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## **Theatre**

TETD901	Course Description	of Pass or Fail will be recorded. TETD 901 may be repeated until the time limitation for completion of the doctoral program as specified in the Doctoral Policy Manual has been reached.
TETD920	Title Prerequisites Special Fee	Qualifying Examination Preparation.  Students with EDD in Teacher Education and Teacher Development (TETD) only.  Special fee.
THTR100	Title Number and type of credits	Introduction to the Theatrical Medium. 3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Introduction to Theatrical Medium increases the student's understanding, appreciation, and critical perceptions of the theatrical event. Readings and lectures will focus on the elements of theatrical practice; artists and innovators of theatre throughout history; the theatre's development as an art form and a social phenomenon; participation in class forum discussions; sharing of individual theatrical interests; and attendance at theatrical events will offer firsthand experience in the arts. Meets Gen Ed 2002 - Fine and Performing Arts.
THTR101	Title Special Fee Number and type of credits Course Description	Creativity for Theatre Artists.  Special fee.  3 hours lecture.  An exploration of the creative impulse as expressed through the medium of theatre. This is a course intended to ground the student with an
		understanding of the self, the process, and provide a beginning exploration of the elements and principles of artistic expression specific to theatre.
THTR105	Title Special Fee Number and type of credits Course Description	Acting I.  Special fee.  3 hours lecture.  Basic introduction to acting for the non-major; involving exploration of one's self and experiencing inwardly; deepening the personal involvement and
THTR110	Title	significance of actions; improvisation and exercises for perception, self-awareness and justification. Meets Gen Ed 2002 - Fine and Performing Arts.  Acting II - B.A.

Prerequisites THTR 105; B.A. Theatre Studies majors only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Continuation of Acting I including improvisation, scene study,

characterization and script analysis.

THTR112 Title Singing for the Actor I.

Prerequisites THTR 105 or THTR 115.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course will develop and train the actors' voice and interpretation of

songs through exercises, vocal production technique, in-class vocal

assignments, and texts. The student will be expected to learn and prepare several songs over the term and be expected to be able to present them in a professional manner, i.e., with confidence, control and in a manner which best

displays the actors' vocal abilities.

THTR115 Title Acting I - BFA.

Prerequisites B.F.A. in Theatre, Acting concentration only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description Acting I course work focuses on self-discovery and exploration, working from a

neutral, grounded place with sensual awareness, emotional availability and empathy with an integrated mind/body/voice. Students learn beginning acting technique through scene study from contemporary plays and how to work as an

THTR115 Course Description ensemble.

THTR120 Title Movement for the Actor I.

Prerequisites B.F.A. in Theatre, Acting concentration majors or Musical Theatre majors

only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description Basic movement for the actor in terms of development of characterization,

physicality and projection of mood and attitude.

THTR125 Title Voice for the Performer I.

Prerequisites B.F.A. in Theatre, Acting concentration majors only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description The voice skills necessary for the actor. Intensive work directed toward

classic and modern styles in stage diction.

THTR130 Title Acting II - BFA.

Prerequisites THTR 115; B.F.A. in Theatre, Acting Concentration majors only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description Acting II course work continues the development of the actor with an emphasis

on working from the self through more advanced ensemble training and continued

scene work from contemporary plays. Particular emphasis is placed on investigating characters that are in contrast to the self, material with

higher stakes and more complex given circumstances. Continued development of

text analysis and the close reading of theatrical texts.

THTR139 Title Stage Make-Up.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 2 hours studio.

Course Description Appreciation of make-up through symbolic aspects and historic differences with

regard to theatrical productions. Make-up materials and their uses; creating corrective and character make-up, mustaches and beards for a research or creative experience to compile a practical resource file. Course cannot be repeated; can only be taken one time for either one, two or three credits.

Previous course THTR 278 effective through Spring 2014.

THTR140 Title Introduction to Design for Theatre.

Special Fee Special Fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours lab.

Course Description This course intends to develop students' understanding of textual

interpretation as it relates to theatre design. Emphasis is placed on the exploration of ideas and the process by which visual metaphors are formed, developed and re-thought through the process of collaboration. Course includes text analysis, research, and the exploration of design ideas from a

liberal arts point of view. Students are not expected to have strong

technical skills.

THTR150 Title Introduction to Technical Theatre.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 0.5 hours lecture, 2 hours lab.

Course Description An introductory course in technical theatre including scenic construction,

lighting and sound technology and costume construction. Students will gain

practical experience in various theatre production shops.

THTR151 Title Stagecraft: Production and Design.

Special Fee Special Fee.

Number and type of credits 2 hours lecture, 5 hours lab.

Course Description An introductory course in technical theatre, specifically scenic construction.

A strong emphasis is placed on the development of both technical and

conceptual skills.

THTR152 Title Basic Lighting Technologies for Theatre.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description Introduction to basic lighting production skills in a studio environment.

Topics include lighting, electrics, instrument processing, lighting systems. Strong emphasis is placed on developing practical skills (technical and

conceptual). Students are also expected to research and report on the use of

lighting in the industry.

THTR153 Title Costume Construction I.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 2 hours lecture, 5 hours lab.

Course Description Studies the practical function of the costume shop and the techniques and

crafts used in the execution of costumes for the stage. Production work is

included with discussions of pattern and fitting techniques.

