Academic Programs and Curriculum Guide

THEATRE
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The study of theatre—as performance, visual expression, text, theory, and history—at Northeastern University balances production theory and practice. In the theatre production laboratory, students (majors and nonmajors) are involved in experiential learning that synthesizes the ideas, theories, and practices studied in the classroom. All theatre majors participate in laboratory and public performances.

A theatre major may petition to enter the concentration in performance, the concentration in production, or the generalist option. Opportunities exist for independent projects, internships, and co-op experiences.

Theatre majors may pursue advanced study in graduate or professional programs, careers as theatre practitioners, or careers in theatre education.

Transferring to the Major
Acceptance into the major is based on the student’s meeting the department’s criteria for admission and on availability of space in the program.

Academic Progression Standards
Students must receive a minimum grade of 2.000 in major courses. The following courses must be taken by the end of the fourth semester (third semester for transfer students):

- THTR 1101 Art of the Theatre 4 SH
- THTR 1120 Acting 1 4 SH
- THTR 1131 Technical Theatre 1 4 SH
- THTR 1270 Theatrical Design 4 SH
- THTR 2300 Theatre History 4 SH
- THTR 4804 Theatre Practicum (repeatable course, to be taken twice) 1 SH

Failure to meet these standards will result in departmental probation. Three consecutive semesters on probation will result in dismissal from the major.

BA in Theatre

NU CORE REQUIREMENTS
See page 26 for requirement list.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA
See page 41 for requirement list.

THEATRE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
A minimum grade of C is required for all theatre courses.

Theatre Background and History
Complete the following two courses:
- THTR 1101 Art of the Theatre 4 SH
- THTR 2300 Theatre History 4 SH

Onstage
Complete the following three courses:
- THTR 1120 Acting 1 4 SH
- THTR 2325 Script Analysis for the Stage 4 SH
- THTR 3550 Concepts of Directing 4 SH

Backstage
Complete the following two courses:
- THTR 1131 Technical Theatre 1 4 SH
- THTR 1270 Theatrical Design 4 SH

Practicum
Complete the following (repeatable) courses three times:
- THTR 4804 Theatre Practicum 1 SH

History/Literature/Criticism
Complete the following three courses:
- THTR 1210 Theatre and Society 4 SH
- THTR 2315 Theatre/Modernism 4 SH
- THTR 3500 Dramatic Theory/Criticism 4 SH

Rehearsal and Performance
Complete the following two courses:
- THTR 4701 Rehearsal and Performance 4 SH
- THTR 4702 Capstone Rehearsal and Performance 4 SH

THEATRE CONCENTRATION
Complete the concentration in performance, the concentration in production, or general electives as indicated below. A minimum grade of C is required for all theatre courses.

Concentration in Performance
Complete the following three courses:
- THTR 1250 Voice and Movement 1 for Theatre 4 SH
- THTR 2342 Acting 2 4 SH
- THTR 2343 Acting 3 4 SH

Concentration in Production
Complete the following course:
- THTR 2365 Technical Theatre 2 4 SH

and two additional courses from the following list:
- THTR 2370 Lighting Design for the Stage 4 SH
- THTR 2380 Costume Design 4 SH
- THTR 2385 Pattern Drafting and Costume Construction 4 SH
- THTR 3460 Scenic Design for the Stage 4 SH
- THTR 3465 Theatrical Drafting 4 SH

Theatre General Electives
Complete three intermediate or advanced theatre courses:
- THTR 2300 to THTR 4699
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
Complete one course in experiential education. Please see department for approved courses.

THEATRE MAJOR CREDIT REQUIREMENT
Complete 63 semester hours in the major.

GENERAL ELECTIVES
Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION
If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS
128 total semester hours required
Minimum 2.000 GPA required

BS in Theatre

NU CORE REQUIREMENTS
See page 26 for requirement list.

THEATRE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
A minimum grade of C is required for all theatre courses.

