

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts

About This Program

The Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts provides a broad range of courses in theatre theory and practice, including acting, directing, technical theatre, dramatic literature, theatre history, and performance which offers breadth of experience and depth of inquiry. The BA is designed for students focused on the creation of new works: playwrights, directors, dramaturgs, and scholars.

Competencies

1. Upon completion, graduates will be prepared to write, direct, devise, perform and produce original plays and devised works.
2. Upon completion, graduates will be prepared to take positions in theatre organizations and schools as theatre artists and arts administrators.
3. Upon completion, graduates will be prepared to apply for MFA graduate programs in directing, playwriting, dramaturgy, and arts administration as well as MA/PhD programs in Theatre and/or Performance Studies.

Admissions Criteria

In addition to the general requirements for admission to the University, the aspiring undergraduate must meet the following requirement for admission to the Bachelor of Arts degree program:

- Participation in advisement.

To be fully accepted in the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Theatre Arts degree program, all students must complete at least one semester as a "Theatre Arts Intended" student and earn a 2.0 cumulative grade point average in all courses including theatre courses taken at UT Arlington. Once these standards are met, the student may be declared as a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts major.

Curriculum

Foundations

General Core Requirements (<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degree requirements/generalcore requirements/>) 42

For Communication select:

ENGL 1301 & ENGL 1302	RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION I and RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION II
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Theatre Arts BA Foundations

Select a 1441, 1442 sequence in any modern or classical language. 8

Specialization

Lower-Division

THEA 0181	THEATRE PRACTICUM ¹	6
THEA 1101	THEATRE ARTS SYMPOSIUM	1
THEA 1303	FUNDAMENTALS OF PRESENTATION	3
THEA 1305	INTRODUCTION TO THEATRICAL DESIGN	3
THEA 1304	STAGECRAFT I	3
THEA 2306	COSTUME TECHNOLOGY	
THEA 1307	ACTING: FUNDAMENTALS	3
THEA 1343	INTRODUCTION TO THEATRE	3
THEA 2309	SCRIPT ANALYSIS	3

Upper-Division

For THEATRE PRAXIS select 4 course from the following: 12

THEA 3300	DIRECTING I
THEA 3317	SINGING FOR THE ACTOR I
THEA 3320	PLAYWRITING I
THEA 3309	DRAMATURGY
THEA 3321	PERFORMANCE DEVISING
THEA 3360	GENDER AND THE PERFORMING ARTS
THEA 3361	WOMEN IN THEATRE
THEA 4300	DIRECTING II
THEA 4325	PERFORMANCE THEORY

For DESIGN/TECHNOLOGY select 2 courses from the following:

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THEA 3352	STAGE MANAGEMENT & THEATRE ADMINISTRATION
THEA 3305	LIGHTING DESIGN I
THEA 3301	SCENE DESIGN I

For THEATRE HISTORY select 2 courses from the following:

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THEA 4303	CLASSICAL THEATRE HISTORY
THEA 4304	MODERN THEATRE HISTORY
THEA 4303	CLASSICAL THEATRE HISTORY
THEA 4330	U.S. THEATRE HISTORY
THEA 4310	MUSICAL THEATRE HISTORY
THEA 3313	PERIOD STYLES

Electives

Select 6 hours from any 3000 or 4000 level THEA course.

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Select 9 hours - any subject/any level

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Total Hours**120**

- ¹ All Theatre Arts BA majors will enroll in THEA 0181 (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=THEA%200181>) for one hour per semester with six (6) hours of THEA 0181 (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=THEA%200181>) required. Students should see their advisor regarding practicum obligations. Transfer students must discuss THEA 0181 (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=THEA%200181>) requirements with the Theatre Arts academic advisor.

RECOMMENDED PLAN OF STUDY**First Year**

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
THEA 0181		1 THEA 0181	1
THEA 1101		1 THEA 1304	3
THEA 1307		3 THEA 1305	3
THEA 1343		3 ENGL 1302	3
ENGL 1301		3 THEA 2309	3
THEA 1303		3 Select Mathematics core course.	3
		14	16

Second Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
THEA 0181		1 THEA 0181	1
THEA 1307		3 HIST 1302	3
HIST 1301		3 THEA 1305	3
Select any approved Mathematics core course.		3 Select any 3000/4000 level Theatre course.	3
Select any modern or classical language course numbered 1441.		4 Select any approved Social & Behavioral Sciences core course.	3
		Select the 1442 course that continues the 1441 language selection.	4
		14	17

Third Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
THEA 0181		1 THEA 0181	1
POLS 2311		3 Select any 3000/4000 level Theatre course.	3
Select any approved Life & Physical Sciences core course.		3 Select any 3000/4000 level Theatre Course.	3
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Select any 3000/4000 level course.		3 POLS 2312	3
Select any 3000/4000 level Theatre course.		3 Select any approved Life & Physical Sciences core course.	3

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Fourth Year			
First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
THEA 3300		3 THEA 4304	3
THEA 4303		3 Select any 3000/4000 level course.	3
Select any two 3000/4000 level Theatre courses.		6 Select any approved Component Option core course.	3
Select any course.		3 Select any 3000/4000 level course.	3
		15	12
Total Hours: 120			

Program Completion

THEATRE PRACTICUM

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All BA students are encouraged to audition for each major production each semester they are enrolled, though they may choose to decline being considered for a role at the time of the audition. Production activities and Theatre Arts disciplinary rules are governed by a student handbook that is available to the student through the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance.

GPA

A minimum **2.0 overall** grade point average is required for all courses, including theatre courses, taken at UT Arlington in order to remain in the BA degree program. Students currently enrolled at UT Arlington who wish to declare Theatre Arts as a major must have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in overall coursework taken at UT Arlington in order to be admitted.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

A student will be placed on departmental academic probation in the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance if her/his grade point average drops below the minimum university GPA requirements. The department follows university guidelines regarding Academic Probation, Academic Warning, Academic Continuance, and Academic Dismissal. Theatre Arts and Dance students will work with their Area Head and advisor while on academic probation to create a specific improvement plan. However, if after a regular semester the student's grade point average does not meet the minimum required grade point average, the student may, at the discretion of the program area head and department chair, be removed from the degree program and will be advised as to other degree plan alternatives, should they exist.

DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Department of Theatre Arts and Dance offers limited talent-based scholarships to deserving students. Work-study positions may be available. Contact the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance for information

Advising Resources

Our advisor is here to help you at all stages of your academic journey. Scheduling an appointment can help current students update their degree plan, assess their academic standing, and plan their educational and career goals. Students should ensure prior to their appointments that they have submitted all transcripts for review. Theatre Arts & Dance students are required to schedule an appointment to receive clearance into their courses each semester. Prospective students with less than 30 college credit hours will need to contact the Division of Student Success. All students, regardless of credits, must be a UTA student with a student ID number to declare a Theatre Arts & Dance degree.

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Advising: Theatre Arts & Dance (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/liberal-arts/departments/theatre/advising/>)