THTR154 Title Basic Sound Technologies for Live Performance.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture.

Course Description Introduction to basic sound production skills in a studio environment. Topics

include: use of microphones, sound mixing, theatrical sound systems and use of special effects systems. Strong emphasis is placed on developing practical skills (technical and conceptual). Students are also expected to research and

report on the theatrical industry.

**THTR155** Title

Stage Management. Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** A study in the organizational skills needed to document and manage a theatre

> or dance production from audition to final performance. May be repeated once for a total of six credits. Previous course THTR 255 effective through Spring

2014.

**THTR160** Title Drawing and Rendering I: Theatre.

> **Prerequisites** THTR 140. Special fee. Special Fee

Number and type of credits

1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

**Course Description** A drawing course aimed at developing skills necessary for rendering techniques

for stage designs. Perspective drawing, the use of light, shadow,

composition, landscape and the techniques in different media (such as pencil, charcoal, pastel, ink, tempera), basic water color technique, color theory,

and architectural sketching are included.

**THTR175** Title Theatre in Performance.

> Special fee. Special Fee Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** Play-going class that introduces students to the variety of theatre and

> performance experiences in New York and New Jersey. The course combines attendance at plays with classroom discussion and text analysis. All styles and genres of performance will be considered when selecting productions.

**THTR180** Performance Studies. Title

> Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** Performance Studies focuses on performance as a method of textual study, as an

aesthetic event, and as a social and rhetorical act. Exploring how

performance operates as a way of knowing, of being, and of acting in our world. This course is concerned with performances that occur in classroom spaces, theatre spaces, everyday spaces, and social spaces. Related course work includes textual study; oral history and ethnography; and the theory of

and practice in writing, designing, and directing performative events.

Students are encouraged to participation in regional and national conferences and festivals, along with campus, and community performance and production projects.

THTR200 Title Production Stagecraft.

Prerequisites THTR 150.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 2 hours lab.

Course Description The application of principles learned in THTR 150 (Stagecraft) to the building

and mounting of Theatre Series productions. Taken concurrently with THTR 150.

THTR201 Title Production Operations.

Prerequisites THTR 150.

Course Description The application of principles involving lighting, sound and props to the

creation and mounting of non-scenic elements and/or the running crew for Theatre Series productions. May be repeated seven times for a maximum of 8.0

credits.

THTR202 Title Production Costumes.

Prerequisites THTR 150.
Special Fee Special fee.

Course Description The application of costuming principles and techniques to the building of

costumes, mounting Theatre Series productions and/or costume running crew for Theatre Series productions. May be repeated seven times for a maximum of 8.0

credits.

THTR203 Title Business of Production.

Prerequisites THTR 150.

Course Description The application of business and theatre management principles to the

operations of the theatre business office, including advertising, program

design and creation, educational outreach and front-of-house. May be repeated

seven times for a maximum of 8.0 credits.

THTR204 Title Performance Production I.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 2 hours lab.

Course Description Rehearsal, performance and strike for the first Theatre Series production in a

given semester. May be repeated twice for a total of 3.0 credits.

THTR205 Title Rehearsal and Production: BFA Production and Design.

Prerequisites BFA Production/Design Majors only. THTR 140 may be taken as prerequisite or

corequisite.

Number and type of credits

**Course Description** 

1 hour lecture.

Course involves intense practical work on departmental productions. Taken

each semester in the BFA Production and Design Program.

**THTR206** Title

Number and type of credits

**Course Description** 

Performance: Production II. 1 hour lecture, 2 hours lab.

Rehearsal, performance and strike for the second Theatre Series in a given

semester. May be repeated twice for a total of 3.0 credits.

**THTR207** Title

Number and type of credits

**Course Description** 

Performance: Production III. 1 hour lecture. 2 hours lab.

Rehearsal, performance and strike for the third Theatre Series production in a

given semester. May be repeated twice for a total of 3.0 credits.

THTR208 Title

Play Script Interpretation. Number and type of credits

**Course Description** 

3 hours lecture.

An evaluation of the playscript in terms of the literary, technical and

production elements essential to mounting it for performance. A consideration of both the fictional and the functional elements of playscripts. Meets the

University Writing Requirement for majors in Theatre.

Theatre History: Classical to Elizabethan.

**THTR210** 

Title

Number and type of credits

**Course Description** 

3 hours lecture.

The development of the theatre from the Classical Greek through the

Elizabethan period. Attention to plays, playwrights, theatre architecture, scenery, costuming, styles of acting and presentations; oral reports, lectures and demonstrations. Meets the University Writing Requirement for majors in

**THTR210** 

**Course Description** 

**THTR211** 

Title

Number and type of credits

**Course Description** 

Theatre History: Restoration to Modern. 3 hours lecture.

The development of the theatre from the Restoration through the Modern period.

Attention on plays, playwrights, theatre architecture, scenery, costuming, styles of acting and presentations of the period; oral reports, lectures and demonstrations. Meets the University Writing Requirement for majors in

Theatre.

Theatre.

THTR212 Title Singing for the Actor II.

Prerequisites THTR 112.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course will continue the work of Singing for the Actor I to train the

actors' voice through exercises and vocal production technique designed to provide flexibility and freedom to the singer; to learn to "protect" the voice

from harm while maximizing its strengths and potential.

