

Theatre Arts

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The major in theatre arts is designed for theatre students who wish to develop their professional talents and relate them to broader understanding of the world. At Marquette the BA program in theatre arts offers intensive student-centered training in performance and/or production within a liberal arts foundation. All theatre students establish a foundation in the fundamentals of making theatre: performance, stagecraft, costume technology, theatre history and then have the opportunity to concentrate in an area of performance, design/technical theatre, directing or pursue a generalist understanding of the art form.

Theatre arts majors are required to pursue a second minor or major in addition to their primary course of study. Students have also found it beneficial to double major in any of the areas from across the university, thereby obtaining a broad range of connections between the performing arts and other disciplines.

Theatre Arts Major

A total of 41 credits of course work must be completed for the major in theatre arts:

Required Courses

Complete a total of 3 credits of:		3
PEAR 2964	Performing Arts Practicum	
Additional requirements:		
THAR 1100	Acting 1: Fundamental Technique	3
THAR 1300	Stagecraft	3
THAR 1310	Stagecraft Practicum	0.5
THAR 1320	Basic Costume Technology	3
THAR 1330	Basic Costume Technology Practicum	0.5
THAR 2140	Voice and Movement for Stage	3
or THAR 2320	Scenographic Techniques	
THAR 2400	Aspects of Theatrical Design	3
THAR 2600	Play Analysis 1	3
THAR 3953	Career and Preparation Studies Seminar	1
THAR 4200	History of Theatre 1	3
THAR 4210	History of Theatre II: Modern Theatre	3
THAR 4240	History of Period Styles	3
9 hours of Theatre Arts electives		9
Total Credit Hours		41

The following two ENGL courses are also required but do not count as hours in the major.

ENGL 2010	Literature and Genre (when the topic specializes in Drama or Dramatic Literature as approved by the Digital Media and Performing Arts department)	3
ENGL 4331	Shakespeare	3

In addition to the required sequence, the following courses are strongly recommended for those students who wish to concentrate in a specific discipline within the performing arts:

Performance

PEAR 2964	Performing Arts Practicum (required)	0.5
THAR 1100	Acting 1: Fundamental Technique (required)	3
THAR 1120	Acting 2: Advanced Fundamentals	3
THAR 1300	Stagecraft (required)	3
THAR 1320	Basic Costume Technology (required)	3
THAR 1340	Make-Up	3
THAR 2100	Acting 3: Introduction to Character	3
THAR 2140	Voice and Movement for Stage (required)	3

THAR 2160	Voice and Speech 1	3
THAR 2500	Play Direction	3
THAR 2600	Play Analysis 1 (required)	3
THAR 3100	Acting 4: Shakespeare	3
THAR 3953	Career and Preparation Studies Seminar (required)	1
THAR 4100	Acting 5: Professional Auditions and Career Preparation	3
THAR 4200	History of Theatre 1 (required)	3
DANC 2500	Composition and Choreography	3
DANC 3100	Theatre Dance	3
THAR 2140 or THAR 2160	Voice and Movement for Stage (required) Voice and Speech 1	3

Directing

PEAR 2964	Performing Arts Practicum (required)	0.5
THAR 1100	Acting 1: Fundamental Technique (required)	3
THAR 1120	Acting 2: Advanced Fundamentals	3
THAR 1300	Stagecraft (required)	3
THAR 2140 or THAR 2320	Voice and Movement for Stage (required) Scenographic Techniques	3
THAR 2400	Aspects of Theatrical Design (required)	3
THAR 2500	Play Direction	3
THAR 2600	Play Analysis 1 (required)	3
THAR 3953	Career and Preparation Studies Seminar (required)	1
THAR 4200	History of Theatre 1 (required)	3
THAR 4360	Theatre Management	3
THAR 4500	Advanced Play Direction	3

