of history, meaning and function of selected concepts of contemporary dramatic and performance theory.</td>
<td>Credit Hours: 3 Recommended: senior standing</td>
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THEATR 4820: Studies in Dramatic Literature
(cross-leveled with THEATR 7820). Advanced survey of major movements, periods, writers. Repeatable to a maximum of 6 hours with instructor's consent.

Credit Hours: 3
Recommended: Senior standing

THEATR 4820W: Studies in Dramatic Literature - Writing Intensive
Advanced survey of major movements, periods, writers. Repeatable to a maximum of 6 hours with instructor's consent.

Credit Hours: 3
Recommended: Senior standing

THEATR 4830: Studies in Dramatic Criticism
Survey of methods of criticism of scripts and performances.

Credit Hours: 3
Recommended: Senior standing

THEATR 4920: Advanced Playwriting: Problems
(same as ENGLSH 4560; cross-leveled with THEATR 7920 and ENGLSH 7560). Advanced study of the writing process as applied to theatre, including theory and practice of special playwriting problems and techniques.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: THEATR 3920 or ENGLSH 3560

THEATR 4920W: Advanced Playwriting: Problems - Writing Intensive
(same as ENGLSH 4560; cross-leveled with THEATR 7920 and ENGLSH 7560). Advanced study of the writing process as applied to theatre, including theory and practice of special playwriting problems and techniques.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: THEATR 3920 or ENGLSH 3560

THEATR 4930: Adaptation of Literature for the Stage
(same as ENGLSH 4570; cross-leveled with THEATR 7930 and ENGLSH 7570). This upper-division course will explore adaptation principles and practices with a variety of forms of literature that were not originally written for the stage.

Credit Hours: 3

THEATR 4935: Adaptation of Literature for Film
(same as FILM_S 4935 and ENGLSH 4935; cross-leveled with THEATR 7935, ENGLSH 7580 and FILM_S 7935). This upper-division course will explore adaptation principles and practices with a variety of forms for literature that were not originally written for film.

Credit Hours: 3

THEATR 4938: Advanced Screenwriting: Styles
(same as ENGLSH 4938; cross-leveled with THEATR 7938, ENGLSH 7938). To develop advanced skills of screenwriting through a focus on a non-realistic, non-linear dramatic writing styles in development of a full-length screenplay. Areas of study will include techniques of magic realism, symbolism, expressionism, absurdism, surrealism/dada, mythic/fantasy, musicals, political docudrama, and science fiction.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: THEATR 2920 or ENGLSH 2560
Recommended: THEATR 3930

THEATR 4940: Internship in Theatre
Internship: Experimental learning as an actor, designer, technician, publicist/manager, or dramaturg with an approved theatre company.
Graded on S/U basis only.

Credit Hour: 1-6
Prerequisites: departmental consent
Recommended: junior or senior standing

THEATR 4960: Directed Readings in Theatre
Independent reading, reports.

Credit Hour: 1-3
Prerequisites: instructor's consent

THEATR 4990: Capstone in Theatre
Theatre experiences and knowledge gained by students are connected through compilation of resume and portfolio. Student will meet with faculty jury to discuss his/her body of theatrical work. Required for senior theatre students.
Graded on S/U basis only.

Credit Hour: 1
Prerequisites: instructor's consent

THEATR 7005: Topics
Organized study of selected topics. Topic and credit may vary semester to semester. May be repeated with department consent.

Credit Hour: 1-99
Prerequisites: instructor's consent

THEATR 7220: Acting III
(cross-leveled with THEATR 7220). Period acting styles. Special projects in interpretation, rehearsal, creation of roles.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: THEATR 2800 and THEATR 3420 or THEATR 3430

THEATR 7240: Theory and Practice of Theatre of the Oppressed
(same as PEA_ST 7240). Theory and practice of Augusto Boal's liberatory interactive theatre process, including application of techniques of specific social issues.

Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: THEATR 2800 and THEATR 3420 or THEATR 3430

THEATR 7280: Digital Media and Performance
(cross-leveled with THEATR 4280). This course introduces students to the history and practice of the combination of live actors and digital media within the context of theatre and performance. Students learn about developments in the history of this topic as well as significant individuals, groups of artists, and theorists who have contributed to the field. Theories of performance are utilized as a way to understand subjects such as the development of computers and the impact of technology
and social media on society, virtual reality, telematics, robotics, and video games. Students create their own performances that combine live performances with digital media elements, and learn basic approaches to using computer software that is employed in creating these types of performances.

