

THEATRE BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS: DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Program Overview

The Theatre Design and Technology program provides students with a comprehensive theatre education experience. Students take courses in multiple areas of theatrical design including: scenery, lighting, costume and sound. Additionally, students learn and practice the process of design from research to rendering to construction. The program stresses active involvement in all aspects of design and technology work outside the classroom. Design students serve as assistants to faculty designers and are given the opportunity to design and build Main Stage productions.

B.F.A. Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
ART 015	OBSERVATIONAL DRAWING	3
ART 076		
Art and Design Electives ¹		9
Literature courses ²		9
THEA 003	TECHNIQUE OF ACTING I	3
THEA 005	READINGS IN THEATRE	3
THEA 030	STAGECRAFT I (including lab)	4
THEA 031	COSTUMING (including lab)	4
THEA 032	STAGE MAKEUP	3
THEA 033	MECHANICAL DRAFTING (Theatre)	3
THEA 062	STAGECRAFT II	4
THEA 063	INTRODUCTION TO DESIGN FOR THEATRE	3
THEA 103	DIRECTING I	3
THEA 120	THEATRE HISTORY TO 1660	3
THEA 121	THEATRE HISTORY SINCE 1660	3
THEA 124	TECHNICAL THEATRE PRACTICUM ³	1
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THEA 150	SOUND FOR THEATRE	3
THEA 160	STAGE MANAGEMENT	3
THEA 161	SCENE DESIGN	3
THEA 162	STAGE LIGHTING	3
THEA 163	CADD FOR THEATRE	3
THEA 165	PROJECTS IN THEATRE (Design)	1-3
THEA 182	SEMINAR IN ADVANCED DESIGN	3
THEA 183	SCENE PAINTING	3
THEA 184	COSTUME DESIGN	3
Theatre electives		9
Total Hours		97-99

² 9 hours of Literature courses are required (3 of those credits in a Shakespeare course). These courses may also be used to fulfill an Area of Inquiry (A.O.I.).

³ Students must complete a minimum of 4 credits of Technical Theatre Practicum. No more than 6 credits may be applied toward the degree.

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..

¹ A minimum of 9 credits is required for the degree.