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B.F.A. in Theatre Arts Description

The B.F.A. major in theatre arts is intended for individuals who seek a professional career in theatre or who wish preparation for graduate work in the discipline. The B.F.A. must be completed with an emphasis in either acting, design/technology, or musical theatre. Students must have a successful audition or portfolio review by theatre arts faculty for admission to the BFA degree program.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 129 General Education Requirements

The general education requirements for the B.F.A. in liberal arts include the following courses (33-35 hours):

Writ 100 or 101; Writ 102 or Liba 102	6 hours
English literature survey (221-226)	6 hours
Behavioral/social sciences	6 hours
History (His 101, 102 preferred)	6 hours
Natural science (with laboratories)	6-8 hours
Mathematics (from among college algebra, quantitative reasoning, or a more advanced mathematics course)	3 hours

Course Requirements

A major in theatre arts for the B.F.A. degree requires 129 semester hours. Students are required to choose one of three emphases: acting, design/theatre technology, or musical theatre.

Other Academic Requirements

A grade of C or higher is required on all theatre courses applied toward the B.F.A. degree.

Emphasis - Musical Theatre Description

The emphasis in musical theatre provides comprehensive training in vocal, dance, and performance styles, as well as specialized actor training in all the major musical theatre styles. In addition to rigorous classroom work--in their field of study as well as in theory, history, literature, craft skills, directing, and business and employment practices--main-stage musical productions and the resident dance troupes, such as Showstoppers and Mississippi: The Dance Company, provide performance opportunities that prepare students for graduate study or professional employment. Students audition for entrance into the musical theatre program at the end of t

Course Requirements

The emphasis in musical theatre requires 129 total semester hours, including 76 hours of theatre arts and dance courses, comprising the following:

Acting, Movement, Voice, and Musical Performance	Hours
Thea 110, 111--Freshman Performance Studies	6
Thea 163--Intro to Musical Theatre Performance	3
Thea 210, 211--Sophomore Performance Studies	6
Thea 301, 302--Scene Studies I, II	6
(Note: Students qualifying for, electing, and completing the acting sequence 310, 311, 410, 411, may substitute Thea 310 for 301, 302)	
Thea 465, 466--Musical Theatre Performance I, II	6
Theory, History, and Literature	
Thea 120--Introduction to Theatre	2
Thea 321--Theatre History I	3
Thea 326--Dramatic Literature I	3
Thea 421, 422--Musical Theatre History and Literature I, II	6
Other Theatre Requirements	
Thea 220--Business and Employment Practice	3



Thea 271--Stagecraft	3
Thea 272--Introduction to Costumes for the Stage	3
Thea 338, 339--Technology Lab I, II	2
Thea 499--Senior Review	2
Danc (must include Danc 255, 355)	14
Performance and Theatre Electives	8

In addition to the core curriculum and theatre arts requirements, the emphasis in musical theatre requires elective hours (18-20) chosen from any area, including theatre arts, to bring the total number of credits to 129 semester hours.

Other Academic Requirements

A grade of C or higher is required on all theatre courses applied toward the BFA degree.

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The academic regulations for this degree program, as entered in the University of Mississippi Catalog, are in effect for the current or selected academic year and semester. The University of Mississippi reserves the right to 1) change or withdraw courses; 2) change rules for registration, instruction, and graduation; and 3) change other regulations affecting the student body at any time.

General Education

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
First Year Writing I	3	Complete Hon 101 , Writ 100 or Writ 101 with a passing grade.
First Year Writing II	3	Complete one of the following courses with a passing grade: Liba 102 , Writ 102 or Hon 102 .
2 associated science labs	2	Successfully complete at least two science laboratory courses.
3 hrs math 100+	3	Successfully complete 3 hours of Math at the 100 level or above except for Math 245 and Math 246 .
6 hrs literature survey	6	Complete 6 hours of literature survey with a passing grade. Choose from the following courses: Engl 221 , Engl 222 , Engl 223 , Engl 224 , Engl 225 , or Engl 226 .
6 hrs history	6	Complete 6 hours of History coursework with a passing grade.
6 hrs social science	6	Successfully complete 6 semester hours in anthropology, economics, political science, psychology or sociology.
6-8 hrs science	6	Complete 6-8 hours of natural science courses with labs from the following areas: biology, chemistry, geology, physics, or astronomy.

Major Requirements

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
Select an emphasis		Select an emphasis area within the B.F.A. Theatre program.
Theatre residency hrs	12	Student must earn at least 12 hours of their major courses in residence. A grade of C or better is required on all theatre courses applied toward the major.
Resident Major GPA		Please contact your academic advisor for grade point requirements.
Overall Major GPA		Please contact your academic advisor for grade point requirements.

