

Program Overview

A Master of Arts (M.A.) degree with a major in Theatre offers specializations in history-criticism and dramaturgy. The M.A. will prepare students to teach at the secondary or community college level, to continue graduate education at the doctoral level, or to seek a career in community or professional theatre.

Application Requirements

The items listed below are required for admission consideration for applicable semesters of entry during the current academic year. Submission instructions, additional details, and changes to admission requirements for semesters other than the current academic year can be found on The Graduate College's website (<http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu>). International students should review the International Admission Documents page (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/admission-documents/international/>) for additional requirements.

- completed online application
- \$55 nonrefundable application fee
- or
- \$90 nonrefundable application fee for applications with international credentials
- baccalaureate degree (preferably a B.A. or B.F.A. in theatre) from a regionally accredited university (Non-U.S. degrees must be equivalent to a four-year U.S. Bachelor's degree. In most cases, three-year degrees are not considered. Visit our International FAQs (<https://www.gradcollege.txst.edu/international/faqs.html>) for more information.)
- official transcripts from **each institution** where course credit was granted
- a 2.75 overall GPA or a 2.75 GPA in the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work (plus any completed graduate courses)
- minimum 24 undergraduate hours in theatre
- official GRE (general test only) with competitive scores in the verbal reasoning and quantitative reasoning sections
- resume/CV
- statement of purpose indicating the student's proposed area of specialty and detailing past practical experience
- two letters of recommendation
- non-academic practical theatre experience

Approved English Proficiency Exam Scores

Applicants are required to submit an approved English proficiency exam score that meets the minimum program requirements below unless they have earned a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or the equivalent from a country on our exempt countries list (<http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/international/language.html#waiver>).

- official TOEFL iBT scores required with a 78 overall
- official PTE scores required with a 52
- official IELTS (academic) scores required with a 6.5 overall and minimum individual module scores of 6.0

- official Duolingo Scores required with a 110 overall
- official TOEFL Essentials scores required with an 8.5 overall

This program does **not** offer admission if the scores above are not met.

Degree Requirements

The Master of Arts (M.A.) degree with a major in Theatre concentration in history and criticism requires 30 semester credit hours, including a thesis. Students who do not have the appropriate background course work may be required to complete leveling courses.

Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
TH 5301	Drama Research	3
TH 5367	Studies in Dramatic Theory and Criticism	3
Concentration		
TH 5365	Backgrounds of Modern Drama	3
TH 5369	Contemporary World Theatre and Drama	3
TH 5371	Classical and Renaissance Drama	3
TH 5372	Theory and Practice of Dramaturgy	3
Thesis		
TH 5399A	Thesis	3
Choose a minimum of 3 hours from the following:		3
TH 5199B	Thesis	
TH 5299B	Thesis	
TH 5399B	Thesis	
TH 5599B	Thesis	
TH 5999B	Thesis	
Minor		
Choose a 6-hour advisor-approved minor		6
Total Hours		30

Comprehensive Examination Requirements

All candidates for graduate degrees must pass one or more comprehensive examinations.

If a student elects to follow the thesis option for the degree, a committee to direct the written thesis will be established. The thesis must demonstrate the student's capability for research and independent thought. Preparation of the thesis must be in conformity with the *Graduate College Guide to Preparing and Submitting a Thesis or Dissertation*.

Thesis Proposal (http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/docs/Thesis_Diss_Guide.pdf)

The student must submit an official Thesis Proposal Form (<http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/forms.html>) and proposal to his or her thesis committee. Thesis proposals vary by department and discipline. Please see your department for proposal guidelines and requirements. After signing the form and obtaining committee members' signatures, the graduate advisor's signature if required by the program and the department chair's signature, the student must submit the Thesis

Proposal Form with one copy of the proposal attached to the dean of The Graduate College for approval before proceeding with research on the thesis. If the thesis research involves human subjects, the student must obtain exemption or approval from the Texas State Institutional Review Board prior to submitting the proposal form to The Graduate College. The IRB approval letter should be included with the proposal form. If the thesis research involves vertebrate animals, the proposal form must include the Texas State IACUC approval code. It is recommended that the thesis proposal form be submitted to the dean of The Graduate College by the end of the student's enrollment in 5399A. Failure to submit the thesis proposal in a timely fashion may result in delayed graduation.

Thesis Committee

The thesis committee must be composed of a minimum of three approved graduate faculty members.

