

# Theatre (THTR)

## Courses

### THTR 001 Introduction To Theatre 4 Credits

Foundations of theatre: historical, literary and practical.

**Attribute/Distribution:** HE, HU

### THTR 011 Introduction To Acting 4 Credits

Preparation for scene study and characterization.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

### THTR 020 Stagecraft I 2 Credits

Introduction to the art of scenic construction and technical theatre. Scenic construction materials, techniques, tools, rigging and safety. Practical experience in executing scenery for the stage.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

### THTR 021 Stagecraft II 2 Credits

A continuation of THTR 20 – Stagecraft I. Specialty tools, materials, methods and problem-solving. Practical experience in executing scenery for the stage.

**Prerequisites:** THTR 020

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

### THTR 022 Stage Properties and Decoration 2 Credits

Creating props and decor for the stage. Production assignment as assistant property master.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

### THTR 023 Basic Scene Painting 2 Credits

Painting for the stage. Production assignments painting with scenic artist.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

### THTR 025 (DES 025) Costume Construction I 0,2 Credits

Introduction to the art of costume construction. Costume construction materials, techniques, tools and safety. Practical experience in executing costumes for the stage.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU, Q

### THTR 026 (DES 026) Costume Construction II 0,2 Credits

Continuation of THTR 25 - Costume Construction I, including pattern drafting, fitting, crafts and accessories. Materials, methods and problem solving. Practical experience in executing costumes for the stage.

**Prerequisites:** THTR 025

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU, Q

### THTR 027 Lighting Technology and Production I 2 Credits

Introduction to the art of lighting technology and production. Lighting techniques, tools and safety. Practical experience in executing lighting for the stage.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

### THTR 028 Lighting Technology and Production II 2 Credits

Specialty equipment, methods and problem solving. Practical experience in programming the lighting console for production. Assignment as light board operator on a production.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

### THTR 030 Sound Technology and Production I 2 Credits

Introduction to the theory, equipment and practice of sound reinforcement for the theatre, including microphone theory, speaker use and placement, digital audio networks, and live mixing.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

### THTR 031 Sound Technology and Production II 2 Credits

Advanced Sound Reinforcement techniques including multiple source mixing, specialty equipment and audio system design and installation.

**Prerequisites:** THTR 030

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

### THTR 035 Performance 2 Credits

Performing in a department-approved production.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HU

### THTR 045 Stage Management 2 Credits

Organization, scheduling, coordination of various production specialties. Production assignment as assistant stage manager.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

### THTR 053 (ASIA 053) Bollywood Dance 2 Credits

Bollywood is a term compounded from "Bombay" (now Mumbai) and "Hollywood." Bollywood dance is the movement form used in Indian films - a unique and energetic style inspired by Indian folk dance and Indian classical dance, Middle Eastern, and modern dance. Explore how each of these unique styles combine to create modern Bollywood dance. Learn the fundamental movements, gestures, and expressions that create the Bollywood dance aesthetic, and how they are applied in choreographed sequences.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

### THTR 055 (ASIA 055) Indian Classical Dance 2 Credits

Introduction to the history and practice of Bharatanatyam, a classical dance style of India. Understanding basic footwork, hand gestures, and body movements, and how they are combined to convey emotion, meaning, and imagery. Traditional repertoire, music, terminology, and the spectator's experience of the dance.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

### THTR 056 Jazz Dance 2 Credits

In this class, students will explore that many different styles of Jazz in parallel to the African Diaspora along with the American vocabulary and vernacular. Students will explore Stile's spending from Broadway jazz to contemporary jazz to modern jazz to commercial Jazz. Learning the foundation that contributes to these styles. Fee required.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

### THTR 057 Modern Dance 2 Credits

Modern dance styles and combinations. Fee required.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

### THTR 060 (ENGL 060) Dramatic Action 4 Credits

How plays are put together; how they work and what they accomplish. Examination of how plot, character, aural and visual elements of production combine to form a unified work across genre, styles and periods. Recommended as a foundation for further studies in design, literature, or performance.