THTR215 Title Voice For Performance.

Prerequisites THTR 105, Theatre Studies majors only.

Corequisites THTR 110.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 5 hours studio.

Course Description An intensive one-semester voice and speech class for Theatre Studies majors.

Students will engage in a progression of physical and vocal exercises designed

to free their natural speaking voice, and increase their vocal power and expressivity as theatre artists. Course work will include the development of a personal vocal warm-up, text analysis and work on scripted material draw

from classic and contemporary plays.

THTR220 Title Movement for the Actor II.

Prerequisites B.F.A. in Theatre, Acting concentration majors only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description Advanced movement for the actor in terms of the relationship of movement to

characterization and the need to cultivate physical and emotional

relationships in body movement.

THTR222 Title Acting III - B.F.A.: Scene Study I.

Prerequisites THTR 130; B.F.A. in Theatre, Acting Concentration majors only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description Introduction to Stanislavskian objectives, obstacles and actions in order to

create stage truth and to generate physical and emotional involvement.

Students explore psychophysical action to project character choices in

nonverbal and scripted scene work.

THTR223 Title Acting IV - B.F.A.: Scene Study II.

Prerequisites THTR 222; B.F.A. in Theatre, Acting Concentration majors only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description A continuation of the study of psychophysical action and the use of objectives

and actions to investigate and master stage truth. Students explore advanced

character work through more challenging scene study.

THTR225 Title Voice for the Performer-II.

Prerequisites B.F.A. in Theatre, Acting concentration majors only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description Intermediate study in the voice skills necessary for performance in a

professional setting. Advanced work in voice production and vocal

THTR225 Course Description characterization directed toward performance styles and stage presentation.

THTR234 Title History of Style: Pre-History to Elizabethan.

Prerequisites THTR 208.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description An introduction to the major styles in costume, architecture and decor of

western civilization from pre-history to the Elizabethan age. Particular attention will be given to the influences and role of style, as used by

designers, in theatre production.

THTR235 Title History of Style II: Restoration to Present.

Prerequisites ARHT 105 and ARHT 106.

Number and type of credits 3 hour lecture.

Course Description An introduction to the major styles of costume, architecture and decor of

Western civilization from Restoration to the present through video, films, television, artwork, music, museum research and site visits. This course will familiarize students with various research approaches and tools including the

use of Internet, libraries, museums and historical sites. An emphasis is placed on the sources of research needed for theatre design. Part two of a

two course sequence.

THTR238 Title Musical Theatre I.

Prerequisites THTR 105 or 115.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Production styles, techniques and dramatic conventions used in the musical

theatre in relation to direction, music, dance and design.

THTR239 Title Advanced Stage Make-Up.

Prerequisites THTR 278.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 2 hours lab.

Course Description A demonstration laboratory in planning and executing corrective middle-age,

old age, stylized and other creations; three-dimensional make-up with crepe hair, latex, putty and dermawax; make-up crew supervision. Previous course

THTR 378 effective through Winter 2014.

THTR245 Title Drafting I: Theatre.

Prerequisites THTR 140.
Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description Techniques in theatrical drafting that explore the mechanics of drafting

through the solution of practical problems in floor planning, front and rear

elevations; the use of different building techniques, materials and

structures.

THTR246 Title Drafting II: Theatre.

Prerequisites THTR 245.
Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description Advanced drafting techniques for theatrical designs including computer

assisted drafting techniques.

THTR247 Title Scenic Painting.

Prerequisites THTR 140.
Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 4 hours lab.

Course Description The theory and practice of the general techniques of the scenic artist and the

methods and materials used in this discipline. May be repeated for a maximum

of 6 credits. Previous course THTR 352 effective through Winter 2014.

THTR250 Title Advanced Theatre Technology.

Prerequisites THTR 150 or THTR 151.

THTR250 Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description An advanced course in technical theatre. Examples of topics to be covered are

mechanics, stage rigging, advanced construction techniques, pneumatics, hydraulics and electronics. Practical application in department of theatre

productions.

THTR252 Title Scene Design I.

Prerequisites THTR 140.
Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description Interpretation of dramatic texts towards the realization of effective stage

designs. Styles and principles will be explored as well as the complete process which translates visual concepts into stage worthy designs. The use

of different media: drawing ground plans, paint, front elevations.

THTR253 Title Theatrical Sound Design.

Prerequisites THTR 152 or TVDM 170.

Corequisites THTR 205.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Applications of sound design and reinforcement techniques in live performance.

Primary focus on the role sound plays in enhancing theatrical design and production. Technical elements include system design, microphone selection and placement, mixing live theater/performance, and signal processing for live

theater/performance.

THTR254 Title Costume Design I.

Prerequisites THTR 140.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description A study of basic costume design for the stage, emphasizing the interpretation

of dramatic texts in terms of characterization. Basic figure drawing and

fabric study are included and the collaborative process which translates ideas

to finished design will be explored.

THTR256 Title Stage Management II.

Prerequisites THTR 155.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course defines the responsibilities of the stage management position for

various performance mediums including dance, opera, musical theatre and television. Content includes an introduction to the various unions involved in performance, the nature of collaboration and leadership and students will explore a variety of management styles. Previous course THTR 343 effective

through Fall 2014.