Theatre Background and History
Complete the following two courses:
THTR 1101 Art of the Theatre 4 SH
THTR 2300 Theatre History 4 SH

Onstage
Complete the following three courses:
THTR 1120 Acting 1 4 SH
THTR 2325 Script Analysis for the Stage 4 SH
THTR 3550 Concepts of Directing 4 SH

Backstage
Complete the following two courses:
THTR 1131 Technical Theatre 1 4 SH
THTR 1270 Theatrical Design 4 SH

Practicum
Complete the following repeatable course three times:
THTR 4804 Theatre Practicum 1 SH

History/Literature/Criticism
Complete the following three courses:
THTR 1210 Theatre and Society 4 SH
THTR 2315 Theatre/Modernism 4 SH
THTR 3500 Dramatic Theory/Criticism 4 SH

Rehearsal and Performance
Complete the following two courses:
THTR 4701 Rehearsal and Performance 4 SH
THTR 4702 Capstone Rehearsal and Performance 4 SH

THEATRE CONCENTRATION
Complete the concentration in performance, the concentration in production, or general electives as indicated below. A minimum grade of C is required for all theatre courses.

Concentration in Performance
Complete the following three courses:
THTR 1250 Voice and Movement 1 for Theatre 4 SH
THTR 2342 Acting 2 4 SH
THTR 2343 Acting 3 4 SH

Concentration in Production
Complete the following course:
THTR 2365 Technical Theatre 2 4 SH
and two additional courses from the following list:
THTR 2370 Lighting Design for the Stage 4 SH
THTR 2380 Costume Design 4 SH
THTR 2385 Pattern Drafting and Costume Construction 4 SH
THTR 3460 Scenic Design for the Stage 4 SH
THTR 3465 Theatrical Drafting 4 SH

Theatre General Electives
Complete three intermediate or advanced theatre courses:
THTR 2300 to THTR 4699

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
Complete one course in experiential education. Please see department for approved courses.

THEATRE MAJOR CREDIT REQUIREMENT
Complete 63 semester hours in the major.

UPPER-DIVISION ELECTIVES
Complete three general electives at 3000-level or above.

GENERAL ELECTIVES
Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION
If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS
128 total semester hours required
Minimum 2.000 GPA required

BS in American Sign Language and Theatre
See page 59.

BA in Cinema Studies and Theatre
See page 100.

BS in Cinema Studies and Theatre
See page 101.
Minor in Theatre

*Note:* No student may receive a theatre minor as a result of external transfer credit only.

**REQUIRED COURSES**
Complete the following five courses:
- THTR 1101 Art of the Theatre 4 SH
- THTR 1130 Actors and Acting 4 SH
- THTR 1131 Technical Theatre 1 4 SH
- THTR 1210 Theatre and Society 4 SH
- THTR 4701 Rehearsal and Performance 4 SH

**ELECTIVE COURSES**
Complete two of the following courses:
- THTR 1270 Theatrical Design 4 SH
- THTR 2300 Theatre History 4 SH
- THTR 2325 Script Analysis for the Stage 4 SH
- THTR 2344 Intermediate Acting 4 SH

**THEATRE PRACTICUM**
Complete the following course:
- THTR 4804 Theatre Practicum 1 SH

**GPA REQUIREMENT**
2.000 GPA required in the minor

Minor in Musical Theatre

*Note:* “TBD” stands for “to be determined.”

**REQUIRED COURSES**
Complete the following three courses:
- THTR 1130 Actors and Acting 4 SH
- THTR 2310 American Musical Theatre 4 SH
- THTR 3570 Musical Theatre Technique 4 SH

**MUSIC THEORY**
Complete one of the following courses:
- MUSC 1119 Fundamentals of Western Music Theory 4 SH
- MUSC 1201 Music Theory 1 4 SH
- TBD Learning to Read Music (pending approval) 4 SH

**MUSIC THEATRE ELECTIVES**
Complete two courses from the following list:
- MUSC 1101 Introduction to Music 4 SH
- MUSC 1107 Introduction to Opera 4 SH
- MUSC 1109 Introduction to Art, Drama, and Music 4 SH
- MUSC 2210 Songwriting 4 SH
- THTR 1101 Art of the Theatre 4 SH
- THTR 1270 Theatrical Design 4 SH
- THTR 2325 Script Analysis for the Stage 4 SH
- THTR 2330 Playwriting 1 4 SH
- THTR 2344 Intermediate Acting 4 SH

**VOICE, COMPOSITION, OR THEATRE**
Complete one of the following courses:
- MUSC 1901 Music Lessons 1 1 SH
- MUSC 1903 Composition Lessons 1 SH
- THTR 4804 Theatre Practicum 1 SH

**GPA REQUIREMENT**
2.000 GPA required in the minor