



BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEATER CURRICULUM
FALL 2025 & FORWARD

Students wishing to declare a major or minor in Theater must first successfully complete a total of 2 required core classes with a C or better before submitting their request via their school's MyMajor system. Please contact Christine Whalen Bender (cmw@mgsa.rutgers.edu) for more information. Declaration requests are due on the first of the following months: November, January, April, and August. Requests are processed and notifications are issued by the 15th of the month of submission.

The following courses are required for students seeking a **BA Theater Major**. Students must complete credits with a C or better in each of the following areas, as listed below:

REQUIRED CORE COURSES:	16 credits
ELECTIVE COURSES:	20 credits (or
PROGRAM TOTAL	36 credits (or more)

REQUIRED CORE COURSES:		CREDITS REQUIRED: 16	
Course Name	Course number	Credits	
Theater Histories or Theater History	07:965:281/231	3	
Theater Histories or Theater History	07:965:282/232	3	
Theater Horizons	07:965:390	1	
Introduction to Theatrical Design	07:965:223	2	
Introduction to Technical Theater	07:965:224	2	
Basic Acting/Introduction to Performance*	07:965:271/XXX	3	
Theater Practice (Run Crew)	07:966:123	2	

ELECTIVE COURSES:		CREDITS REQUIRED: 20	
ACADEMIC COURSES			
Other 966 courses available in this area. Most require prerequisites or permission of instructor.			
Course Name	Course number	Credits	
Theater Appreciation	07:965:211	3	
Black Theater History	07:965:214	3	
Introduction to Dramaturgy	07:966:234	3	
Introduction to Drama in Education	07:965:200	3	
Staging Resistance: Thtr & Soc Change (Online)	07:966:240	3	
Musical Theater Appreciation	07:966:260	3	
Broadway: American Musical	07:966:290	3	
NY Theater Experience	07:965:300	3	
Theater for Social Development	07:966:302	3	
Playwriting	07:965:314	3	
Global Theater I	07:965:370	3	
Global Theater II	07:965:371	3	
Theater Criticism	07:965:410	3	
Clothing & Culture	07:965:473	3	
Race, Identity, Theater	07:965:496	3	
Opera & Production	07:966:268	2	
Aesthetics of Space	07:966:306	3	
Outreach & Community	07:966:401	3	
DESIGN AND PRODUCTION COURSES			
Other 966 courses available in this area. Most require prerequisites or permission of instructor.			
Course Name	Course number	Credits	
Scenic Art	07:965:216	3	
Intro to Costume Design	07:965:310	3	
Intro to Costume Design	07:965:311	3	
Upcycling	07:965:255	3	
Theater Management	07:965:364	3	
Theater Management: Producing	07:965:365	3	
Advanced Light Lab	07:965:490	2	
Seminar Topics: Embellishments	07:965:496	BA	
Intro to Lighting Technology	07:966:209	2	
Intro to Scenic Construction	07:966:219	2	

ELECTIVE COURSES CONTINUED:			
Course Name	Course number	Credits	
Intro to Stage Lighting	07:966:242	2	
Intro to Stage Management	07:966:249	3	
Costume Construction	07:966:274	2	
Production Properties	07:966:277	2	
Advanced Lighting Techniques	07:966:305	2	
Fabric Dyeing	07:966:350	2	
Sound Tech & Design for Theater	07:966:361	2	
PERFORMANCE COURSES			
<i>Other 966 courses available in this area. Most require prerequisites or permission of instructor.</i>			
Course Name	Course number	Credits	
Intro to Medical Acting	07:965:210	3	
Performing Solo: From Stage to YouTube (Online)	07:965:222	3	
Creating Characters Onstage & Online	07:965:225	3	
Basic Acting	07:965:271	3	
Intermediate Acting	07:965:272	3	
On-Camera Acting	07:965:275	3	
Advanced Acting	07:965:325	3	
Performance Workshop	07:965:326	3	
Improving Communication thru Improv	07:965:330	3	
Improvisation & Theater Games	07:965:350	3	
Directing	07:965:421	3	
Advanced Directing Project	07:965:422	3	
Storytelling Workshop	07:965:451	3	
Creative Drama for Children	07:965:471	3	
Creative Drama for Children	07:965:472	3	
SEMINARS & PROJECT WORK/INTERNSHIP			
<i>All for-credit internships, projects and independent studies must be approved by the Head of the BA program BEFORE they are begun. The Honors Project requires a minimum GPA of 3.5</i>			
Course Name	Course number	Credits	
Independent Study	07:965:359	BA	
Independent Study	07:965:360	BA	
Internship: Theater	07:965:396	BA	
Project Work	07:965:491	BA	
Project Work	07:965:492	BA	
Honors Project (Theater)	07:965:493	3	
Honors Project (Theater)	07:965:494	3	
Seminar: Topics in Theater	07:965:495	BA	
Seminar: Topics in Theater	07:965:496	BA	
Workshop Topics in Theater	07:965:497	BA	
Workshop Topics in Theater	07:965:498	BA	
Advanced Dir Project/Directing II	07:965:422	3	