



BFA THEATER MAJOR CURRICULUM: SCENIC DESIGN

For Students Entering Fall 2024 and After

****SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

- Students must complete a minimum of 120-degree credits for graduation.
- Required for the BFA in Theater: **119 Credits**; 104 Scenic Design Program credits plus an additional 15 Liberal Arts credits.
- 33 Liberal Arts credits are required for graduation. Theater courses also fulfilling Liberal Arts requirements are noted with a single asterisk (*).
- Minimum GPA requirement: 2.0. Students must earn a C grade or better in the required Theater courses or repeat the course.
- This is a four-year program; students must be registered for a minimum of 12 credits each semester to achieve full-time status.

PRODUCTION & DESIGN PROJECTS 07:966:422

Students may be assigned a production assignment in any semester, beginning in the second year. These assignments are not guaranteed and will be assigned to students who are in good academic/artistic standing, and as their advisor deems appropriate. Credits will be determined by the advisor based on the size/scope of the project, and the student's role.

YEAR ONE: FALL SEMESTER

Course Name	Course number	Credits	
Mason Gross Interplay	07:557:151	1	
Theater History*	07:965:281	3	
Theater Colloquium	07:966:103	0	
Theater Practice: Des/Act	07:966:124	1	
Introduction to Theater Design*	07:966:215*	3	
Introduction to Scenic Construction	07:966:219	2	
Fundamentals of Drafting	07:966:251	3	
Liberal Arts* (<i>College Writing</i>)			
Total Theater Credits:		13	

YEAR TWO: FALL SEMESTER

Course Name	Course number	Credits	
Global Theater I*	07:965:370	3	
Theater Colloquium	07:966:103	0	
Drawing Practice	07:966:105	2	
History of Costume & Décor I	07:966:232	2	
History of Architecture & Décor Arts	07:966:245	2	
Set Design I	07:966:313	3	
Theater Practice	07:966:323	2	
Computer Drafting II (3D Modeling)	07:966:469	2	
Total Theater Credits:		16	

YEAR THREE: FALL SEMESTER/STUDY ABROAD

Course Name	Course number	Credits	
British Arts & Culture*	07:966:417	3	
Shakespeare Plays*	07:966:427	3	
Theater Design in London	07:966:492	12	
Total Theater Credits:		18	

YEAR FOUR: FALL SEMESTER

Course Name	Course number	Credits	
Theater Colloquium	07:966:103	0	
Portfolio Preparation	07:966:357	1	
Production Techniques	07:966:411	3	
Scene Design II	07:966:460	3	
Theater Elective**		2	
Liberal Arts* OR Dramaturgical Course***			
Total Theater Credits:		9	

YEAR ONE: SPRING SEMESTER

Course Name	Course number	Credits	
Theater History*	07:965:282	3	
Theater Colloquium	07:966:103	0	
Theater Practice: Des/Act	07:966:124	1	
Introduction to Theater Design	07:966:216	3	
Introduction to Stage Lighting	07:966:242	2	
Elements of Design (Script Analysis)	07:966:244	3	
Computer Drafting I (Vectorworks)	07:966:468	2	
Liberal Arts* (<i>Art History 106</i>)			
Total Theater Credits:		14	

YEAR TWO: SPRING SEMESTER

Course Name	Course number	Credits	
Theater Colloquium	07:966:103	0	
Drawing Practice	07:966:105	2	
History of Costume & Décor II	07:966:233	2	
History of Architecture & Décor Arts	07:966:246	2	
Set Design I	07:966:314	3	
Theater Practice	07:966:323	2	
Liberal Arts* OR Dramaturgical Course***			
Total Theater Credits:		11	

YEAR THREE: SPRING SEMESTER

Course Name	Course number	Credits	
Theater Colloquium	07:966:103	0	
Drawing Practice	07:966:105	2	
Production Techniques	07:966:411	3	
Design Collaboration	07:966:347	3	
Non-Major Stagecraft Elective***		2	
Liberal Arts* OR Dramaturgical Course***			
Total Theater Credits:		10	

