



BACHELOR of ARTS in THEATRE (#798)

Department of Theatre & Dance

Potter College of Arts & Letters

Western Kentucky University

The suggested program of study shown below should be used in consultation with your advisor(s). Every student will finish with a unique plan of his/her own depending on the electives selected.

Success Markers

SAMPLE - 4 year plan

| FIRST YEAR | Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
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| <p>Department classes have one of three prefixes: DANC, PERF or THEA.</p> <p>All BA Theatre students will participate in the Jury/Portfolio Review process at the end of their first full semester. This will be explained in PEERF 175. Details are contained in the <i>BA Theatre Handbook</i>.</p> | PERF 175 – University Experience in Performing Arts | 2 | PERF 121 – Rehearsal and Production II | 1 |
| | PERF 120 – Rehearsal and Production I | 1 | THEA 101 – Acting I | 3 |
| | THEA 252 – Fundamentals of Theatre | 3 | COMM 145 – Public Speaking (F-OC) | 3 |
| | PERF 205 – Voice and Movement for the Stage | 2 | Social & Behavioral (E-SB) | 3 |
| | ENG 100 – Intro to College Writing (F-W1) | 3 | HIST 101 World History I OR HIST 102 World History II (F-SB) | 3 |
| | MATH 109 – General Mathematics (F-QR) | 3 | Minor Class | 3 |
| | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS | 14 | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS | 16 |

| SECOND YEAR | Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
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| <p><i>Volunteer with the WKU ALIVE Center or join a Student Organization</i></p> <p>BA Theatre students will again participate in the JPR process at the end of their 4th semester.</p> <p>We encourage our students to pursue summer theatre work after the sophomore year. Speak to your advisor if you are interested.</p> | PERF 220 – Rehearsal and Production III | 1 | PERF 221 – Rehearsal and Production IV | 1 |
| | THEA 363 – World Theatre History I | 3 | THEA 364 – World Theatre History II | 3 |
| | THEA 222 – Stagecraft OR THEA 241 – Costume Tech OR THEA 250 – Stage Electrics | 3 | THEA 219 – Design I | 3 |
| | ENG 200 – Intro to Literature (F-AH) | 3 | Natural & Physical Science (E-NS) | 3 |
| | Arts & Humanities (E-AH) | 3 | World Language (if needed) OR Elective | 3 |
| | Minor Course | 3 | Minor Course | 3 |
| | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS | 16 | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS | 16 |

Colonnade Program: All students entering in fall 2014 or later must complete 39 hours in 13 specific Colonnade areas. Colonnade areas are listed in parentheses marked in blue after the corresponding classes. Some areas may have specific course requirements while others can be chosen from selected lists of options. For more details and to see lists of options, go to http://www.wku.edu/colonnade/documents/approved_colonnade_courses_website.pdf

World Language Proficiency: All students entering in fall 2014 or later must demonstrate proficiency in a world language at the Novice High level before completing 60 credit hours. Novice high is the ability to communicate in writing and speaking on familiar topics in simple sentences. To meet this requirement, students may take college language courses or take a proficiency test. For more information go to www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/placement/.

| THIRD YEAR | Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
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| Most dance technique classes also fulfill General Education requirement F: Health and Wellness. | PERF 320 – Rehearsal and Production V | 1 | PERF 321 – Rehearsal and Production VI | 1 |
| | THEA 371 – Directing I OR DANC 235 - Dance Improv OR Any Dance Technique Course | 2 / 3 | THEA 222 – Stagecraft OR THEA 241 – Costume Tech OR THEA 250 – Stage Electrics | 3 |
| | ENG 300 – Writing in the Disciplines (F-W2) | 3 | THEA 354/355 – History of Drama I or II | 3 |
| | Connections: Local to Global (K-LG) | 3 | Elective | 2-3 |
| | Natural & Physical Science (E-NS, SL) | 3 | Connections: Social Cultural (K-SC) | 3 |
| | Minor Course | 3 | Minor Class | 3 |
| | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS | 15 / 16 | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS | 15 / 16 |

| FOURTH YEAR | Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
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| <p><i>Apply for graduation</i></p> <p>BA Theatre students will participate in an exit JPR their last semester.</p> <p>BA students interested in creating a career plan are encouraged to take PERF 450 Performing Arts Career Seminar the fall of their senior year.</p> | THEA Elective (300/400) | 3 | THEA Elective (300/400) | 3 |
| | Connections: Systems (K-SY) | 3 | THEA Elective (300/400) | 3 |
| | Minor Course | 3 | Minor Course | 3 |
| | Minor Course | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| | Minor Course | 3 | | |
| | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS | 15 | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS | 12 |
| Total Credit Hours: 120 | | | | |

* A minor or second major is required.

* At least 50% (23 credit hours) of the BA in Theatre must be in upper-division courses, numbered 300 or above.

* BA Theatre students are expected to participate fully in the Jury/Portfolio Review (JPR) process and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0. Failure to do so may result in the student being placed on departmental probation. The full policy can be found in the *BA Theatre Handbook*.

PLEASE NOTE: Prerequisites, Course Numbers, and Course Titles are subject to change.

Consult your advisor each semester.

For more Information:

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