Credit Hours: 3

THEATR 7530: Stage Lighting Design
Theory and practice of lighting for theatre production.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: instructor's consent

THEATR 7600: Advanced Directing
(cross-leveled with THEATR 4600). Advanced principles of theatrical directing; emphasizes stylistic variations. May be repeated once.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: THEATR 3600 and instructor's consent

THEATR 7700: Studies in Theatre History
Advanced survey of major periods, movements. Repeatable to a maximum of 6 hours with instructor's consent.
Credit Hours: 3

THEATR 7710: History of American Theatre I
Examination of theatrical literature and production from the beginnings to World War One.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: instructor's consent

THEATR 7720: History of the American Theatre II
Examination of theatrical literature and production from World War One to the present.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: instructor's consent

THEATR 7730: Theatre Architecture
Examines the renovation of existing buildings into workable theatre spaces. Includes history of theatre architecture.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: instructor's consent

THEATR 7800: Studies in Dramatic Theory
Analysis of history, meaning and function of selected concepts of contemporary dramatic and performance theory.
Credit Hours: 3

THEATR 7820: Studies in Dramatic Literature
Advanced survey of major movements, periods, writers. Repeatable to a maximum of 6 hours with instructor's consent.
Credit Hours: 3

THEATR 7830: Studies in Dramatic Criticism
Survey of methods of criticism of scripts and performances.
Credit Hours: 3

THEATR 7920: Advanced Playwriting: Problems
(same as ENGLSH 7560; cross-leveled with THEATR 4920 and ENGLSH 4560). Advanced study of the writing process as applied to theatre, including theory and practice of special playwriting problems and techniques.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: THEATR 3920 or ENGLSH 3560

THEATR 7930: Adaptation of Literature for the Stage
(same as ENGLSH 7570; cross-leveled with THEATR 4930). Explores adaptation principles and practices with a variety of forms of literature that were not originally written for the stage.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: instructor's consent

THEATR 7935: Adaptation of Literature for Film
(same as ENGLSH 7580 and FILM_S 7935; cross-leveled with THEATR 4935, FILM_S 4935 and ENGLSH 4935). This upper-division course will explore adaptation principles and practices with a variety of forms of literature that were not originally written for film.
Credit Hours: 3

THEATR 7938: Advanced Screenwriting: Styles
(same as ENGLSH 7938; cross-leveled with THEATR 4938, ENGLSH 4938). To develop advanced skills of screenwriting through a focus on a non-realistic dramatic writing technique in the development of a full-length screenplay. Areas of study will include techniques of magic realism, symbolism, expressionism, absurdism, surrealism/dada, mythic/fantasy, musicals, political docudrama, and science fiction.
Credit Hours: 3

THEATR 7950: Introduction to Dramaturgy
This course focuses on the practice of dramaturgy and the various functions currently performed by the artist/scholar identified as “dramaturg” including research, dramatic criticism/interpretation, new play development, marketing and educational outreach, and textual adaptation. Graded on A-F basis only.
Credit Hours: 3

THEATR 8005: Topics in Theatre
Organized study of selected topics. Topic and credit may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated with department consent.
Credit Hour: 1-99
Prerequisites: instructor's consent
**THEATR 8090: Research in Theatre**
Independent research of advanced nature leading to report. Graded on S/U basis only.

**Credit Hour**: 1-99

**Prerequisites**: instructor's consent

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**THEATR 8100: Theatre Scholarship**
History, goals, and techniques of academic writing in theatre including research, types of studies, primary materials, interpretation, writing techniques, and publication.

**Credit Hours**: 3

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**THEATR 8200: Performance Ethnography**
This graduate seminar will explore intersections of the fields of ethnography and performance: both studies of ethnographic research conducted within a performance paradigm and the performance of ethnographic research. The class will explore major critical and theoretical issues about ethnography and performance, including the confimation and differences between the forms of ethnographic texts and traditional performance scripts, questions about what constitutes performance ethnography as a genre, the construction and deconstruction of identities and communities inherent in performance ethnography, strategies for creating and critiquing the performance of ethnographic research, ethical questions related to representation and the performance of ethnographic research, writing performance ethnography, and the staging of texts based on ethnographic research.

**Credit Hours**: 3

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**THEATR 8385: Problems in Theatre**
Individual study/project not leading to thesis or dissertation.

**Credit Hour**: 1-99

**Prerequisites**: instructor's consent

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**THEATR 8720: Backgrounds of Modern Theatre Practice**
Survey of modern performance theory, aesthetics and practice. Emphasis on European theatre since 1875. May be repeated or credit.

**Credit Hours**: 3

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**THEATR 8787: Seminar in Theatre History**
Selected problems in theatre history. May be repeated.

**Credit Hours**: 3

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**THEATR 8820: Graduate Seminar in Dramatic Literature**
This is a course that explores the influence of major playwrights and playwriting in society--specific playwrights and their works are determined by the course professor.

**Credit Hours**: 3

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**THEATR 8887: Seminar in Dramatic Theory and Criticism**
Selected topics in dramatic theory and criticism. May be repeated.

**Credit Hours**: 3

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**THEATR 8960: Directed Readings in Theatre**
Independent reading, reports.

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**THEATR 8987: Graduate Seminar in Playwriting**
(same as ENGLSH 8560). Seminar in theory, practice, and pedagogy of playwriting, students prepare a mid-term in playwriting theory, a full-length play, a research paper, and a syllabus and lesson plans for an undergraduate playwriting course.

**Credit Hours**: 3

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**THEATR 9090: Research in Theatre**
Research leading to thesis or dissertation. Graded on a S/U basis only.

**Credit Hour**: 1-99

**Prerequisites**: instructor's consent