Thesis Enrollment and Credit

The completion of a minimum of six hours of thesis enrollment is required. For a student's initial thesis course enrollment, the student will need to register for thesis course number 5399A. After that, the student will enroll in thesis B courses, in each subsequent semester until the thesis is defended with the department and approved by The Graduate College. Preliminary discussions regarding the selection of a topic and assignment to a research supervisor will not require enrollment for the thesis course.

Students must be enrolled in thesis credits if they are receiving supervision and/or are using university resources related to their thesis work. The number of thesis credit hours students enroll in must reflect the amount of work being done on the thesis that semester. It is the responsibility of the committee chair to ensure that students are making adequate progress toward their degree throughout the thesis process. Failure to register for the thesis course during a term in which supervision is received may result in postponement of graduation. After initial enrollment in 5399A, the student will continue to enroll in a thesis B course as long as it takes to complete the thesis. Thesis projects are by definition original and individualized projects. As such, depending on the topic, methodology, and other factors, some projects may take longer than others to complete. If the thesis requires work beyond the minimum number of thesis credits needed for the degree, the student may enroll in additional thesis credits at the committee chair's discretion. In the rare case when a student has not previously enrolled in thesis and plans to work on and complete the thesis in one term, the student will enroll in both 5399A and 5399B.

The only grades assigned for thesis courses are PR (progress), CR (credit), W (withdrew), and F (failing). If acceptable progress is not being made in a thesis course, the instructor may issue a grade of F. If the student is making acceptable progress, a grade of PR is assigned until the thesis is completed. The minimum number of hours of thesis credit ("CR") will be awarded only after the thesis has been both approved by The Graduate College and released to Alkek Library.

A student who has selected the thesis option must be registered for the thesis course during the term or Summer I (during the summer, the thesis course runs ten weeks for both sessions) in which the degree will be conferred.

Thesis Deadlines and Approval Process

Thesis deadlines are posted on The Graduate College (<http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/>) website under "Current Students." The

completed thesis must be submitted to the chair of the thesis committee on or before the deadlines listed on The Graduate College website.

The following must be submitted to The Graduate College by the thesis deadline listed on The Graduate College website:

1. The Thesis Submission Approval Form bearing original (wet) and/or electronic signatures of the student and all committee members.
2. One (1) PDF of the thesis in final form, approved by all committee members, uploaded in the online Vireo submission system.

After the dean of The Graduate College approves the thesis, Alkek Library will harvest the document from the Vireo submission system for publishing in the Digital Collections database (according to the student's embargo selection). **NOTE: MFA Creative Writing theses will have a permanent embargo and will never be published to Digital Collections.**

While original (wet) signatures are preferred, there may be situations as determined by the chair of the committee in which obtaining original signatures is inefficient or has the potential to delay the student's progress. In those situations, the following methods of signing are acceptable:

- signing and faxing the form
- signing, scanning, and emailing the form
- notifying the department in an email from their university's or institution's email account that the committee chair can sign the form on their behalf
- electronically signing the form using the university's licensed signature platform.

If this process results in more than one document with signatures, all documents need to be submitted to The Graduate College together.

No copies are required to be submitted to Alkek Library. However, the library will bind copies submitted that the student wants bound for personal use. Personal copies are not required to be printed on archival quality paper. The student will take the personal copies to Alkek Library and pay the binding fee for personal copies.

Master's level courses in Theatre: TH

Courses Offered

Theatre (TH)

TH 5190. Design Practicum 1.

This course provides practical experience in creative collaboration for design and production of live entertainment events.

1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

TH 5199B. Thesis.

This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.

1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

TH 5290. Design Practicum 2.

This course provides practical experience in creative collaboration for design and production of live entertainment events.

2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

TH 5299B. Thesis.

This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.

2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

TH 5301. Drama Research.

An examination of problems and research techniques in drama. Historical, critical, descriptive, and experimental research approaches will be surveyed and basic procedures in research report writing will be considered.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5302. Text Analysis, Research and Interpretation.

This course reviews various methods of analysis of a dramatic text. This includes inductive, deductive, structural, and methodical approaches. It also examines techniques for production research and explores issues of interpretation that affect the development of a play's translation into a production on stage.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5303. Devising Theatre.

This interdisciplinary course will focus on the creation of original work that incorporates a strong visual component. Individual artistic development is addressed along with the particular challenges of devising theatrical work through non-traditional methods.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5304. Web Series Creation.

This course focuses on the techniques of creating a web series, script writing and development. It explores the fundamentals of film production and web publication, including marketing and identifying a target audience.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5305. Web Series Creation II.

This course is a continuation of the Web Series course and specifically focuses on production of a web series. Students will write, direct, and produce their own web series for publication on the internet. Prerequisite: TH 5304 with a grade of "C" or better.

3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 3 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5306. Fundamentals of Environment for the Stage.

This course is a practical exploration of the processes and techniques for the development of the stage environment by scenic and lighting designers within the context of live production. Theoretical projects provide focus on establishing a common vernacular and emphasize analysis, research, and problem-solving. In-class studio sessions develop efficient presentation techniques and effective graphic skills.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5307. Fundamentals of Character for the Stage.

This course is a practical exploration of the processes and techniques for character development from the perspective of a director and costume designer within the context of live production. Theoretical projects provide focus on the development of a common vernacular and emphasize problem-solving skills. In-class studio sessions will develop analysis, research, clear and efficient presentation skills, as well as graphic skill development.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5308. Musical Theatre Choreography.

This course examines the role of choreography in musical theatre and explores the choreographic process. Students study the history and theoretical principles of musical theatre choreography as well as obtain the practical skills needed to create staging and choreography for a musical theatre production.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5310. Graduate Assistant Development.

This course is required as a condition of employment for graduate teaching and instructional assistants. This course covers topics related to employment responsibilities. This course does not earn graduate degree credit.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Graduate Assistantship|Exclude from Graduate GPA

Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships

TH 5312. Collaborative Theory.

This course examines the nature of collaboration within the context of the live entertainment production processes. Particular attention is focused on understanding psychological/sociological viewpoints in effective collaborative work environments.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5313. History of Directing and Scenography.

This course is a historical survey of the work of directors and designers. Particular emphasis will be on seminal production plans for notable directors and designers of the 20th and 21st centuries.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5314. History of Material Culture - Pre 20th Century.

This course is an historical survey of material culture and its influence on theatrical production pre-twentieth century. Attention is placed on research of the architecture, interiors, fashion, theatre literature, and technical innovations of seminal periods from Greco-Roman through 19th century.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5315. History of Material Culture - 20th and 21st Centuries.

This course is a historical survey of material culture and its influence on theatrical production in the twentieth- and twenty-first centuries. Along with anthropological research, attention is placed on the influences that shaped seminal practitioners of theatrical production.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5316. Artist Brand Development & Management.

This course focuses on the creation of a professional brand and marketing toolkit for practitioners in the live entertainment industry. Basic principles of business practices including accounting, tax law, networking, and unions are also explored.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5323. Shakespeare Through Performance.

This intensive summer study abroad program immerses students in the language and culture of Shakespeare's plays. Incorporating a performance-based approach to the study of Shakespeare, this course includes theatrical workshops taught by professionals at leading international theatres, including the Royal Shakespeare Company.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5324. Shakespeare: Text and Context.

This intensive study abroad program immerses students in the language and culture of Shakespeare's plays. In Stratford, academic workshops are led by scholars from the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust. Through immersion in the cultural environment in which the plays were produced, students gain insight into the context that shaped Shakespeare's theatre.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5330. Stage Management.

An in-depth seminar in stage management, including organization, techniques, and practices for managing stage productions from initial planning through performance.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5331. Television Writing.

This course focuses on the techniques of writing for television, including both half-hour situational comedies and hour-long dramas. Students will pitch story ideas, develop beat sheets, write treatments, and complete written scripts. Prerequisite: TH 5354 with a grade of "C" or better.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5332. Stage Properties.

This course trains students in the craft, artistry and management of stage properties for careers in theatre, film and the entertainment industry.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5333. Advanced Television Writing.

This course focuses on the techniques of creating a television series, including script writing and development, film production, and post-production editing. Students will spin off a character from a network or cable television series and create a new series based on that character. Graduate students will act as co-producers. Prerequisite: TH 5331 with a grade of "C" or better.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5334. Figure Drawing for Costume Design.

In this course students will practice drawing the human figure using traditional media, techniques and applications. Intended for the theatre designer, this course places special emphasis on aspects of the relationship between fabric and the human figure.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 1 Lab Contact Hour.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5338. MFA Lighting Studio.

