

Theatre Arts

Department Information

- **Department Web Site:**
www.ndsu.edu/performingarts/theatre/ (<http://www.ndsu.edu/performingarts/theatre/>)
- **Credential Offered:**
B.A.; B.S.; B.F.A.; Minor
- **Sample Program Guide:**
catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/theatre-arts/ (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/theatre-arts/>)

Major Requirements

Major: Theatre Arts

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

Minimum Credits to Graduate: 120

University Degree Requirements

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University General Education Requirements

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Category C: Communication		12
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing [†]		
Category R: Quantitative Reasoning [†]		3
Category S: Science and Technology [†]		10
Category A: Humanities and Fine Arts [†]		6
Category B: Social and Behavioral Sciences [†]		6
Category W: Wellness [†]		2
Category D: Cultural Diversity ^{**†}		
Category G: Global Perspectives ^{**†}		
Total Credits		39

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Major Requirements

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Core Requirements		
THEA 110	Introduction to Theatre Arts	3
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 or THEA 115	World Theatre World Film	3
THEA 365	Directing I	3
THEA 450	Capstone Experience	3
THEA 480	History and Literature of Theatre I	3
THEA 371 or THEA 373 or THEA 375	Introduction to Design: Scenic Design * Lighting and Sound Design for the Theatre Costume Design for the Theatre	3
Practicum - 8 credits from the following:		8
THEA 210	Theatre Practicum (May be repeated multiple times; 1-2 credits)	
THEA 211	Stage Management Practicum and Seminar (May be repeated multiple times; 2 credits)	
Option		
Select one for the two options listed below to complete this major: Theatre Generalist (15 credits) or Design & Technology (18 credits)		15-18

Option One: Theatre Generalist

Code	Title	Credits
Select 15 credits from the following courses. A minimum of 9 of the 15 credits must be 300 level or above:		15
THEA 115 or THEA 280	World Film * World Theatre	
THEA 160	Storytelling	
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 or THEA 373 or THEA 375	Introduction to Design: Scenic Design * Lighting and Sound Design for the Theatre Costume Design for the Theatre	
THEA 379	Global Seminar	
THEA 385	Period Style for Performance	
THEA 465	Directing II	
ENGL 380	Shakespeare	

Total Credits

15

Option Two: Design & Technology

Code	Title	Credits
Take a different course from what was taken in the Core Requirements above.		
THEA 371	Introduction to Design: Scenic Design *	3
or THEA 373	Lighting and Sound Design for the Theatre	
or THEA 375	Costume Design for the Theatre	
Select 15-18 credits from the following courses. A minimum of 9 of the 18 credits must be 300 level or above:		15
THEA 230	Introduction to Theatrical Rendering	
THEA 272	Drawing for the Theatre	
THEA 275	Theatrical Makeup Design	
THEA 279	Scenic Painting	
THEA 370	Technical Theatre Production (May be repeated twice; 3-6 credits)	
THEA 371	Introduction to Design: Scenic Design (can take the final course as an elective)	
or THEA 373	Lighting and Sound Design for the Theatre	
or THEA 375	Costume Design for the Theatre	
THEA 372		
THEA 385	Period Style for Performance	
THEA XXX	Internship (3-6 credits)	
ENGL 380	Shakespeare	
ART 122	Studio Technology Foundations	
ART 185	Graphic Design I	
ADHM 155		
ADHM 310		
Total Credits		18

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Student must take one of the courses in the major core requirements and will take a different course in the option.

Degree Requirements & Notes:

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

Major Requirements

Major: Theatre Arts - Design & Tech Theatre Track

Degree Type: B.F.A.

Minimum Credits to Graduate: 120

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Category B: Social and Behavioral Sciences [†]		6
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Major Requirements

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Professional Major Requirements		
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	Music Appreciation (May satisfy general education category A)	3
or MUSC 103	Introduction to Music History	
THEA 110	Introduction to Theatre Arts	3
THEA 161	Acting I	3
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
or THEA 115	World Film	
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 385	Period Style for Performance	3
THEA 450	Capstone Experience	3
THEA 480	History and Literature of Theatre I	3
Practicum- 8 credits from the following:		8
THEA 210	Theatre Practicum (Repeatable, 1-2 credits) *	

THEA 211	Stage Management Practicum and Seminar (2 credits) *	
Related Area:		
ENGL 380	Shakespeare	3
Total Credits		82

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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 Credits to Graduate: 120

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Major Requirements

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

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Professional Major Requirements		
ART 111	Introduction to Art History	3
MUSC 100	Music Appreciation	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 110	Introduction to Theatre Arts	3
THEA 161	Acting I ¹	3
THEA 180	Dramatic Literature and Style I	3
THEA 228	Development of Musical Theatre ¹	3
THEA 263	Dance Studio (take one each of Jazz, Lyrical Ballet, Tap) ¹	3
THEA 364	Advanced Acting	3
THEA 266	Voice and Movement for the Actor ¹	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 or THEA 115	World Theatre World Film	3
THEA 362	Dance Styles for Theatre (Take 2 times) ¹	4
THEA 365	Directing I	3
THEA 367	Acting the Song (Take 3 credits 2 times)	6
THEA 368	Business of Acting	3
THEA 450	Capstone Experience	3
THEA 462	Acting Styles	3
THEA 466	Advanced Voice for the Actor ¹	3
THEA 467	Advanced Movement for the Actor ¹	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 - 8 credits from the following:		8
THEA 210	Theatre Practicum (Repeatable 1-2 credits) ²	
THEA 211	Stage Management Practicum and Seminar (Repeatable - 2 credits)	
Total Credits		95

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Students must earn a minimum grade of 'B' in these music, dance and performance courses.

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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
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or MUSC 103	Introduction to Music History	
THEA 110	Introduction to Theatre Arts	3
THEA 161	Acting I [*]	3
MUSC 162	Voice Class	1
or MUSC 167	Applied Voice	
THEA 180	Dramatic Literature and Style I	3
THEA 262	Introduction to Dance ¹	1

THEA 263	Dance Studio (take 2 times) ¹	2
THEA 266	Voice and Movement for the Actor ¹	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	3
or THEA 115	World Film	
THEA 361	Acting III: Advanced Realism ¹	3
THEA 364	Advanced Acting	3
THEA 365	Directing I	3
THEA 368	Business of Acting ¹	3
THEA 450	Capstone Experience	3
THEA 461	Acting Shakespeare ¹	3
THEA 462	Acting Styles ¹	3
THEA 466	Advanced Voice for the Actor ¹	3
THEA 467	Advanced Movement for the Actor ¹	3
THEA 480	History and Literature of Theatre I	3
Theatre Practice - Repeatable for 8 credits:		8
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 ¹	
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	
Total Credits		86

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Students must earn a minimum grade of 'B' in these dance and performance courses.

Minor Requirements

Minor: Theatre Arts

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 364	Advanced Acting
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	Global Seminar
ENGL 380	Shakespeare

Total Credits 20

Dance Option

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)	

Total Credits 20

Minor Requirements and Notes

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