

MUSICAL THEATRE BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Program Overview

The musical theatre program provides students with training in preparation for a career in the professional theatre. Students take classes in movement, speaking voice, singing (both musical theatre and classical) dance (jazz, tap, ballet, modern and musical theatre dance), piano, music theory and various acting styles and techniques. Students then hone their craft and apply the techniques they have learned in classroom and studio work, recitals and Main Stage theatre productions.

B.F.A. Degree Requirements

The musical theatre program provides students with a solid theatre education and experience. Students take classes in movement, dance, voice (speaking and singing) and acting styles. Musical theatre students take a series of support courses in music as well as upper-level performance courses.

The B.F.A. degree in musical theatre requires 77 credit hours in theatre arts, 13 hours in music and the Drake Curriculum.

Code	Title	Hours
THEA 003	TECHNIQUE OF ACTING I	3
THEA 004	TECHNIQUE OF ACTING II	3
THEA 005	READINGS IN THEATRE	3
THEA 012	VOICE & MOVEMENT FOR THE ACTOR	3
THEA 015	MOVEMENT II	2
THEA 021	VOICE II	2
THEA 030	STAGECRAFT I (including lab)	4
THEA 031	COSTUMING (including lab)	4
THEA 032	STAGE MAKEUP	3
THEA 055	ACTING III	3
THEA 056	JAZZ ^{1,2}	4
THEA 057	TAP ^{1,2}	4
THEA 058	BALLET ^{1,2}	4
THEA 059	MUSICAL THEATRE DANCE ²	2
THEA 106	MUSICAL THEATRE DANCE STYLES ²	2
THEA 060	MUSICAL THEATRE I	3
THEA 100	ACTING IV	3
THEA 101	MUSICAL THEATRE II	3
THEA 102	AUDITIONING	3
THEA 103	DIRECTING I	3
THEA 116	MUSICAL THEATRE III	3
THEA 120	THEATRE HISTORY TO 1660	3
THEA 121	THEATRE HISTORY SINCE 1660	3
THEA 123	MUSICAL THEATRE HISTORY	3
THEA 124	TECHNICAL THEATRE PRACTICUM	1
THEA 160	STAGE MANAGEMENT	3
THEA 007	MUSICAL THEATRE PIANO LAB I	1
THEA 008	MUSICAL THEATRE PIANO LAB II	1
THEA 010	MUSIC THEORY ESSENTIALS	3
THEA 026	PRIVATE VOICE LESSONS ³	4

THEA 126	PRIVATE VOICE LESSONS ³	4
Total Hours		90

- ¹ Must complete two semesters at 2 credits each.
- ² Dance Proficiency Requirement
- ³ Taken for 1 credit for four semesters.

Note: Students must demonstrate competency in piano equivalent to the completion of THEA 008 MUSICAL THEATRE PIANO LAB II. This may require students to take THEA 007 MUSICAL THEATRE PIANO LAB I as a prerequisite depending on level of experience. Students proficient in piano beyond the level of THEA 008 MUSICAL THEATRE PIANO LAB II are eligible to test out of the requirement entirely. All determinations regarding piano proficiency are at the discretion of the piano instructor.

In addition to programmatic requirements, students are responsible for satisfying all requirements of the Drake Curriculum (<https://catalog.drake.edu/archive/2024-2025/undergraduate/academic-information/drake-curriculum/>), including Areas of Inquiry (AOI)

Student must also satisfy university graduation requirements (<https://catalog.drake.edu/archive/2024-2025/undergraduate/academic-information/graduation-requirements/>) for all undergraduate students..