This course concentrates primarily on the aesthetics of stage lighting, and covers such topics as viewers' psychological and physiological responses as they pertain to visual perception; color; script analysis; use of light in creating both static and dynamic visual compositions; development and graphic representation of a theatrical lighting design; and creation of materials necessary to communicate design intentions.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5339. Previsualization.

In this course, students explore software and strategies for discovering and communicating lighting sequences prior to technical rehearsals.

The course assumes proficiency in Vectorworks, Lightwright, and conventional console programming.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5340. Professional Internship.

This course provides professional hands-on experience in the theatre or film industry. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.

3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 20 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Lab Required

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5341. Dramatization and Adaptation.

This course focuses on the development of new theatrical scripts based on existing stories and source material. Students will explore a variety of potential source materials, pitch adaptation ideas, and complete a written script. Prerequisite: TH 5354 with a grade of "C" or better.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5342. MFA Studio I.

This course is designed to expand and refine advanced technical competencies, creativity, and methods of working in the student's area of emphasis.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5343. MFA Studio II.

This course is designed to expand and refine advanced technical competencies, creativity, and methods of working in the student's area of emphasis.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5345. MFA Costume Studio.

MFA Costume Studio is a course that explores character design for live entertainment, as well as, topics that pertain to the work of a Costume Designer. Through guided practice, students will master the design process while working from both traditional and non-traditional sources.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5346. Historical Costume Research.

This course is a study of clothing, accessories, and customs of selected theatrical periods as an approach to costuming period plays.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5347. Advanced Costume Construction.

Advanced studies in the construction of costumes for the stage, techniques in sewing, pattern drafting/design as well as accessories/crafts construction.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5348. Graphic Representation.

Students will study and practice drawing and painting techniques, as well as rendering with other media, including markers.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 3 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5350. Second Year Project.

Students in the second year of the MFA in Theatre will direct, design, or write for a departmental production. The course includes a written report of the project that demonstrates an understanding of the creative process of the chosen discipline. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.

3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 3 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5352. MFA Studio III.

This course is designed to expand and refine advanced technical competencies, creativity, and methods of working in the student's area of emphasis.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5353. MFA Studio IV.

This course is designed to expand and refine advanced technical competencies, creativity, and methods of working in the student's area of emphasis.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5354. Playwriting.

A seminar in the art and craft of playwriting, from initial idea through a completed draft of a play. May be repeated with different emphasis for additional credit.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5355. Scene Painting.

Theory and practice of scene and costume painting as developed in the Italian Renaissance and continuing into new media available today. May be repeated with different emphasis for additional credit.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5356. Theatrical Drafting: Vectorworks.

This course is a study of computer techniques and procedures used in the preparation of design and technical drawings for theatrical scenery and lighting.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5357. MFA Scenic Studio.

MFA Scenic Studio is a seminar course based on design, emphasizing presentation and justification of executed renderings or models for selected plays. Emphasis is on styles of staging, settings, lighting and properties, and their relationship to the complete production. May be repeated with different emphasis for additional credit.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5358. Screenwriting.

This course offers a comprehensive study of the art and craft of writing screenplays. During a semester of intensive writing, readings, script analyses, and critiques, writers complete assignments in storytelling, character, structure, and script development. Each writer completes a full-length screenplay as the capstone project for the semester.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5359. Advanced Screenwriting.

This course focuses on the development and revision of full-length screenplays. May be repeated for credit with different emphasis.

Prerequisite: TH 5358 with a grade of "C" or better.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5360. Problems in Theatre.

Designed to give supervised experience to qualified advanced students in theatre history, playwriting, directing, acting, technical, or other theatre problems. Research problems or actual production problems may be chosen. May be repeated with different emphasis for additional credit.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5361. Oregon Shakespeare Festival Intensive.

This course examines theatre production with a specific focus on directors and directing at this country's largest Shakespeare theatre, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Students will study issues of translating the current seasons' nine plays from script to stage, as well as analyzing the perspectives and choices of each director's production.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5362. Vectorworks II.

This course is an advanced study of computer techniques and procedures using Vectorworks in the preparation of technical drawings and digital previsualization for theatrical scenic and lighting design. Prerequisite: TH 5356 with a grade of "C" or better or instructor approval.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5363. Directing for Film.

An in-depth examination of directing theories and procedures for film with practical filming and editing exercises. May be repeated with different emphasis for additional credit.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5364. MFA Directing Seminar I.

In this course students develop their skills in analysis, research, staging, and production.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5365. Backgrounds of Modern Drama.

