

# Theatre Arts

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## Department Information

- **Department Location:**  
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- **Department Phone:**  
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[www.ndsu.edu/performingarts/theatre/](http://www.ndsu.edu/performingarts/theatre/) (<http://www.ndsu.edu/performingarts/theatre/>)
- **Credential Offered:**  
B.A.; B.S.; B.F.A.; Minor
- **Sample Program Guide:**  
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## Major Requirements

### Major: Theatre Arts

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.

Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate: 120

### University Degree Requirements

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### University General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Communication (C)</b>		<b>12</b>
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing <sup>†</sup>		
<b>Quantitative Reasoning (R) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Science and Technology (S) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts (A) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Wellness (W) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Cultural Diversity (D) <sup>**†</sup></b>		
<b>Global Perspectives (G) <sup>**†</sup></b>		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>39</b>

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## AHSS Degree Requirements

**Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree** – The completion of a minor program of study.

**Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree** – Second year language proficiency at college level required.

## Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences College Requirements

An additional 9 credits are required by the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences for a student whose primary degree is a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree in a major from the College of AHSS. These additional 9 credits are not required for the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree, Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Environmental Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, Bachelor of Music degree, for any student whose primary major or degree is not in the College of AHSS, or the student is earning two majors or two different degrees.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>AH&amp;SS College Requirements</b>		
Courses used to satisfy any general education requirement cannot be used to also count toward the AH&SS College Requirements. A minimum of three credits is required in each of the 3 following areas for a total of 9 credits. Choose only those courses with the prefixes listed for each area. A course with the WGS prefix can only be used in one area.		
<b>Area One: Humanities</b>		<b>3</b>
ARB, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, HUM, PHIL, RELS, SPAN, TIPS or WGS		
<b>Area Two: Social Sciences</b>		<b>3</b>
ANTH, CJ, COMM, EMGT, POLS, SOC, or WGS		
<b>Area Three: Fine Arts</b>		<b>3</b>
ARCH, ART, ENVD, LA, MUSC, or THEA		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

## Major Requirements

Students must earn a grade of 'C' or better in all THEA prefix courses.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
THEA 150	Theatre Foundations I	1
THEA 161	Acting I	3
THEA 180	Dramatic Literature and Style I	3
THEA 270 & THEA 220	Stagecraft and Stagecraft Lab	4
THEA 271 & THEA 221	Costume Craft and Costume Craft Lab	4
THEA 280	World Theatre	3
THEA 365	Directing I	3
THEA 450	Capstone Experience	3
THEA 480	History and Literature of Theatre I	3
<b>Design/Technology Requirement</b>		
Select one from the following: <sup>1</sup>		3
THEA 371	Introduction to Design: Scenic Design	
THEA 373	Lighting and Sound Design for the Theatre	
THEA 375	Costume Design for the Theatre	
Practicum - 12 credits from the following:		12
THEA 210	Theatre Practicum (Repeatable, 1-2 credits)	
THEA 211	Stage Management Practicum and Seminar (2 credits repeatable)	
Electives: Select 21 credits from the following courses. Minimum of 9 credits must be 300 level or above:		21
THEA 115	World Film	
THEA 160	Storytelling	
THEA 228	Development of Musical Theatre	
THEA 230	Introduction to Theatrical Rendering	

THEA 262	Introduction to Dance
THEA 266	Voice and Movement for the Actor
THEA 272	Drawing for the Theatre
THEA 275	Theatrical Makeup Design
THEA 279	Scenic Painting
THEA 345	Devising
THEA 361	Acting III: Advanced Realism
THEA 362	Dance Styles for Theatre
THEA 364	Advanced Acting
THEA 367	Acting the Song
THEA 370	Technical Theatre Production
THEA 371	Introduction to Design: Scenic Design <sup>1</sup>
THEA 373	Lighting and Sound Design for the Theatre <sup>1</sup>
THEA 375	Costume Design for the Theatre <sup>1</sup>
THEA 377	Theatrical Design Studio II: Collaboration of the Designer
THEA 379	Study Tour Abroad
THEA 461	Acting Shakespeare
THEA 465	Directing II
THEA 485	Directing III
ENGL 380	Shakespeare

**Total Credits****63**

<sup>1</sup> Can use a different pair toward the 15 credits of elective.

## Major Requirements

### Major: Theatre Arts - Design & Tech Theatre Track

Degree Type: B.F.A.

Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate: 120

### University Degree Requirements

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ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing <sup>†</sup>		
<b>Quantitative Reasoning (R) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Science and Technology (S) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts (A) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>

<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) †</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Wellness (W) †</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Cultural Diversity (D) **†</b>	
<b>Global Perspectives (G) **†</b>	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>39</b>

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## Major Requirements

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<b>Professional Major Requirements</b>		
Students must earn a minimum grade of a 'C' in all THEA prefix courses.		
ART 111	Introduction to Art History (May satisfy general education category A and G)	3
MUSC 100 or MUSC 103	Music Appreciation (May satisfy general education category A) Introduction to Music History	3
THEA 161	Acting I	3
THEA 150	Theatre Foundations I	1
THEA 230	Introduction to Theatrical Rendering	3
THEA 180	Dramatic Literature and Style I	3
THEA 270 & THEA 220	Stagecraft and Stagecraft Lab *	4
THEA 271 & THEA 221	Costume Craft and Costume Craft Lab *	4
THEA 272	Drawing for the Theatre *	3
THEA 275	Theatrical Makeup Design *	3
THEA 279	Scenic Painting *	3
THEA 280	World Theatre (May satisfy a general education category D)	3
THEA 365	Directing I	3
THEA 370	Technical Theatre Production (Take 3 credits 2 times) *	6
THEA 371	Introduction to Design: Scenic Design	3
THEA 373	Lighting and Sound Design for the Theatre	3
THEA 375	Costume Design for the Theatre	3
THEA 376	Theatrical Design Studio I: Theatrical Drawing and Rendering *	3
THEA 377	Theatrical Design Studio II: Collaboration of the Designer *	3
THEA 450	Capstone Experience	3
THEA 480	History and Literature of Theatre I	3
THEA 486	History of Dress and Decor I; the Foundations of Western Style *	3
THEA 487	History of Dress and Decor II; Western Style since 1800 *	3
Practicum- 12 credits from the following:		12
THEA 210	Theatre Practicum (Repeatable, 1-2 credits) *	
THEA 211	Stage Management Practicum and Seminar (2 credits) *	
Related Area:		
ENGL 380	Shakespeare	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>87</b>

\* Students must earn a minimum grade of a 'B' in these Design and Technology courses.

## Major Requirements

### Major: Theatre Arts - Musical Theatre Track

Degree Type: B.F.A.

Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate: 120

### University Degree Requirements

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ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing <sup>†</sup>		
<b>Quantitative Reasoning (R) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Science and Technology (S) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts (A) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Wellness (W) <sup>†</sup></b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Cultural Diversity (D) <sup>**†</sup></b>		
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<b>Professional Major Requirements</b>		
ART 111	Introduction to Art History (May satisfy general education category A and G)	3
MUSC 100	Music Appreciation (May satisfy general education category A)	3
or MUSC 103	Introduction to Music History	
MUSC 130	Theory and Analysis I	3
MUSC 132	Ear Training & Sight Singing I	1
MUSC 160	Piano Class I ((Possible to test out of this requirement))	1
MUSC 167	Applied Voice (2 credits in different semesters)	2

MUSC 267	Applied Voice (2 credits in different semesters)	2
MUSC 367	Applied Voice (2 credits in different semesters)	2
MUSC 467	Applied Voice	1
THEA 150	Theatre Foundations I	1
THEA 161	Acting I <sup>1</sup>	3
THEA 180	Dramatic Literature and Style I	3
THEA 228	Development of Musical Theatre <sup>1</sup>	3
THEA 263	Dance Studio (take one each of Jazz, Lyrical Ballet, Tap) <sup>1</sup>	3
THEA 364	Advanced Acting	3
THEA 266	Voice and Movement for the Actor <sup>1</sup>	3
THEA 270 & THEA 220	Stagecraft and Stagecraft Lab (Taken with THEA 270 Stagecraft)	4
THEA 271 & THEA 221	Costume Craft and Costume Craft Lab (Taken with THEA 271 Costume Craft)	4
THEA 275	Theatrical Makeup Design	3
THEA 280	World Theatre (May satisfy a general education category D)	3
THEA 362	Dance Styles for Theatre (Take 2 times) <sup>1</sup>	4
THEA 365	Directing I	3
THEA 368	Business of Acting	3
THEA 367	Acting the Song	3
THEA 450	Capstone Experience	3
THEA 463 ACTING THE SONG II		3
THEA 466	Advanced Voice for the Actor <sup>1</sup>	3
THEA 467	Advanced Movement for the Actor <sup>1</sup>	3
THEA 469 MUSICAL THEATRE AUDIT		3
THEA 480	History and Literature of Theatre I	3
Select one from the following:		3
THEA 371	Introduction to Design: Scenic Design	
THEA 373	Lighting and Sound Design for the Theatre	
THEA 375	Costume Design for the Theatre	
Theatre Practice - 12 credits from the following:		12
THEA 210	Theatre Practicum (Repeatable 1-2 credits) <sup>2</sup>	
THEA 211	Stage Management Practicum and Seminar (Repeatable - 2 credits)	

**Total Credits****97**

<sup>1</sup> Students must earn a minimum grade of 'B' in these music, dance and performance courses.

<sup>2</sup> First year students taking THEA 220 or THEA 221 will not take Practicum 210. When students take THEA 222, 223 or 224 they will take Practicum 210 for 1 cr.

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ENGL 380	Shakespeare	3
MUSC 100	Music Appreciation (May satisfy general education category A)	3
or MUSC 103	Introduction to Music History	
THEA 150	Theatre Foundations I	1
THEA 161	Acting I <sup>*</sup>	3
MUSC 162	Voice Class	1
or MUSC 167	Applied Voice	
THEA 180	Dramatic Literature and Style I	3
THEA 261	Advanced Acting	3
THEA 262	Introduction to Dance <sup>1</sup>	1
THEA 263	Dance Studio (take 2 times) <sup>1</sup>	2
THEA 266	Voice and Movement for the Actor <sup>1</sup>	3
THEA 270 & THEA 220	Stagecraft and Stagecraft Lab	4
THEA 271 & THEA 221	Costume Craft and Costume Craft Lab	4
THEA 275	Theatrical Makeup Design	3
THEA 280	World Theatre (May satisfy a general education category D)	3

THEA 361	Acting III: Advanced Realism <sup>1</sup>	3
THEA 365	Directing I	3
THEA 368	Business of Acting <sup>1</sup>	3
THEA 450	Capstone Experience	3
THEA 461	Acting Shakespeare <sup>1</sup>	3
THEA 462	Acting Styles <sup>1</sup>	3
THEA 466	Advanced Voice for the Actor <sup>1</sup>	3
THEA 467	Advanced Movement for the Actor <sup>1</sup>	3
THEA 480	History and Literature of Theatre I	3
Theatre Practice - Repeatable for 12 credits:		12
THEA 210	Theatre Practicum (1-2 credits)	
THEA 211	Stage Management Practicum and Seminar ( 2 credits)	
Select two of the following:		6
THEA 160	Storytelling	
THEA 228	Development of Musical Theatre <sup>1</sup>	
THEA 345	Devising	
Select one from the following:		3
THEA 371	Introduction to Design: Scenic Design	
THEA 373	Lighting and Sound Design for the Theatre	
THEA 375	Costume Design for the Theatre	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>88</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students must earn a minimum grade of 'B' in these dance and performance courses.

## Minor Requirements

### Minor: Theatre Arts

#### Standard Option or Dance Option

Required Credits: 20

#### Standard Option

Code	Title	Credits
Theatre Appreciation: Select 2 courses from the following:		6
THEA 110	Introduction to Theatre Arts	
THEA 180	Dramatic Literature and Style I	
THEA 280	World Theatre	
Theatre Practicum or Labs: Select 2 credits from the following		2
THEA 210	Theatre Practicum	
THEA 211	Stage Management Practicum and Seminar	
THEA 220	Stagecraft Lab	
THEA 221	Costume Craft Lab	
Electives: Select 12 credits from the following:		12
THEA 115	World Film	
THEA 160	Storytelling	
THEA 161	Acting I	
THEA 228	Development of Musical Theatre	
THEA 262	Introduction to Dance	
THEA 263	Dance Studio (repeatable up to 6 cr)	
THEA 266	Voice and Movement for the Actor	
THEA 270	Stagecraft	
THEA 271	Costume Craft	
THEA 275	Theatrical Makeup Design	



THEA 279	Scenic Painting
THEA 345	Devising
THEA 362	Dance Styles for Theatre (repeatable up to 3 cr)
THEA 365	Directing I
THEA 371	Introduction to Design: Scenic Design
THEA 373	Lighting and Sound Design for the Theatre
THEA 375	Costume Design for the Theatre
THEA 379	Study Tour Abroad
ENGL 380	Shakespeare

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**Total Credits** **20**

### Minor Requirements and Notes

- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU.

### Dance Option

**Required Credits: 20**

Code	Title	Credits
Theatre Appreciation: Select 2 courses from the following:		6
THEA 110	Introduction to Theatre Arts	
THEA 161	Acting I	
THEA 180	Dramatic Literature and Style I	
THEA 280	World Theatre	
Theatre Practicum or Labs: Select 2 credits from the following		2
THEA 210	Theatre Practicum	
THEA 211	Stage Management Practicum and Seminar	
THEA 220	Stagecraft Lab	
THEA 221	Costume Craft Lab	
Dance Credits: Select 12 credits from the following:		12
THEA 262	Introduction to Dance	
THEA 263	Dance Studio (Can take up to 6 times)	
THEA 362	Dance Styles for Theatre (Can take up to 3 times)	

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**Total Credits** **20**

### Minor Requirements and Notes

- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU.