THEATRE (THE)

Courses

THE 001. Introduction to Theatre. 3 Credits.
Overview of general theatre practices and theories, emphasizing history, script analysis, character development, and communicative skills directed toward a modern audience.

THE 010. Acting I: Intro to Acting. 3 Credits.
Exercises to increase self-awareness and heighten perceptions of human behavior. Basics of script analysis and development of vocal and physical skills through practice and performance.

THE 013. Improvisation Workshop. 3 Credits.
Instruction on methods and theories of improvisation as a means of developing character and authenticity for the stage as well as for social and professional contexts that require creative problem solving and collaboration.

THE 017. Audience and the Critical Eye. 3 Credits.
Study of the many facets of live performance. Application of critical theory and social frameworks to determine relevance and meaning in our historical moment. Investigation into how production translated from page to live performance and the complexities of artistic choices.

THE 020. Fundamentals of Lighting. 4 Credits.
Primary course in the area of stage lighting design and execution. Includes Lab.

THE 030. Fundamentals of Scenery. 4 Credits.
A hands-on introduction to the theory and practical application of the scenic elements involved in play production (drawing, building, and painting techniques). Includes Lab.

THE 040. Fundamentals of Costuming. 0 or 4 Credits.
Primary course in area of costume design and construction. Includes Lab. Fall.

THE 041. History of Costume. 3 Credits.
Overview of period costume and its adaptation for the stage. Cross-listed with: GSWS 035. Alternating Falls with THE 042.

THE 042. Fund Theatrical Make-up. 3 Credits.
Focus on the development of drawing, painting, and sculpture skills as they relate to the creation of a dramatic character for the stage. Alternating Falls w/ THE 041.

THE 050. Dramatic Analysis. 3 Credits.
Examination of structural characteristics of the basic forms and styles of drama and the manner in which they affect theatrical representation. Fall. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing and Instructor permission.

THE 075. D1: Diversity:Cont US Theatre. 3 Credits.
An exploration of plays and playwrights in contemporary theatre focusing on themes pertaining to race, sexuality, gender, and the physically challenged. Prerequisite: Minimum Sophomore standing. Cross-listed with: CRES 075.

THE 076. D1:Contemp US Latina/o Theatre. 3 Credits.
Analysis of contemporary Latina/Latino-American plays and playwrights. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing.

THE 077. D2: Intro Asian Theatre & Dance. 3 Credits.
Survey of traditional dance/theatre forms in Asia, including performance traditions from China, Korea, Japan, India, Indonesia and other locations, focusing on the religious, historical, and cultural backgrounds and their influences on contemporary performance. Cross-listed with: DNCE 006.

THE 091. Internship. 1-3 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

THE 095. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles. Fall. Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

THE 096. Introductory Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific topics.

THE 110. Acting II:Cntmp Scene Study. 3 Credits.
Continuation of Acting I. Development of acting techniques through intensive scene work: refining script analysis and performance skills using contemporary scenes. Prerequisites: THE 010; Sophomore standing.

THE 111. Acting III:Voice & Speech. 3 Credits.
Study of the basics of voice production and Standard American Speech; exercises and practice focusing on freeing the voice and developing good vocal habits. Spring. Prerequisite: THE 010 and Instructor permission.

THE 112. Acting IV: Movement. 3 Credits.
Development of physical freedom and articulate physical expression through techniques promoting relaxation, flexibility, strength, creative spontaneity, and purposeful movement. Techniques applied to short movement performances. Fall. Prerequisite: THE 010 and Instructor permission.

THE 119. Performing Musical Theatre. 3 Credits.
Provides students with a sound foundation in the craft of musical theatre performance. Instruction guides students to connect vocally, emotionally, and physically to musical materials that reflect various historical periods and styles of musical theatre. Prerequisite: THE 010.

THE 120. Lighting Design. 3 Credits.
Explores, through classroom instruction and projects, the development of lighting designs for a variety of live performance situations. Prerequisite: THE 020. Fall only.

THE 130. Scene Design. 3 Credits.
A practical application of the elements, principles, and styles of theatrical stage design through research, sketching, and rendering techniques. Prerequisite: THE 030. Spring only.
THE 131. Scene Painting Concepts & Appl. 3 Credits.
Lab course to study practical application of painting techniques used in theatre, trompe l’oeil. Develops skills introduced in THE 030. Alternating Falls with THE 230. Prerequisite: THE 030 or Instructor permission.

THE 140. Costume Design. 3 Credits.
Elements, principles, and styles of design applied to the visual creation of a dramatic character. Prerequisites: THE 040, with THE 041 highly recommended. Spring only.

THE 141. Adv Costume: Draping & Flat Patt. 3 Credits.
Explores the methods of creating period shapes. Students develop a sloper, fit it to a human body, create a researched and completed period costume. Prerequisite: THE 040. Alternating Springs w/ THE 142, THE 143, & THE 144.

THE 142. Adv Cost Const: Per Undrgrmts. 3 Credits.
Focuses on techniques for creating artificial understructures that support period silhouettes. Corsets, hoop skirts, petticoats, etc., are researched, fit on the human body, and constructed. Prerequisite: THE 040. Alternating Springs w/ THE 141, THE 143, THE 144.

THE 143. Adv Costume Constr: Millinery. 3 Credits.
Explores methods of hat construction, including work in various media. Methods of shaping, covering, and trimming are researched, leading to the completion of hats. Prerequisite: THE 040. Alternating Springs with THE 141, THE 142, THE 144.

THE 144. Adv Costume Constr: Tailoring. 3 Credits.
Explores traditional methods of tailoring as well as practical adaptations for the stage. Research, discussion, and demonstration lead to completion of a period suit. Prerequisite: THE 040. Alternating Springs with THE 141, THE 142, THE 143.

THE 150. Hist 1: Class/Med/Ren Thtr. 3 Credits.

THE 160. Stage Management. 3 Credits.

THE 170. Playwriting and Dramatic Forms. 3 Credits.
Studies student models of dramatic structure and contemporary concepts of writing for the stage and apply principles to the creation of original works. Prerequisite: THE 050 or ENGS 053.

THE 180. Eurotheatre. 1-6 Credits.
Spring research and preparation for 2-week intensive study of theatre in Europe. Trip: May/June culminating in submission of journal and research paper. Prerequisite: Interview with the professor required. Alternating Spring.

THE 190. Theatre Practicum. 0.5-3 Credits.
Students are required to earn credit through production activities. Project proposals must be approved by department faculty. Students may not complete more than 2 credits in any one area of production (acting, production crew, front of house, marketing, and design). Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

THE 191. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

THE 192. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

THE 195. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles. Fall. Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

THE 196. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles. Spring. Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

THE 197. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisite: Instructor Permission.

THE 198. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisite: Instructor Permission.

THE 200. Professional Preparation. 1-3 Credits.
Topics include preparing for auditions, portfolio reviews, interviews, and research papers for entrance into graduate schools or professional theatre venues. Prerequisite: Junior/Senior standing and by Instructor permission only.

THE 210. Acting V: Shakespeare Scene Stdy. 3 Credits.
Refining and developing script analysis and performance skills using Shakespeare, ancient Greek, Moliere, or other stylized texts. Prerequisites: THE 010 and THE 110 or Instructor permission. Fall.

THE 212. Mask: Transformational Acting. 3 Credits.
Mask is used to provoke actor’s imagination through improvisation, physical gesture, creation of original works, and storytelling. Prerequisites: THE 010, THE 110, or Instructor permission.

THE 230. Advanced Scene Design. 3 Credits.
An in-depth study of the realization process for a stage design. A combination of script analysis, sketching, model making, rendering, and paint elevations, all as forms of communication. Prerequisite: THE 030. Alternating Falls with THE 131.
THE 250. Directing I. 3 Credits.

THE 251. Directing II. 3 Credits.
Development of skills and aesthetic values through the direction of a complete one act play. Not offered as performance opportunity. Enrolled students may not act in their own projects. Prerequisites: THE 250; Instructor permission; Senior standing. Spring.

THE 252. History II: 17th - 21st Century. 3 Credits.
A study of historical context, theatrical conventions, and dramas representative of the restoration, sentimental neo classicism, romanticism, realism, and anti-realism to the contemporary. Prerequisite: THE 150.

THE 255. Playing with Femininity. 3 Credits.
Finding new femininities. Investigating how contemporary American artists use femininity to question and invert cultures and explore new femininities challenging gender, race and sexual preferences. Prerequisites: THE 150 or Instructor permission.

THE 283. Seminar - Design. 3 Credits.
Senior Theatre projects for students in areas of design. Prerequisites: Senior standing; THE 010, THE 020, THE 030, THE 040, THE 050, THE 150, THE 252; and THE 120, THE 130, or THE 140; and by Instructor permission only.

THE 284. Seminar: Act, Dir, SM, Write. 3 Credits.

THE 291. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

THE 292. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

THE 295. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles. Pre/co-requisite: Instructor permission only.

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