

# THEATRE: THEATRE STUDIES, BFA

for the Bachelor of Fine Arts Major in Theatre, Theatre Studies Concentration

**department website:** <https://theatre.illinois.edu>  
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## Theatre Studies Program

The theatre studies concentration focuses on the practical applications of theatre and explores theatrical productions as a collaborative art form that is grounded in practice, theory, criticism, history, research and writing. The theatre studies concentration is intended to lay the foundation for students planning to pursue professional careers in the areas of theatre for which advanced training or specialization at the graduate level is normally required. These areas include, but are not limited to: directing, dramaturgy, playwriting, arts management, social issues theatre and theatre history and criticism. Emphasis is given to a comprehensive study of theatre practices of the past, participation in theatre practices of the present and the discovery and development of theatre practices for the future.

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A minimum of 128 hours of credit is required for the degree.

**Twelve hours of 300 and 400-level courses in the major must be taken on this campus.**  
**40 credits hours in degree required in 300-400 level coursework to meet IBHE requirements.**  
**General Education Requirements for all University Students**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>General Education Requirements: (40 hrs with Language requirements fulfilled)</b>		
	Composition I	4
	Advanced Composition	3
	Cultural Studies: Western Comparative Cultures	3
	Cultural Studies: U.S. Minority Culture(s)	3
	Cultural Studies: Non-Western Cultures	3
	Quantitative Reasoning I	3
	Quantitative Reasoning II	3
	Humanities and the Arts	6
	Natural Sciences and Technology	6
	Social and Behavioral Sciences	6
	Language Requirement <sup>1</sup>	0-12
<b>Electives</b>		
	General, Non-Theatre Electives	9

Open Electives (as needed to total a minimum of 128 hours to earn the degree)

<sup>1</sup> General Education Language Requirement: Options to satisfy this requirement are noted in the Course Explorer. (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/>)

## Core Requirements for all Theatre Majors

Code	Title	Hours
FAA 101	Arts at Illinois	1
THEA 100	Practicum I	2
THEA 200	Practicum II	2
THEA 121	Theatre Foundations: Performance	3
THEA 122	Theatre Foundations: Theory and Practice	3
THEA 123	Theatre Foundations: Production	3
THEA 208	21st Century Dramaturgy	3
THEA 304	Global Theatre Performance	3
THEA 364	Topics in Theatre History	3
THEA 404	Professional Career Development	1
Total Hours		24

## Summary of Credits for BFA in Theatre

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements for All Theatre Majors		24
General Education Requirements		31-40
Language Requirements, if needed		0-12
Concentration Requirements (see tables below for individual concentrations)		49-52
General Non-Theatre Electives		9
Open Electives as needed to total 128 hours		0-18
<b>Total Credits for BFA in Theatre</b>		<b>128</b>

## Theatre Studies Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
THEA 175	Fundamentals of Acting II	3
THEA 211	Introduction to Playwriting	3
THEA 212	Introduction to Directing	3
THEA 220	Survey of Theatrical Design	3
THEA 391	Individual Topics	2
THEA 392	Individual Topics	2
THEA 400	Practicum IV	3
Choose 3 credit hours:		3
THEA 218	Intro to Social Issues Theatre	
THEA 270	Relationships in Acting I	
Other THEA 200-level course		
Choose 6 credit hours:		6
THEA 410	Dramaturgs Workshop	
THEA 411	Playwrights' Workshop	
THEA 412	Directors Workshop	
Choose 12 credit hours:		12
Any 300 or 400 level Theatre courses		

Supporting Professional Electives: theatre, dance or music courses, or other courses as approved by Theatre advisor	9
Total Hours	49

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