THEATRE, PhD

for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Theatre

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Admission
Candidates should apply to one of the ten graduate areas offered: Master of Fine Arts in Theatre with specialization in acting, costume design, costume technology, lighting design, scenic design, sound design and technology, stage management, or scenic technology; the Master of Arts in Theatre with specialization in theatre and performance research and dramaturgy; or the Doctor of Philosophy in Theatre with specialization in theatre and performance research. All applicants should present transcripts documenting undergraduate or graduate study of theatre practice, dramatic literature, and theatre history with a cumulative grade point average in these subjects of at least 3.0 (A = 4.0). Applicants whose first language is not English must submit recent Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores; the current minimum score for consideration is 550 on the paper-based test (213 on the computer-based version).

For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s Graduate Programs and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/).

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Other Requirements

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concentrations: Acting (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/theatre-mfa/acting/), Design & Technology (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/theatre-mfa/design-technology/)

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Graduate Teaching Experience

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