

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts (Teaching Certification)

About This Program

Students in the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts with Teaching Certification track take a breadth of courses in theatre and performance such as acting, script analysis, stage management, theatre history, design, and technology. Taken alongside College of Education courses like classroom management and assessment methods, this degree confers EC-12 teaching certification, preparing students to enter the teaching profession upon graduation. Unlike many degrees like it, our program allows for and encourages students to minor in a cognate field or other field of interest.

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 enter the teaching profession in the state of Texas.

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 with Teacher Certification:

- Acceptance to UTA
- Program Interview
- Participation in advisement.

To be fully accepted in the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Theatre Arts with Teaching Certification degree program, all students must earn a 2.5 cumulative grade point average in all courses including theatre and education courses taken at UT Arlington.

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	
Specialization		
Lower-Division		
THEA 0181	THEATRE PRACTICUM ¹	2
THEA 0182	THEATRE ARTS TEACHING LAB ¹	2
THEA 1101	THEATRE ARTS SYMPOSIUM	1
THEA 1304	STAGECRAFT I	3
THEA 1305	INTRODUCTION TO THEATRICAL DESIGN	
THEA 1307	ACTING: FUNDAMENTALS	3
THEA 2306	COSTUME TECHNOLOGY	3
THEA 3316	LIGHTING AND SOUND TECHNOLOGY	
THEA 2309	SCRIPT ANALYSIS	3
Upper-Division		
THEA 3300	DIRECTING I	3
THEA 3310	CREATIVE DRAMA	3
THEA 3352	STAGE MANAGEMENT & THEATRE ADMINISTRATION	3
THEA 3318	DRAFTING FOR THE ARTS	
THEA 4304	MODERN THEATRE HISTORY	3
THEA 4303	CLASSICAL THEATRE HISTORY	3
THEA 4355	STRATEGIES, ASSESSMENT, AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THEATRE PEDAGOGY	3
THEA 4110	THEATRE PEDAGOGY FIELD-BASED EXPERIENCE	1

College of Education Courses

EDUC 2302	THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR	3
EDUC 3301	TEACHING DIVERSE LEARNERS	3
EDUC 4318	POSITIVE CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT	3
EDUC 4319	CLASSROOM ASSESSMENT	3
EDUC 4340	HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT	3
LIST 4343	CONTENT AREA READING AND WRITING	3
EDUC 4647	CLINICAL TEACHING IN MIDDLE/SECONDARY SCHOOL/ALL-LEVEL CLASSROOMS	6
Electives		
Select 6 hours from any 3000 or 4000 level course.		6
Select 12 hours - any subject/any level		12
Total Hours		120

¹ All Theatre Arts BA with teaching certification majors will enroll in THEA 0181 (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=THEA%200181>) for one hour per semester with two (2) hours of THEA 0181 (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=THEA%200181>) required in their first year. Student should also take THEA 0182 (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=THEA%200182>) twice for two hours of credit total. 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	
THEA 1343		3 ENGL 1302	3
ENGL 1301		3 THEA 2309	3
THEA 1303		3 Select Mathematics core course.	3
		14	13

Second Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
THEA 1307		3 HIST 1302	3
THEA 3310		3 THEA 3318	3
HIST 1301		3 Select any 3000/4000 level course.	3
Select any approved Mathematics core course.		3 Select any approved Social & Behavioral Sciences core course.	3
EDUC 2302		3 EDUC 3301	3
		15	15

Third Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
THEA 0182		1 THEA 0182	1
THEA 4303		3 THEA 4303	3
POLS 2311		3 THEA 4355	3
EDUC 4340		3 POLS 2312	3
Select any approved Life & Physical Sciences core course.		3 Select any approved Life & Physical Sciences core course.	3
Select any 3000/4000 level course.		3 Select any 3000/4000 level course.	3
		16	16

Fourth Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
THEA 3300		3 EDUC 4647	6
THEA 4303		3 Select any 3000/4000 level course.	3
THEA 4110		1 Select from 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	
	16	15

Total Hours: 120

Program Completion

THEATRE PRACTICUM

All Theatre Arts majors enroll in two (2) hours of [THEA 0181](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=THEA%200181) (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=THEA%200181>) and two (2) hours of [THEA 0182](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=THEA%200182) (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=THEA%200182>). Students should see their advisor regarding practicum obligations.

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 **2.5 overall** grade point average is required for all courses, including theatre courses, taken at UT Arlington in order to remain in the BA teaching certification degree program.

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/>)