

BA in Theatre and Performance Studies with Emphasis in Performance

Degree Program Description

Students in the BA in Theatre with emphasis in Performance are offered a curriculum that includes a sequence of acting and performance classes, emphasizing scene study in comedy and drama, contemporary and period styles, stage movement, vocal performance, and musical theatre performance. But it's more than just acting, singing, and dancing – our performance students take introductory and advanced classes in theatre history, script analysis, directing, stage combat, improvisation, American musicals, stage makeup, storytelling, folklore, performance art, performance of literature, and theatre of the oppressed. Students have the opportunity to put into practice what they learn in the classroom by performing in a variety of productions -- from main stage faculty-directed musicals and plays, to student-directed shows, ensembles and workshops. College credit can be earned during the academic year for performing in MU Theatre productions, as well as those of the World Theatre Workshop, the MU Center for Applied Theatre and Drama Research, the Missouri Playwrights Workshop, the Larry Clark Actor's Workshop, and the Troubling Violence Performance Project, and during the summer as a member of our our professional Summer Repertory Theatre company. MU Theatre alumni are involved in theatre, film, and television in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and across the country. They are actors, singers, dancers, directors, stage managers, musicians, storytellers, and teachers, who share their love of theatre and the performing arts by entertaining and enlightening audiences everywhere.

Major Program Requirements

In addition to University (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>), general education (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>), and College of Arts and Science (<https://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.

Performance classes chosen from		12
THEATR 3420	Acting I	3
THEATR 3430	Acting II	3
THEATR 4220	Acting III	3
Choose one of the following (cannot repeat from required courses):		
THEATR 2200	Introduction to Performance Studies	3
THEATR 2220	Immersive Theatre	3
THEATR 3200	Performance of Literature	3
THEATR 3440	Acting for the Camera	3
THEATR 3450	Acting for Animation and Motion Capture	3
THEATR 3460	Voiceover	3
THEATR 3600	Theatrical Directing	3
THEATR 4240	Theory and Practice of Theatre of the Oppressed	3

THEATR 4280	Digital Media and Performance	3
THEATR 4460	Musical Theatre Performance	3
THEATR 4600	Advanced Directing	3
THEATR 4720	American Musical	3
Topics/Research or Performance courses with department approval		3

Semester Plan

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
THEATR 1320 or 1340		3 THEATR 1420	3
ENGLISH 1000		3 Math and Quantitative Reasoning	3
Humanities		3 Missouri State Law Requirement: Social Science from Arts and Science	3
Second Language Requirement		4 Second Language Requirement	4
SSC 1150		2 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3
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Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
THEATR 1720 or 2710		3 THEATR 2800W	3
THEATR 2300		1 Humanities, First Writing Intensive	3
Biological, Physical, or Mathematical Science		4 Biological or Physical Science lab	5
Second Language Requirement		4 Second major, minor, or certificate	3
Second major, minor, or certificate course		3	
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Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
THEATR 3420		3 THEATR 3430	3
Theatre Elective		3 THEATR 3300	1
Humanities		3 Performance Elective	3
Behavioral Science		3 Social Science	3
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective		3 Second major, minor, or certificate course	3
		Second major, minor, or certificate course	3
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Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
THEATR 4220		3 THEATR 4990	1
3000+ Level Writing Intensive Course		3 Theatre Elective	3
Social Science 2000+		3 Humanities 2000+	3
Second major, minor, or certificate		3 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3
Second major, minor, or certificate		3 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	4
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Total Credits: 120