THTR257 Title Commercial and Nonprofit Management.

Prerequisites THTR 180.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course is designed for individuals who are new to the field of arts

management, and are considering an arts management career. This course will introduce "business of the arts," commercial and nonprofit, providing students with an overview of the careers and the types of work that arts managers do, bringing the arts and cultural programs to audiences, organizing programs such as fes2vals and exhibits, performing arts events and film screenings. The

course will encourage research and examina2on of the current issues and trends

now affec2ng arts management professionals.

THTR258 Title Fundamentals of Stage Lighting.

Prerequisites THTR 152 is a prerequisite and THTR 245 may be taken as a prerequisite or

corequisite.

Corequisites THTR 245 may be taken as a prerequisite or corequisite.

THTR258 Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The functions of light on stage; the use of lighting equipment. Application

work in the Memorial Auditorium and the L. Howard Fox Studio Theatre.

THTR260 Title Drawing and Rendering II: Theatre.

Prerequisites THTR 160.
Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description Advanced drawing and rendering for theatrical stage design. Includes work

with color, the human figure and perspective as well as work with ink.

THTR261 Title Digital Rendering for Theatre/Performance Design.

Prerequisites THTR 140 and THTR 160.

Number and type of credits 5 hours studio.

Course Description This studio course provides an introduction to the application of digital

rendering methods to design for theatre/performance, including 2D, 3D and moving graphics visualization. Course objective is to synthesize and expand traditional drawing and painting methods with modern digital media-based

applications. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.

THTR262 Title Visual Media Design and Technology for Live Performance.

Prerequisites THTR 150 or THTR 152 or DNCE 150.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lab, 1 hour lecture.

Course Description An introduction to the design and technology of visual media for live

performance events such as theatre, dance, and concerts.

THTR265 Title The Contemporary Theatre of Cultural Diversity.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The course examines multicultural issues raised in the plays of contemporary

American playwrights. Relevant theatre attendance is part of the class

requirement. Meets Gen Ed 2002 - Fine and Performing Arts. Meets World

Cultures Requirement.

THTR270 Title Advanced Costume Construction.

Prerequisites THTR 153 or ARTX 120.

Special Fee Special Fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours lab.

Course Description An advanced study of flat patterning, draping, tailoring, period cut and

detailing used in the development of stage costumes. Construction projects and lab hours required. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits.

THTR272 Title Costume Crafts.

Prerequisites THTR 153 or ARTX 120.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours lab.

Course Description An introduction to costume crafts for the theatre including masks, puppet

construction, millinery, armor, jewelry, shoe alterations, and wigs. Content

varies by semester. May be repeated for a maximum of nine credits.

THTR273 Title Fabric Dyeing and Painting.

Prerequisites THTR 153 or ARTX 120.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours lab.

Course Description An introduction to techniques for dyeing and patterning fabric. May be

repeated for a maximum of six credits.

THTR275 Title Theatre Scenes: NY, NJ and London.

Number and type of credits 2 hours lecture and 1 hour lab.

Course Description This course examines classical and modern plays and culminates in an eight day

study abroad experience in London during Spring break. Students attend

theatre productions and participate in workshops and discussions with theatre

artists. May be repeated once for a maximum of 6.0 credits.

THTR280 Title The Power of Masks.

THTR280 Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The function of performance masks as they have been used for rituals, myths,

ceremonies, carnival, and drama in African, European, American and

Asian/Pacific societies. Meets World Cultures Requirement.

THTR311 Title 20th and 21st Century Playwrights.

Prerequisites THTR 211.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Students will read and examine several plays written from the beginning of the

twentieth century through the present. Secondary readings devoted to specific

plays, including the early political and folk plays of the 1910s and 1920s, and protest drama of the 1940s will be studied. Students will explore The

Revolutionary Theater Movement of the '60s and how contemporary playwrights have expanded the contours of the American dramatic landscape, addressing

complex topics such as race/gender, and gay/lesbian issues.

THTR315 Title Advanced Scene Study I for Musical Theatre.

Prerequisites THTR 223 or departmental approval.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 4 hours studio.

Course Description An advanced acting studio for junior musical theatre students which focus on

the theories and techniques of Stanislavsky and include textual analysis, improvisational exercises and scene work as they relate to the written works

of Chekhov.

THTR316 Title Advanced Scene Study II for Musical Theatre.

Prerequisites THTR 315 or departmental approval.

Special Fee Special Fee.

Number and type of credits 4 hours studio.

Course Description A classical acting studio for junior musical theatre students which focuses on

the theories and techniques of scansion, iambic pentameter and scoring of text as well as textual analysis, improvisational exercises and scene work as they

relate to the written works of William Shakespeare.

THTR320 Title Movement for the Actor III.

Prerequisites THTR 120 and THTR 220 and B.F.A.Theatre, Acting concentration majors only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description Advanced movement for the actor in terms of the relationship of movement to

space and form and the need to cultivate physical and emotional relationships in body movement. Advanced exercises and assignments related to movement in

playscripts and in theatrical contexts.

THTR321 Title Movement for the Actor IV.

Prerequisites THTR 120, THTR 220, THTR 320.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Continued study and mastery of the movement skills necessary for the

professional actor with a focus on developing an energized neutral, advancing

core strength, and finding character in body centers and qualities of

movement.

THTR322 Title Acting V - B.F.A.: Classical Acting I.

Prerequisites THTR 115 and THTR 130 and THTR 222 and THTR 223 and B.F.A.Theatre, Acting

concentration majors only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description An introduction to work on classical material with an emphasis on

Shakespearean texts. New acting demands are layered onto a Stanislavskian base of action and objectives, including physical, vocal, imaginative and analytical work.

THTR323 Title Acting VI - B.F.A.: Classical Acting II.

Prerequisites THTR 322 and B.F.A.Theatre, Acting Concentration majors only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description A continuation of the study of classical work, culminating in a practical

demonstration of the actors' engagement with heightened language in an extended project designed to provide students individual assessments of their

progress.

THTR324 Title Acting VII - B.F.A. Advanced Scene Study.

Prerequisites THTR 323; B.F.A.Theatre, Acting Concentration majors only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description Advanced scene work on texts focused around a specific playwright, period, or

style such as mid-20th century American poetic realism or contemporary British political theatre. Students apply techniques of script analysis and research

and are coached through the creation of character and relationship.

THTR325 Title Voice for the Performer-III.

Prerequisites THTR 125 and THTR 225 and B.F.A. Theatre, Acting concentration majors only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description Advanced study in the voice skills necessary for performance in a professional

setting. Intensive work in voice production and vocal development necessary

to develop selected performance styles and techniques.

THTR326 Title Speech for the Performer I.

Prerequisites THTR 125 and THTR 225 and THTR 325 and B.F.A.Theatre, Acting concentration

majors only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Study of the speech skills necessary for the professional actor with a focus

on the mastery of standard, neutral stage speech.

THTR327 Title Speech for the Performer II.

Prerequisites THTR 326 and B.F.A.Theatre, Acting concentration majors only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Advanced study of the speech skills necessary for the professional actor with

a focus on heightened language in Shakespearean texts.

THTR328 Title Speech for the Performer III.

Prerequisites THTR 327 and B.F.A.Theatre, Acting concentration majors only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Advanced study of speech skills for the professional actor with a focus on

heightened language in modern texts and individual speech problems.

THTR329 Title Introduction to Dramaturgy: The Questioning Spirit.

Prerequisites THTR 208 or MTTH 231.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Introduces student performers and scholars to "the dramaturg's way." As a

collaborative member of the theatrical team, the dramaturg serves as literary and historical advisor, script interpreter, journalist and context-provider for director, cast and production crew. Effective dramaturgy draws upon skills in text analysis and writing, and requires a deep appreciation for cultural traditions and current events. Developing fresh and imaginative

approaches to six hypothetical theatrical productions, students will come away with a vivid conception of how it feels to be a practitioner of this integral

and important craft.

THTR330 Title Play Direction I.

THTR330 Prerequisites All 100 and 200-level major requirements; and B.F.A. or B.A. Theatre majors

only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description Principles of direction; selection and casting; exercises in composition and

movement; scenes directed for class criticism; preparation of prompt book.

THTR331 Title Movement for the Actor V.

Prerequisites THTR 120, THTR 220, THTR 321.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Continued study and mastery of the movement skills necessary for the

professional actor with a focus on giving and taking energy in a variety of theatrical styles, advancing emotional availability and expression, and

furthering student alignment.

THTR332 Title Movement for the Actor VI.

Prerequisites THTR 120, THTR 220, THTR 321, THTR 331.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Continued study and mastery of the movement skills necessary for the

professional actor with a focus on the integration of movement, sound, and text, placement of heightened text in the body, and period movement.

THTR335 Title Dramaturgical Styles.

Prerequisites THTR 208.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Students will learn the methods of dramaturgical analysis; study theatre

aesthetics, the history and philosophy of theatre as a form from the classical period to the present postmodern period; and become conversant in current developments in critical theory. Students will be encouraged to pursue

comparatively traditional research such as the editing of plays for

performance and contemporary critical approaches in areas such as audience reception, feminist/gender criticism, semiotics, post-structural theory, and

cultural studies.

THTR338 Title Musical Theatre II.

Prerequisites THTR 115 and THTR 130 and THTR 222 and THTR 223; and Musical Theatre majors

only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course explores the role of the singing actor, including characterization

and performance skills. It examines the functions of music, lyrics, and script, and how they are integrated into one dramatic effort. It addresses

the differences in styles between older presentational musicals and newer

musical dramas.

THTR345 Title Scene Design II.

Prerequisites THTR 252.
Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description A continuation of Stage Design I with emphasis upon specific forms of drama as

well as opera and musical comedy. Includes the use of color with ink, acrylic

and pastel.

THTR346 Title Costume Design II.

Prerequisites THTR 254.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Continues the theories and skills introduced in Costume Design I. Advanced

rendering techniques are explored as well as specific design problems related

to opera, ballet, and other non-naturalistic theatrical forms.

THTR347 Title Lighting Design II.

Prerequisites THTR 258.
Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description Advanced lighting skills in theatre and the related areas of dance, opera and

the musical comedy.

THTR348 Title Advanced Theatrical Sound Design.

Prerequisites THTR 253. Corequisites THTR 205.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lab, 1 hour lecture.

