

## Emphasis - Musical Theatre

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### **B.F.A. in Theatre Arts**

#### **Description**

The B.F.A. 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 for stage and screen, design and theatre production, or film production. Students must have a successful audition or portfolio review by theatre arts faculty for admission to the B.F.A. degree program.

#### **Minimum Total Credit Hours: 129**

#### **General Education Requirements**

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

| <b>Courses</b>  | <b>Sem Hours</b> |
|---|------------------|
| Writ 100 or 101; Writ 102 or Liba 102   | 6                |
| English literature survey (221-226, 22x)  | 6                |
| Behavioral/social sciences, Liba 203, 313   | 6                |
| History (Hst 120, 121 preferred)  | 6                |
| Natural science with lab, including Liba 150, 151, 205, 205L, 315, 315L                                 | 6-8              |
| Mathematics (from among college algebra, quantitative reasoning, or a more advanced mathematics course) | 3                |

#### **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 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 their freshman year.

#### **Course Requirements**

The emphasis in musical theatre requires 129 total semester hours, including the following courses:

| <b>Acting, Movement, Voice, and Musical Performance</b>   | <b>Hours</b> |
|---|--------------|
| Thea 110. Intro to Acting   | 3            |
| Thea 111. Realism for Stage & Screen  | 3            |
| Thea 163. Intro to Musical Theatre Performance  | 3            |
| Thea 210. Scene Work for Stage and Screen   | 3            |
| Thea 211. Sophomore Performance Studies   | 3            |
| Thea 301, 302. Scene Studies I, II*   | 6            |
| Thea 465, 466. Musical Theatre Performance I, II  | 6            |
| <b>Theory, History, and Literature</b>  | <b>Hours</b> |
| One of the following: Thea 321, 322. Theatre History I, II  | 3            |
| Thea 326. Dramatic Literature I   | 3            |
| Thea 421, 422. Musical Theatre History and Lit I, II  | 6            |
| <b>Other Theatre Requirements</b>   | <b>Hours</b> |
| Thea 120. Intro to Theatre, Film, and Dance   | 3            |
| Two of the following: Thea 270, 271, 272. Basic Lighting & Sound Technology; Introduction to Stagecraft; Introduction to Costumes for the Stage | 6            |
| Thea 316. Business of Acting and Auditioning  | 3            |
| Thea 338, 339. Technology Lab I, II   | 2            |
| Thea 499. Senior Seminar  | 3            |
| Dance electives and Movement courses**  | 14           |
| Performance and Theatre Electives   | 8            |

In addition to the core curriculum and theatre arts requirements, the emphasis in musical theatre requires elective hours chosen from any area, including

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theatre arts, to bring the total number of credits to 129 semester hours.

\*Students qualifying for, electing, and completing the acting sequence Thea 310 and 311 may substitute Thea 310 and 311 for Thea 301 and 302.

\*\* A maximum of 4 credit hours in movement courses - Thea 314, 315, 332, 335, 337, 414, 415, 451, 452 - may be used to satisfy this requirement.

## Other Academic Requirements

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

## Degree Requirements

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 <a href="#">Hon 101</a> , <a href="#">Writ 100</a> or <a href="#">Writ 101</a> with a passing grade.   |
| First Year Writing II            | 3     | Complete one of the following courses with a passing grade: <a href="#">Liba 102</a> , <a href="#">Writ 102</a> or <a href="#">Hon 102</a> .  |
| 2 associated science labs        | 2     | Successfully complete at least two science laboratory courses.  |
| 3 hrs math                       | 3     | Successfully complete 3 hours of Math except for <a href="#">Math 245</a> and <a href="#">Math 246</a> .  |
| 6 hrs literature survey          | 6     | Complete 6 hours of literature survey with a passing grade. Choose from the following courses: <a href="#">Engl 221</a> , <a href="#">Engl 222</a> , <a href="#">Engl 223</a> , <a href="#">Engl 224</a> , <a href="#">Engl 225</a> , or <a href="#">Engl 226</a> . |
| 6 hrs history                    | 6     | Complete 6 hours of History coursework with a passing grade.  |
| 6 hrs behavioral/social sciences | 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.   |