**Attribute/Distribution:** CC, HE, HU, W

### THTR 065 (ENGL 065) Introduction to Playwriting 4 Credits

An introduction to writing for the stage, with an emphasis on creating characters, exploring story and structure, experimenting with theatrical language, and working within the context of theatrical history and the wider world. This course combines in-class exercises with seminar-style discussion of the student's work.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HU, W

### THTR 066 (AAS 066) Hip Hop Dance 2 Credits

Techniques, vocabulary, and history behind the various elements of the Hip Hop Movement. Focus upon the cultural influence of Hip Hop dance styles, and the overall social influence of the Hip Hop Movement.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

### THTR 067 Backstage Crew 2 Credits

Production run crew assignment.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

### THTR 072 (DES 072) Textile Design I 4 Credits

Textile printing has brought about revolutionary changes in textile design. Textile Design utilizes digital photography, scanning, drawing and image editing software to create botanical and geometric patterns for textiles.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

**THTR 076 (AAS 076) Hip Hop Dance II 2 Credits**

Students familiar with the music genres and basic dance tropes of the Hip Hop movement will explore, develop, and apply them in combinations that weave the various elements of Hip Hop culture into a high energy dance. Focus on Hip Hop dance as it influences the contemporary world view and global aesthetics.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Prerequisites:** THTR 066 or AAS 066

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

**THTR 077 Ballet 2 Credits**

Classical ballet for beginners and those who have had some training. Fee required.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

**THTR 087 (DES 087) Performance Design 4 Credits**

Introduction to the process of creating integrated designs in theatre production. The study and practice of the principles of visual representation, historical and conceptual research and the study of theatrical styles.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HU

**THTR 088 (DES 088) Digital Rendering 4 Credits**

Explore the use of modern technology to develop and communicate design ideas with speed, clarity, and visual punch. Strategies geared toward increasing the young designer's confidence in presenting artistic concepts. Learn the basics of Photoshop and SketchUp and then apply those skills in creative execution of scenic, costume, and lighting renderings.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

**THTR 089 (DES 089) Introduction to Fashion Design 4 Credits**

An introduction to conceptual garment design. Research, devise, and develop collections of apparel and accessories. Basic elements of design, fashion theory, design processes, and rendering techniques.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HU

**THTR 091 Special Topics 1-4 Credits**

Intensive study of a topic of special interest not covered in other courses.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HE, HU, Q, W

**THTR 111 (DES 111) Sound Design 2 Credits**

Introduction to the study of the techniques and equipment used for theatrical sound design. Elements include audio theory, script analysis, field recording and editing audio in digital audio workstations.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

**THTR 126 (ARCH 126, ART 126) History of Interior Design and Decor 4 Credits**

Survey of architectural interiors and décor examining public and domestic spaces and their contents in terms of period and style. Exploration of major art and design movements through the lens of interior spaces and objects within the context of culture and society.

**Attribute/Distribution:** CC, HE, HU

**THTR 127 (ENGL 127) History of Theatre I 4 Credits**

A multi-cultural survey of dramatic literature and theatrical practice from its ritual origins to the 18th century.

**Attribute/Distribution:** CC, HE, HU

**THTR 128 (ENGL 128) History of Theatre II 4 Credits**

A multi-cultural survey of dramatic literature theatre and theatrical practice from the 18th century to the present day.

**Attribute/Distribution:** CC, HE, HU, W

**THTR 129 (DES 129, WGSS 129) History of Fashion and Style 4 Credits**

Global trends in dress and culture from pre-history to today. The evolution of silhouette, garment forms and technology. The relationship of fashion to politics, art and behavior. Cultural and environmental influences on human adornment.

**Attribute/Distribution:** CC, HE, HU

**THTR 130 Drafting For The Theatre 4 Credits**

Theatre drafting techniques and conventions. Material, methods and theory in stage graphics. Model building techniques and practice. An introduction to computer drafting.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

**THTR 132 (AAS 132) Hip Hop Theatre 4 Credits**

Introduction to the creation and performance of Hip Hop theatre. Exploration of the history and culture of Hip Hop through original written material, live performance, music, film, video and web based content. Public performances. Must audition. Consent of instructor required.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HU

**THTR 135 Playwriting II 4 Credits**

For students interested in continuing and deepening their writing for the stage. Instructor approval required.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HU, W

**THTR 140 (AAS 140) African American Theatre 4 Credits**

Studies in African American theatre: literary, and practical and historical.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** CC, HE, HU

**THTR 144 Directing 4 Credits**

Introduction to the theatrical director's art. Research, rehearsal techniques, scene work. Acting experience as determined by the department or consent of chair.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Prerequisites:** (THTR 060)

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HU

**THTR 145 Advanced Stage Management 1-4 Credits**

Advanced application, practice, and leadership development of stage management role and skills: production assignment as stage manager.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL

**THTR 147 Acting Modern Realism 4 Credits**

Characterization and scene study in modern realistic drama e.g. Ibsen, Chekov, O'Neill, Hellman, Miller and Williams.

**Prerequisites:** THTR 011

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HU

**THTR 148 Acting Contemporary Drama 4 Credits**

Characterization and scene study in modern contemporary drama.

**Prerequisites:** THTR 011

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HU

**THTR 152 Stage Make-up 4 Credits**

Theatrical make-up techniques for the actor and designer.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HU

**THTR 154 (DES 154) Scene Painting 4 Credits**

Study and practice of basic and advanced methods of painting for the theatre. Includes basic elements and principles of design, color theory, the influence of light, atmosphere and aesthetics for the theatre.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

**THTR 155 (DES 155) Model Building and Rendering 4 Credits**

The art and practice of model building and rendering for the stage. Special techniques including scale furniture, soldering, acrylic painting and hand drafting.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL

**THTR 162 (ENGR 162) da Vinci: Artist & Engineer 4 Credits**

Leonardo da Vinci wove art and engineering together seamlessly. His inherent connection to both was at the heart of his practice and this course. This course unites engineering, theatre, art, and design through hands-on design and building experiences together with engineering analysis of da Vinci's structures and inventions. Through this practice, we will discover and appreciate the inherent connection between the engineer and the artist. Together we will explore Leonardo's inspirational intellectual curiosity, his humanity, and his remarkable technical knowledge.

**Prerequisites:** MATH 021 or MATH 051

**Can be taken Concurrently:** MATH 021, MATH 051

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU, Q, W

**THTR 172 (DES 172) Textile Design II 4 Credits**

Building on skills and concepts developed in Textile Design I, students will develop their own voice in textile, apparel and accessory design.

**Prerequisites:** DES 072 or THTR 072

**Attribute/Distribution:** HU

**THTR 175 Special Projects 1-4 Credits**

Theatrical topics of current or special interest.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HU

**THTR 177 (JST 177, REL 177) Jews and the Broadway Musical 4 Credits**

The history of American musical theater is deeply interwoven with the history of American Jews. This course examines how Jews have taken part in musical theater on multiple levels-as composers, lyricists, producers, and performers, among other roles. It also examines how Jews are depicted in Broadway musicals, with particular attention to gender and ethnicity.

**Attribute/Distribution:** HE, HU, W

**THTR 182 (ART 182, DES 182) Immersive Design: 3D World Building and Digital Interaction 4 Credits**

This course explores immersive media design through creating interactive 3D environments that integrate art, technology, and storytelling. Students engage with contexts like Game Design, Virtual Reality, and Music Videos, focusing on user experience and 3D interfaces. Utilizing platforms like Unity/Unreal, students experiment with Cinema 4D, Blender, creative coding, Meta Quests for VR, and 3D scanning. Projects draw inspiration from interdisciplinary sources, including game design workflows, theatrical worldbuilding, site-specific art, critical cartography, Land Art, and contemporary design practices.

**Prerequisites:** CSE 004 or CSE 007 or CSE 012

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HU, Q

**THTR 185 Production Seminar 1-4 Credits**

Practicum in various approaches to theatre production, e.g. performance ensemble. Must audition, or consent of the chairperson required.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HU

**THTR 186 (DES 186) Lighting Design 4 Credits**

An introduction to the art and practice of lighting design for the theatre. Script analysis, research, and the interplay of lighting technology and design. Students will develop a sense of the dramatic while creating a portfolio of lighting designs.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HU

**THTR 187 (ART 187) Media and Projection Design for Performance 4 Credits**

This course explores the intersection of art, technology, storytelling, and theater through media and projection design. Students engage with the dynamic fusion of visual media and live performance to create impactful theatrical experiences. Combining theory and hands-on practice, the class covers how media elements shape narratives, evoke emotions, and transform stages. Topics include video, interactive media, live-camera systems, animation, and media system engineering. Students gain practical skills to push creative boundaries, blending digital media seamlessly with performance to craft captivating.