Course Description Advanced course in the application of sound design and reinforcement

techniques in live performance. Course is a continuation of Theatrical Sound

Design and includes an extensive lab component.

THTR350 Title Technical Direction.

Prerequisites THTR 150 or THTR 151.

Number and type of credits 2 hours lecture, 2 hours lab.

Course Description An in-depth study of technical direction production and direction. Areas of

study include production budgeting, planning and scheduling, and production studio design. The course will include laboratory and production experience.

THTR354 Title Topics in Technical Theatre.

Prerequisites THTR 252.
Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours lab.

Course Description Practical study of aspects of technical theatre including repair and

maintenance of theatre equipment, welding techniques, rigging, prop design and

construction. May be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits.

THTR357 Title Advanced Lighting Technologies.

Prerequisites THTR 258.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studuio.

Course Description This course will provide advanced study in lighting design and technology for

this rapidly changing field. Topics will vary each semester dependent on changes in the industry. This course may be repeated for a maximum of 9

credits.

THTR360 Title Children's Theatre.

Prerequisites All 100 and 200-level major requirements; and B.A. Theatre Studies majors

only.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Principles and techniques of children's theatre as applied in classroom,

theater and speech therapy programs paralleling the mental, physical and

emotional levels of children. Student participation in planning and

presenting demonstrations with children.

THTR361 Title B.A. Theatre Workshop.

Prerequisites All 100 and 200-level major requirements; and B.A. Theatre Studies majors

only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course explores a variety of theatrical styles for performance potential.

It melds performance and directing with the study of selected texts to create a dynamic theatrical experience that draws upon students' theoretical as well

as performance skills.

THTR362 Title Stage Dialects.

Prerequisites All 100 and 200-level major requirements; and Theatre, Dance or Fashion

Studies majors only.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

Course Description

Lecture and laboratory demonstration on sound substitutions, rhythms, and

THTR362 Course Description inflectional patterns used in creating effective stage dialects. Performance

in standard British, Cockney, Irish, Scottish, French, Italian, German, and

Spanish dialects.

THTR366 Title Stage Technique: Combat.

Prerequisites THTR 105 or THTR 115.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Stage use of sword-play, hand-to-hand combat and combat choreography with

broadsword, epee, cudgel and staff among others.

THTR367 Title Stage Technique: Mime.

Prerequisites THTR 105 or 115.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Fundamentals of the art of classic mime including basic body controls and

movements.

THTR381 Title Theatre Administration and Audience Development.

Prerequisites THTR 256.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The initiation, development and continuing operation of the theatrical

enterprise including methods of finance, budget and contract and methods of

audience research and development.

THTR382 Title Contracts and Law in Theatre.

Prerequisites THTR 256.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description A study of the legal aspects of work in theatre including contracts and

unions.

THTR385 Title Production Management.

Prerequisites THTR 256.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Study and compare aspects related to the management of theatrical productions

in professional and educational theatre. The course will cover resource

management, budget planning and tracking, labor union rules and regulations.

THTR391 Title Playwriting I.

Prerequisites THTR 208 or departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The creation of an original script suitable for production. The cause to

effect play will be investigated as well as newer trends in theatre.

Investigation of marketing possibilities and the preparation of scripts for submission. Students should have a background in the technique and artistic

aspects of the theatre.

THTR395 Title Playwriting II.

Prerequisites THTR 391.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course is a continued exploration of writing for the stage with the study

of dramaturgical elements in the work of contemporary and classic playwrights. Students will examine and continue study of story development, structure, and the use of dialogue. They will hone their craft; through creating multiple narrative strategies as well as generating short scripts and a completed one act. This course will also focus on professional training and development to

learn about the business and how to producing one's own work, agents, graduate

schools, and submitting to new play festivals.

THTR400 Title Fundraising & Board Development.

Prerequisites THTR 381.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course presents the principles and methods of raising funds for nonprofit

arts organizations from individuals, businesses, government agencies and foundations. These methods could include grant writing, direct marketing,

THTR400 Course Description special events, researching and soliciting major donors and identifying

potential board member. Students will study how to cultivate and maintain a governing body that promotes a legally sound, effective, and successful nonprofit organization. The course will culminate in the development of a

fundraising action plan for a nonprofit or a case study organization.

THTR401 Title Business of the Arts.

Prerequisites THTR 381.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Designed especially for those who are unfamiliar with financial concepts, this

course will introduce students to developing a budget and reading and

interpreting financial statements. Through discussion and hands-on exercises, students will explore ways of developing and sustaining fiscal responsibility

throughout an organization, including the understanding of roles and

responsibilities of the board of directors, management and staff. The course will culminate in the preparation of a financial plan for your own nonprofit

or a case study of an organization.

THTR403 Title Independent Study.

Prerequisites BFA or BA Theatre majors only and departmental approval.

Course Description Proposals must be submitted for departmental approval prior to registration

for the course. May be repeated without limit as long as the topic is

different.

THTR405 Title Advanced Scene Study.

Prerequisites THTR 105, THTR 110, THTR 120, THTR 215 and THTR 361. Theatre Studies majors

only.

Corequisites THTR 361.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 5 hours studio.