Design/Technical

PEAR 2964	Performing Arts Practicum (required)	0.5
THAR 1100	Acting 1: Fundamental Technique (required)	3
THAR 1300	Stagecraft (required)	3
THAR 1320	Basic Costume Technology (required)	3
THAR 2320	Scenographic Techniques	3
THAR 2400	Aspects of Theatrical Design (required)	3
THAR 2500	Play Direction	3
THAR 2600	Play Analysis 1 (required)	3
THAR 3953	Career and Preparation Studies Seminar (required)	1
THAR 4200	History of Theatre 1 (required)	3
THAR 4360	Theatre Management	3
THAR 4380	Computer Applications for the Theatre	3
THAR 4400	Costume Design	3
THAR 4420	Lighting Design	3
THAR 4440	Scenery Design	3

Participation in Theatre Productions: All theatre arts majors and minors are required to audition for theatre productions and participate in a technical, design or management capacity. All university students are invited to audition for productions or participate in any of the various capacities. Students must have a minimum 2.000 GPA to participate in any production.

Typical Program for Theatre Arts Majors

Freshman

First Term

COMM 1000 or 1200

Hours Second Term

3 COMM 1200 or 1000

Hours

3

COMM 1050	1	THAR 1120 or 2400	3
ENGL 1001	3	THAR 1320	3
Second language or UCCS Diverse Culture	3-4	THAR 1330	0.5
THAR 1100	3	Second language or UCCS Diverse Culture	3-4
THAR 1300	3	THEO 1001	3
THAR 1310	0.5		
		16.5-17.5	15.5-16.5

Sophomore

First Term	Hours	Second Term	Hours
COMM 1100	3	COMM 2500	3
PEAR 2964	0.5	ENGL 2010 (Drama or Dramatic Lit)	3
THAR 2140 or 2320	3	PEAR 2964	0.5
THAR 2600	3	THAR 2400 (or elective)	3
UCCS Diverse Culture or Minor/elective course	3	UCCS Diverse Culture or Minor/elective course	3
UCCS Math or Science	3	UCCS Math or Science	3
		15.5	15.5

Junior

First Term	Hours	Second Term	Hours
ENGL 4331	3	PEAR 2964	0.5
PEAR 2964	0.5	PHIL 2310	3
PHIL 1001	3	THAR 4210 (or elective)	3
THAR 3953	1	THAR elective	3
THAR 4200 (or elective)	3	Minor	3
THAR 4240 (or elective)	3	UCCS Theology	3
UCCS History	3		
		16.5	15.5

Senior

First Term	Hours	Second Term	Hours
PEAR 2964	0.5	PEAR 2964	0.5
THAR 4200 (or elective)	3	THAR 4210 (or elective)	3
THAR 4240 (or elective)	3	THAR 4997	3
Minor/electives	6	Minor/electives	6
		12.5	12.5

Total credit hours: 120-122

Wisconsin Teaching Licensure in Theatre Arts (Middle Childhood/Early Adolescence)

In addition to completing all requirements as specified by the College of Education, students must also complete all requirements listed under the theatre arts major.

Wisconsin Teaching Licensure in Theatre Arts (Early Adolescence/Adolescence)

In addition to completing all requirements as specified by the College of Education as well as those listed under the theatre arts major, students seeking Wisconsin teaching licensure in speech communication at the early adolescence/adolescence level must also complete THAR 2500 Play Direction and THAR 4360 Theatre Management. Both courses count as electives in the theatre arts major.

Theatre Arts Minor

Required Courses

Complete a total of 2 credits of:		2
PEAR 2964	Performing Arts Practicum	
Additional requirements:		
THAR 1100	Acting 1: Fundamental Technique	3
THAR 1300	Stagecraft	3
THAR 1310	Stagecraft Practicum	0.5
THAR 1320	Basic Costume Technology	3
THAR 1330	Basic Costume Technology Practicum	0.5
THAR 2600	Play Analysis 1	3
THAR 4200	History of Theatre 1	3
Total Credit Hours		18