

BA in Performing Arts - Theatre

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) in performing arts – theatre is a highly flexible, interdisciplinary, liberal arts degree that affords students the opportunity to pair a broad education in theatre with other areas of the arts or fields of study such as business, humanities, engineering and more.

Interviews are required for acceptance into the theatre program.

Program Requirements

A minimum total of 120 credit hours is required for the BA in performing arts - theatre and includes major courses that must be completed with a minimum overall grade point average of 2.000 (2.500 for department scholarship consideration). A C or better is required for all major required courses, including THEA and/or DANC electives. Students must complete 45 credit hours of upper-division courses. In addition to meeting the requirements of the WSU General Education Program (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/academic-information/general-education-program/>) and the requirements of the School of Performing Arts, students in the BA in performing arts - theatre must take the following courses:

Course	Title	Hours
General Education		
Select courses to meet General Education requirements ¹		34-35
Core Curriculum Courses		
THEA 180E	Performing Arts Seminar	1
THEA 150P	Production Experience	1
THEA 150R	Production Processes	1
THEA 280	Inclusion in Performing Arts	1
THEA 368	Collaborative Community Project	1
THEA 370	Professional Practices for the Performing Arts	2
THEA 499	Capstone Project	1
Acting/Voice/Movement Courses		
THEA 180D	Introduction to Acting Repertoire	1
THEA 241	Improvisation for the Actor	3
THEA 222	Voice and Movement for the Actor 1 - Speech and Diction	2
THEA 243	Acting 1 - Foundations	3
DANC 290	Somatics 1	1
THEA 342	Acting 2 - Scene Study	3
Theory Courses		
THEA 228	Script Analysis	3
THEA 323	Theatre History I	3
THEA 324	Theatre History II	3
THEA 371	Acting and Theatre Studies Research Semester	2
Design and Technical Theatre Courses		
THEA 231	Foundations: Theatre Design and Technology	3
THEA 272	Stage Management	3
Choose two of the following courses		5-6
THEA 244	Stagecraft and Scenic Technology	
THEA 245	Stage Lighting Technology	
THEA 253	Costume and Wardrobe Technology	
THEA 254	Stage Makeup	
THEA 344	Scene Design	
THEA 346	Lighting Design	

THEA 357	Costume Design	
Career Transition		
THEA 480	Theatre Internship	2
Electives		
Select open electives in consultation with advisor. May include additional THEA courses.		39-41
Total Credit Hours		120

¹ Required major courses may also count towards General Education requirements. Students will need to select additional electives to reach 120 credit hours required for graduation with assistance from an advisor.

Applied Learning

All students in a School of Performing Arts bachelor degree track or concentration are required to complete an applied learning or research experience to graduate from the program. The requirement can be met by completing THEA 371 and THEA 499. Students create a major project whether self-generated, an extension of coursework, or through advanced participation in producing a public performance. Through the capstone experience, students develop and demonstrate, in a hands-on, real-world context, the skills, knowledge and competencies required in their area of emphasis. Students in the School of Performing Arts develop a diverse portfolio of experiences, materials and intellectual properties through a broad offering of applied experiences in their four years. The capstone project provides a practical context for academic, experiential and personal growth through the college experience. The final, real product of the SPA's program of applied learning is a young professional prepared for the future.