Course Description An advanced scene study class for junior and senior Theatre Studies majors,

focusing on the plays of Ibsen, Strindberg and Chekhov. Coursework is

grounded in the theories and techniques of Stanislavky, and includes textual

analysis, improvisional exercises and scenework.

THTR407 Title Internship: Production/Design.

Prerequisites All 100, 200 and 300-level major requirements; and B.F.A. Production/Design

majors only; and departmental approval.

Course Description Practical experience as a member of a professional, semi-professional or

educational theatre on- or off- campus. Work as a technician or as an

assistant to the designer or producer.

THTR409 Title Summer Theatre: Production/Performance.

Prerequisites B.F.A.or B.A.Theatre majors only and departmental approval.

Course Description Practical experience as a member of a professional, semi-professional, or

educational theater on- or off- campus. The student works as an actor, or as

an assistant to the director, designer or producer.

THTR410 Title Senior Project: B.A. Theatre.

Prerequisites THTR 361.

Corequisites THTR 411 or permission.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course is the capstone for the BA in Theatre Studies Program. Final

project with a written and practical/performance component will be devised by

the students in collaboration with a faculty playwright and/or director.

THTR411 Title Dramatic Criticism.

Prerequisites THTR 208 and THTR 361.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Dramatic principles of theme, content, and characterization as they relate to

production and performance; evaluation and analysis of the basic ingredients

THTR411 Course Description of dramatic criticism as related to the critic, the director, the scenic

artist and the performer.

THTR425 Title Senior Showcase for Actors.

Prerequisites Senior level Theatre majors only; and by invitation only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Preparation and performance of showcases for industry representatives to

introduce students to the professional theatre.

THTR430 Title Play Direction II.

Prerequisites THTR 330; all 100 and 200-level major requirements; and B.A. Theatre Studies

majors, B.F.A. Theatre, Acting concentration majors, or B.F.A. Theatre,

Production/Design majors only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 3 hours studio.

Course Description Advanced play direction with emphasis on the director's analysis of the script

and working with performers; participants will direct a scene and a one act

play.

THTR431 Title Play Direction III.

Prerequisites THTR 430.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

Course Description

Exploration of significant styles of production. Each participant will direct scenes in various period styles. A final stylistic project performed for an

audience.

THTR432 Title Special Topics in Theatre.

Prerequisites BA or BFA Theatre majors only and departmental approval.

Special Fee Special fee.

Course Description A selected aspect of theatrical theory and/or practice not included in the

regular departmental offerings will be explored in depth. May be repeated for

a maximum of 6.0 credits.

THTR433 Title Shakespeare Workshop.

Prerequisites THTR 322 or departmental approval.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Analysis and performance of scenes from Shakespearean histories, comedies, and

tragedies.

THTR435 Title Dramatic Workshop.

Prerequisites BA Theatre Studies majors, or BFA Theatre, Acting concentration majors, or BFA

Theatre, Production/Design concentration majors only; and junior or senior

standing and departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 4

4 hours studio.

**Course Description** 

An advanced course combining students as actors or directors engaged in research and performance of classical and contemporary styles of theatre in a "works-in-progress" atmosphere. Material will be drawn from the full spectrum

of theatre.

THTR436 Title Dramatic Workshop II.

Prerequisites B.A.Theatre Studies major, or B.F.A.Theatre, Acting concentration or

B.F.A.Theatre, Production/Design concentration students only; and junior or

senior standing and departmental approval.

Number and type of credits

4 hours studio.

**Course Description** 

A continuation of dramatic workshop providing advanced research, exploration

and performance for acting-directing experimentation with various modes such as readers' theater, story theater and environmental theater. Problems of adaptation of plays of one period into other periods and of non-theatrical material into a theatrical form.

THTR440 Title Senior Seminar: Production and Design.

THTR440 Prerequisites Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Studies (THST); Bachelor of Fine Arts with a

concentration in Production and Design (THPD) majors only with senior

standing; and one 300-level course.

Number and type of credits 2 hours lecture.

Course Description Capstone course for Production and Design majors focused on resume, website

and portfolio development.

THTR442 Title Theatrical Model Making.

Prerequisites THTR 245 and 252. Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Three-dimensional design in theatrical model making. Exploration of the

creative design process in working with construction models executed in paper,

cardboard and clay.

THTR445 Title Advanced Scenography Studio.

Prerequisites THTR 345 or THTR 346 or THTR 347 or THTR 348 or departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 6 hour lab.

Course Description Advanced instruction and mentorship of realized design work assigned through

department productions and/or through paper projects to further develop

essential competencies and knowledge of process.

THTR460 Title Advanced Children's Theatre.

Prerequisites THTR 360.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Acting and directing creative abilities in students; assisting other teachers

in applying dramatics, music, art and dance in presentation of various

subjects.

THTR480 Title Concept and Collaboration in Theatre.

Prerequisites Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Studies (THST) majors only. THTR 330 or THTR 345

or THTR 346 or THTR 347 or THTR 348.

Number and type of credits

**Course Description** 

2 hours lecture, 2 hours lab.

Development of the collaborative skills needed between director and designer

for stage and screen production. Student teams will develop directorial and design approaches to scripts through substantial analysis, research, and

conversation.

THTR490 Title

Theatre Cooperative Education Experience.

Prerequisites BA Theatre Studies and BFA Theatre, Acting, Musical Theatre, and

Production/Design concentration majors only; and senior standing and

departmental approval.