An analysis of those developments in dramatic literature that formed the basis of modern drama. Primary emphasis will be on nineteenth- and twentieth-century European and American drama.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5367. Studies in Dramatic Theory and Criticism.

The study of dramatic theory and criticism from Aristotle to the present.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5369. Contemporary World Theatre and Drama.

Studies of current trends in world theatre and drama.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5371. Classical and Renaissance Drama.

Seminar in Greek, French Neoclassical, and English Renaissance theatre, with intensive examination of selected works by Sophocles, Euripides, Shakespeare, and Marlowe. Primary focus will be on analysis of the plays as performance texts, and on the historical cultural environments in which the plays were created and first performed.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5372. Theory and Practice of Dramaturgy.

Study of the practical application of historical research and textual analysis in the production of period plays and new works. Emphasis upon the dramaturg as an instrument of collaboration between members of the artistic team and as a facilitator of audience outreach.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5373. Advanced Film Directing.

An in-depth examination of narrative filmmaking that includes screenplay analysis, storyboarding, scheduling the shoot, directorial techniques, staging actors, camera placement, filming on location, and editing.

Prerequisite: TH 5363 with a grade of "C" or better.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5375. Advanced Playwriting.

This course focuses on an in-depth study of the techniques of playwriting and the variety of styles that a playwright might employ. The course culminates with the writing of a full-length play. Prerequisite: TH 5354 with a grade of "C" or better.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5378. Play Development Lab.

This course provides a laboratory workshop development process for new plays. It provides a structured environment for rigorously revising student-written works. Prerequisite: TH 5375 with a grade of "C" or better or instructor approval.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5379. Digital Rendering for Theatrical Design.

This course is a study of computer techniques and procedures used in graphic representation for theatrical design. Students will work primarily with Photoshop, with references to other programs such as Illustrator, Vectorworks, Sketchup, and Painter as necessary. Students will explore and practice techniques to create scenic renderings, costume renderings, lighting sketches, and paper props as well as techniques for editing production photos, creating collages, and producing publicity materials.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5380. Advanced Scenic Painting.

Students develop scenic art skills, with an increased emphasis on realized practical production work, and a focus on the planning, sampling, and management of theatrical production paint processes. Prerequisite: TH 5355 with a grade of "C" or better or instructor approval.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5381. Automated Lighting.

Automated Lighting will explore and practice methods and approaches for basic uses of multi-attribute lighting technology. We will investigate a variety of moving light and LED technology and control as well as methods of properly documenting and cueing with these complex tools.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5382. MFA Studio V.

This course is designed to expand and refine advanced technical competencies, creativity, and methods of working in the student's area of emphasis. This course now has variable content based on the composition of students.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Lab Required

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5383. MFA Studio VI.

This course is designed to expand and refine advanced technical competencies, creativity, and methods of working in the student's area of emphasis.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5384. Non-Theatrical Design.

This course explores career opportunities in non-theatrical design fields including theatre design, television, corporate events, architectural lighting, and visual management for retail.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5385. Lighting Console Programming.

This course covers the skills and techniques used in modern console programming for a variety of lighting systems used in the entertainment industry. The course includes programming specifics for consoles from a variety of manufacturers. Special focus is placed on execution and presentation of console programming research.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5386. Lighting and Projection Design for Dance.

This course covers the skills and techniques used in lighting and projection design for dance. The students explore innovative choreographers and designers who use both established and emerging technologies in lighting and projection design. Special focus is placed on research presentations.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5387. MFA Directing Seminar II.

In this course students experience choosing, preparing, and directing a theatrical production from analysis to performance. Attention is given to theatre organization and management.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5398. Final Creative Project.

Students write, direct, or design a major university theatre production, demonstrating mastery in their area of emphasis. A written report of the project must be approved by a faculty committee. This requirement for the MFA in Theatre is usually taken in the final year of study.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5399A. Thesis.

This course represents a student's initial thesis enrollment. No thesis credit is awarded until student has completed the thesis in Theatre 5399B.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

TH 5399B. Thesis.

This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

TH 5599B. Thesis.

This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.

5 Credit Hours. 5 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

TH 5640. Professional Internship.

This course provides professional hands-on experience in the theatre or film industry; it is intended for students who do a full-time internship over the summer or during a regular full semester. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.

6 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 40 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Lab Required

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5999B. Thesis.

This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.

9 Credit Hours. 9 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit