

Certificate in Writing for the Stage and Screen

The Certificate in Writing for the Stage and Screen offers students rigorous, hands-on training in the art and craft of writing for the stage and screen. Through a sequenced curriculum that emphasizes both creative practice and analytical skills, students will develop the tools to create original works, engage in new play development, and contribute meaningfully to the interpretive process of theatre-making. By the completion of the program, students will have produced a portfolio of original plays and/or screenplays. Students will be able to seek various careers including play or screenplay writing, creative writing, technical writing, drama teaching, English literary teaching, communication teaching, film or video editing, and/or other related theatre, film, video production related areas.

Requirements

The certificate consists of at least 12 credits; at least 9 credits must be taken in MU course work. Students must meet the minimum GPA requirements for a certificate, which in no case can be lower than 2.0. In addition, a student cannot receive a grade lower than a C- in any course applied towards a certificate in the College. For more information, please see Requirements for an Optional Certificate (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/#requirementsforanoptionalcertificate>).

Prerequisites for all courses must be met, or the student must have permission from the instructor to enroll.

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| THEATR 2920 | Beginning Playwriting | 3 |
| THEATR 3920 | Intermediate Playwriting | 3 |
| or THEATR 3920W | Intermediate Playwriting - Writing Intensive | |
| or THEATR 3930 | Screenwriting for Television and Film | |
| or THEATR 3930W | Screenwriting for Television and Film - Writing Intensive | |
| or FILMS_VS 2530 | Screenwriting I | |
| THEATR 4938 | Advanced Screenwriting: Styles | 3 |
| or THEATR 4938W | Advanced Screenwriting: Styles - Writing Intensive | |
| or THEATR 4935 | Adaptation of Literature for Film | |
| or THEATR 4650 | Introduction to Dramaturgy | |
| or ENGLSH 3880W | Writing and Theory for Digital Media - Writing Intensive | |
| or FILMS_VS 3530 | Screenwriting II | |
| THEATR 4920 | Advanced Playwriting: Problems | 3 |
| or THEATR 4920W | Advanced Playwriting: Problems - Writing Intensive | |