**Prerequisites:** THTR 087

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU, Q

**THTR 188 (DES 188) Scenic Design 4 Credits**

An introduction to the art and practice of scenic design for the theatre. Script analysis, research, drafting and modeling techniques. Students will develop a sense of the dramatic while creating a portfolio of scenic designs.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HU

**THTR 189 (DES 189) Costume Design 4 Credits**

An introduction to the art and practice of costume design for the theatre. Script analysis, research, and rendering techniques. Students will develop a sense of the dramatic while creating a portfolio of costume designs.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HU

**THTR 191 Special Topics 1-4 Credits**

Intensive study of a topic of special interest not covered in other courses.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HE, HU, Q, W

**THTR 236 Acting Presentational Styles 4 Credits**

Elements of characterization and scene study in presentational dramatic literature from classical through post-modern periods. Must have completed 100-level acting course.

**Prerequisites:** THTR 147 or THTR 148

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HU

**THTR 244 Acting Shakespeare 4 Credits**

Monologue scene study and ensemble work from Shakespeare's dramatic and poetic canon.

**Prerequisites:** THTR 147 or THTR 148

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HU

**THTR 245 Advanced Directing 4 Credits**

Continuation of Theatre 144. The director's voice. Supervised practical experience.

**Prerequisites:** (THTR 144)

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HU

**THTR 253 Scene Painting II 4 Credits**

Applied advanced scene painting methods for the theatre. Shop management for the scenic artist. Collaboration with designers and stage technology.

**Prerequisites:** THTR 154

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, HU

**THTR 260 Design and Technical Practicum 1-4 Credits**

Scenic, costume, lighting or sound design or technical production projects for the theatre. Realized design or technical theatre production assignment and portfolio-building. Collaboration, process and presentation. Consent of department required.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** HU

**THTR 272 (DES 272) Advanced Textile Design Workshop 4 Credits**

Building on skills and concepts developed in Digital Textile Design II, students work towards a maturing studio practice within an atmosphere of rigorous critique. Further exploration in the conceptual research and material tools of surface design in textiles developed in DES 072 and 172, with experimentation in broader media is encouraged. An expansion of knowledge of textiles and apparel in the 21st Century will inform the development of a design practice and portfolio. Prerequisite: DES 172 / THTR 172.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Prerequisites:** DES 172 or THTR 172

**Attribute/Distribution:** HU

**THTR 275 Internship 1-4 Credits**

Professionally supervised work in theatres and theatrical organizations in the areas of performance, design, technical theatre, theatre administration and management. Consent of department chair required.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** ND

**THTR 291 Special Topics 1-4 Credits**

Intensive study of a topic of special interest not covered in other courses.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HE, HU, Q, W

**THTR 300 Apprentice Teaching 1-4 Credits**

Supervised participation in various aspects of the teaching of a course. Consent of instructor, department chairperson, and permission of the Dean required.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**THTR 315 Senior Study 0 Credits**

Seminar for senior theatre majors. Enhancement of current theatre studies while preparing for further theatre studies or activity.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** W

**THTR 328 (ENGL 328) Topics in Shakespeare 3-4 Credits**

This class explores why Shakespeare's plays and poems still resonate today. We will focus in particular on how Shakespeare's plays have been used to explore questions of gender, race and social class. We'll read some of the "greatest hits" as well as a few lesser-known works, focusing first on how these texts were understood in the time they were written and then on why and how they inform our perspective today.

**Attribute/Distribution:** CC, HE, HU, W

**THTR 351 Advanced Special Projects 1-8 Credits**

Independent study in theatre. Consent of department chair required.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** HU, W

**THTR 389 Honors Project 1-8 Credits**

Opportunity for undergraduate majors in Theater to pursue a project for departmental honors. Department permission required.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** W

**THTR 391 Special Topics 1-4 Credits**

Intensive study of a topic of special interest not covered in other courses.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** AL, CC, HE, HU, Q, W