YEAR FOUR: SPRING SEMESTER

Course Name	Course number	Credits	
Theater Colloquium	07:966:103	0	
Portfolio Preparation	07:966:358	1	
Production Techniques	07:966:411	3	
Scene Design II	07:966:460	3	
Professional Development	07:966:496	1	
Theater Elective**		2	
Liberal Arts* OR Dramaturgical Course***			
Total Theater Credits:		10	

- Students are required to take 07:966:103 Theater Colloquium every semester they are on campus. This is a Pass/Fail course and does not count towards total credits for graduation.
- More information regarding Liberal Arts *, Non-Major Stagecraft Electives**, and Dramaturgical Course*** is found on the reverse side of this document.



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LIBERAL ARTS REQUIREMENTS & ELECTIVES

LIBERAL ARTS (33 CREDITS)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students must complete the Core Requirements (33 Liberal Arts Credits).18 credits of this 33 are part of the Costume Technology curriculum, as indicated below with a single asterisk (*).	
PART I: AREAS OF INQUIRY - 24 CREDITS	
B. Social Science and History (3 Credits) <ul style="list-style-type: none">07:966:417 British Art and Culture*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fall Year 3
C. Arts and Humanities (3 Credits) <ul style="list-style-type: none">07:965:281 Theater History I*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fall Year 1
D. Liberal Arts Electives (18 Credits) <ul style="list-style-type: none">07:965:282 Theater History II*07:965:370 Global Theater I*01:082:106 Art History (1400 to the Present)Additional Art History Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spring Year 1Fall Year 2
PART II: COGNITIVE SKILLS & PROCESS - 9 Credits	
A. Writing & Communication (3 Credits) <ul style="list-style-type: none">01:355:101 College Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
B. Literature or Second Writing Intensive Course (3 Credits) <ul style="list-style-type: none">07:966:427 Shakespeare's Plays*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fall Year 3
B. Quantitative/Technical Skills (3 Credits) <ul style="list-style-type: none">07:966:215 Introduction to Theater Design*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fall Year 1

DRAMATURGICAL COURSES				
All scenic design students are required to take at least one dramaturgical course elective. The following dramaturgy electives are pre-approved by the department. Availability is not guaranteed. You may speak with your Artistic Advisor about other course offerings.				
COURSE NAME	NUMBER	CREDITS	SEMESTER	NOTES
Black Theater History	07:965:214	3		
Theater for Social Development	07:965:302	3		
Introduction to Dramaturgy	07:966:234	3		
Global Theater II	07:965:371	3		
Dramaturgy: Aesthetics of Space	07:966:306	3		
Clothing & Culture*	07:965:473	3		
Theater Criticism	07:965:410	3		

NON-MAJOR STAGECRAFT ELECTIVES				
All scenic design students are required to take at least one stagecraft elective, in an area outside of their major. The following stagecraft electives are pre-approved by the department. Availability is not guaranteed.				
COURSE NAME	NUMBER	CREDITS	SEMESTER	NOTES
Introduction to Stage Lighting	07:966:242	2		N/A for LDs
Costume Construction	07:966:274	2		N/A for CTs or CDs
Production Properties	07:966:277	2		
Scene Painting	07:966:316	2		
Sound Technology	07:966:361	2		

OTHER RECOMMENDED ELECTIVES FOR SCENIC DESIGN:				
COURSE NAME	NUMBER	CREDITS	SEMESTER	NOTES
Introduction to Lighting Technology	07:966:209	2		
Opera & Production	07:966:268	3		
Production Properties	07:966:277	2		
Introduction to Projection Design	07:966:308	3		
Technical Direction I	07:966:339	3		
Technical Direction II	07:966:340	3		
Scenic Painting	07:966:316	2		
Sound Technology	07:966:361	2		
Projection Design II	07:966:308	3		Prerequisite Intro to Projection Design
Computer Illustration II: Photoshop	07:966:471	2		STRONGLY RECOMMENDED IN YEAR 2