

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEATRE (ACTING AND DIRECTING)

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/theatre/undergraduate-programs/>

The B.A. in Theatre with an emphasis in Acting/Directing prepares graduates to function creatively and skillfully in a variety of theatre professions with a focus on the skills needed for a career in creating performances both for the theatre and other related arts and entertainment fields. The emphasis also prepares students for further graduate work in their chosen field should they choose.

Marketable Skills

Marketable skills prepare students for success in a variety of professional settings. Developed through academic coursework, co-curricular engagement, and extracurricular involvement, these skills include communication, critical thinking, teamwork, ethical reasoning, adaptability, and digital literacy. Whether directly related to a student's major or serving as complementary strengths, marketable skills enhance career readiness and reflect TWU's commitment to producing graduates who are prepared to thrive in today's dynamic workforce.

1. Communicate effectively with supervisors, peers, subordinates, and people outside of the organization using clear spoken communication and active listening.
2. Monitor and organize processes, materials, and surroundings including the ability to review information relevant to a goal and to develop and prioritize the steps needed to achieve a goal.
3. Work directly and effectively with the public using skills such as oral expression, written expression, and improvisatory problem-solving.
4. Collaborate in a team-driven atmosphere by establishing and fostering personal relationships and developing constructive and cooperative working relationships in a time-sensitive environment in both face-to-face and digital communication environments.

Admissions

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/>).

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): 120

Major: 78 SCH

Program Code: THEATRE.BA.ACT-DRCT; **CIP Code:** 50.0501.00

Theatre Major Rehearsal and Production Requirement

Theatre majors must enroll in THEA 1312 or THEA 2312 or THEA 3312 or THEA 4412 each semester of full-time enrollment. Each of these courses corresponds to the student's class status. For example, a First Year student should enroll in THEA 1312, a Sophomore student should enroll in THEA 2312, and so on. Transfer students should enroll in THEA 3312 or THEA 4412 after consulting with a program advisor.

Texas Core Curriculum

Code	Title	SCHs
ENG 1013	Composition I (10)	3
ENG 1023	Composition II (10)	3
Mathematics (20)		3
Life & Physical Sciences (30)		6
Language, Philosophy, & Culture (40)		3
Creative Arts (50)		3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865 (60)	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present (60)	3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government (70)	3
POLS 2023	Texas Government (70)	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences (80)		3
CAO: Multicultural-Women's Studies (90)		3
CAO: First Year Seminar, Wellness or Mathematics (91)		3
Total SCHs		42

Courses Required for Major

Code	Title	SCHs
Theatre Core Courses		
THEA 1312	Rehearsal and Production I (take two times)	4
THEA 1321	Script Reading (take two times)	2
THEA 2113	Stagecraft I	3
THEA 2213	Performance I	3
THEA 2312	Rehearsal and Performance II (take two times)	4
THEA 2433	Theatrical Makeup	3
THEA 3312	Rehearsal and Performance III (take two times)	4
THEA 3473	The Theatre and Its Drama: Before 1715	3
THEA 3483	The Theatre and Its Drama: Since 1715	3
THEA 3523	Play Directing	3
THEA 4412	Rehearsal and Production IV (take two times)	4
THEA 4603	Summer Stock (take two times)	6
Emphasis Area		
THEA 2223	Performance II	3
THEA 2473	Movement for the Performer I	3
THEA 3603	Advanced Acting and Scene Work	3
THEA 3493	Theatre Speech	3
THEA 4403	Scenic Design	3
or THEA 4413	Costume Design	
or THEA 4423	Stage Lighting	
THEA 4553	Playwriting	3
Electives (3 SCH global perspectives)		12
Take twelve SCH of Theatre or related studies		
Foreign Languages		6
Total SCHs		78

Recommended Plan of Study

First Year				THEA 3493	Theatre Speech	3
Fall		TCCN	SCHs	THEA 4403, 4413 ,or 4423	Scenic Design or Costume Design or Stage Lighting	3
THEA 1312	Rehearsal and Production I	DRAM 1120	2			
THEA 1321	Script Reading		1			
THEA 2213	Performance I	DRAM 1351	3		Life/Physical Science	3
ENG 1013	Composition I	ENGL 1301	3	SCHs		14
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	HIST 1301	3	Summer		TCCN
				THEA 4603	Summer Stock	3
UNIV 1231	Learning Frameworks: the First-Year Seminar	EDUC 1100, EDUC 1200, EDUC 1300	1	SCHs		3
				Fourth Year		
				Fall		TCCN
Creative Arts Core			3	THEA 4412	Rehearsal and Production IV	2
SCHs			16	THEA 4553	Playwriting	3
Spring		TCCN		THEA Elective		3
THEA 1312	Rehearsal and Production I	DRAM 1120	2	THEA Elective (upper level)		3
THEA 1321	Script Reading		1	Related Studies: Foreign Language		3
THEA 2223	Performance II	DRAM 1352	3	SCHs		14
ENG 1023	Composition II	ENGL 1302	3	Spring		TCCN
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	HIST 1302	3	THEA 4412	Rehearsal and Production IV	2
Wellness/Mathematics CAO Core			2	THEA 3523	Play Directing	3
SCHs			14	THEA Elective		3
				THEA Elective		3
				Related Studies: Foreign Language		3
Second Year				SCHs		14
Fall		TCCN				
THEA 2312	Rehearsal and Performance II	DRAM 2121	2			
THEA 2113	Stagecraft I	DRAM 1330	3			
THEA 2433	Theatrical Makeup	DRAM 1341	3			
THEA 2473	Movement for the Performer I	DRAM 1322	3			
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	GOVT 2305	3			
SCHs			14			
Spring		TCCN				
THEA 2312	Rehearsal and Performance II	DRAM 2121	2			
POLS 2023	Texas Government	GOVT 2306	3			
Social/Behavioral Science Core			3			
Mathematics Core			3			
Language, Philosophy, and Culture			3			
SCHs			14			
Summer		TCCN				
THEA 4603	Summer Stock		3			
SCHs			3			
Third Year						
Fall		TCCN				
THEA 3312	Rehearsal and Performance III		2			
THEA 3473	The Theatre and Its Drama: Before 1715		3			
THEA 3603	Advanced Acting and Scene Work		3			
Multicultural Women's Studies CAO Core			3			
Life/Physical Science			3			
SCHs			14			
Spring		TCCN				
THEA 3312	Rehearsal and Performance III		2			
THEA 3483	The Theatre and Its Drama: Since 1715		3			