Special Fee

Special fee.

Course Description

Upper-class undergraduate students may pursue a major portion of a semesters work under the supervision of an experienced professional practitioner as an assistant in an active, successful theatre, dance, speech or media center program. Departmental eligibility and approval must be secured by the mid-point of the semester preceding registration. Credit by arrangement.

**THTR495** 

Title

Prerequisites Theatre major and senior standing and departmental approval.

Course Description Senior project in an area of student's primary field of specialization;

theatre history, dramatic literature, criticism or performance theory.

Requires intensive research project demonstrating the student's ability to apply the theories and principles revealed by his project to performance or

production.

Thesis (senior).

THTR501

Title

Research Methods in Theatre.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** 

Foundations in research and research methodologies. A survey of resources and

methods (including critical, historical and textual) in theatre to assist

students in assessing and designing research. Course must be completed in

first two semesters of matriculation.

THTR502

Title

Writing & Research for Arts Managers.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

Course Description

This skill building course prepares students in technical writing, audiovisual presentation techniques, and research methods appropriate for managers and

professionals in arts organizations.

THTR504 Title Contemporary Theatre.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The theory and practice in today's professional theatre: writing, acting,

directing and producing problems and trends of current theatrical fare. Open

to all graduate students.

THTR505 Title Dramaturgy.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Introduction and overview of dramaturgy as a component of the creative team.

Includes units on production dramaturgy, collaboration with directors, new

play development, working with playwrights and adaptation.

THTR507 Title Theatrical Production.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Students pursue projects in one of the following areas: acting, directing,

scenic design, lighting design, technical theatre or management. May be

repeated for a maximum of six credits.

THTR508 Title Internship: Theatrical Practice.

Prerequisites Departmental approval.

Course Description Practical experience in theatre under supervision of staff member of

professional, semi-professional or educational theatre, on- or off-campus.

THTR509 Title Special Topics in Theatre and Drama.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description A selected topic in the history, literature, criticism of theory of theatre

and drama not included in the regular departmental offerings will be examined

in depth. May be repeated twice for a maximum of 6.0 credits.

THTR511 Title Tragic Elements in Drama.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The "evolution" of tragic theory as it manifests itself in each of the periods

of theatre history and dramatic criticism. Included in the examination is an evaluation of representative tragic playscripts in terms of style, structure,

"tragic devices", content, and performance.

THTR512 Title Comic Elements in Drama.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The "evolution" of comic theory as it manifests itself in each of the periods

		of theatre history and dramatic criticism. Included in the examination is an
		evaluation of representative comic playscripts in terms of style, structure,
		"comic devices", content, and performance.
THTR513	Title	Modern and Contemporary Theatre History.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Theatrical history associated with Western culture from 1890 to the present;
		the contemporary theatrical scene and its direct heritage. Major emphasis on
		British and continental developments with some attention to American theatre.
THTR514	Title	Non-Western Drama and Theatre.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Theatrical forms and dramatic literature of non-Western cultures (China,
		Japan, India, Southeast Asia, and Africa) in historical and contemporary
		contexts. The influence of these forms on modern Western theatrical theory
		and practice (Brecht, Artaud, Brook and others) will be examined.
THTR517	Title	Theatre Criticism.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Historical review of the principles involved in theatre criticism from a
THTR517	Course Description	literary perspective. While attention is given to selected historical
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THTR535 Title Advanced Directing Workshop. Special fee. Special Fee Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture. **Course Description** A workshop in play directing, including analysis and direction of scenes from realistic and period style plays. Final project includes a director's analysis and prompt script or the equivalent work in a term report on a particular approach to directing. **THTR540** Title The Collaborative Process. Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture. **Course Description** Course explores creative and collaborative strategies among the personnel involved in the mounting and production of a script: directors, designers, dramaturges and production personnel. It will explore techniques of script analysis, the creation of a production concept, and the effective implementation of this concept in all facets of production. THTR545 Title Scenic Design I: The Legitimate Theatre. Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture. **Course Description** Scene design as related to the play, director and audience. Theatrical styles, genres, multiple, unit and simultaneous settings discussed. Includes script analysis and design work with an emphasis on visualization of design concepts, perspective sketch and modeling techniques. THTR546 Title Scenic Design II: Performing Arts. Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture. **Course Description** Design problems inherent in musical comedy, opera and dance. Emphasis on planning, design and execution of scenery. Stage Lighting Design. THTR554 Title Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture. **Course Description** The theory and practice of lighting design from both pragmatic and esthetic points of view. The student will focus on the function and qualities of lighting as a design medium and its application to various styles of theatrical production. Student will develop several lighting plots and schedules. THTR555 Advanced Problems in Technical Production. Title Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture. Physical resources available to technician. Exploration of new materials and

Course Description

techniques as well as extensive work in standard techniques. Knowledge of

drafting techniques helpful.

THTR575 Title Seminar Costume Design and Construction.

Number and type of credits 3 hours seminar.

Course Description Costume as one visual element of design in the theatre. Research procedure,

design theory, construction techniques, use of materials.

THTR580 Title Theatre Management.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The theatre as a business enterprise: production units; box office procedures;

standard contractual arrangements; unions and their regulations; subscription management. Manager as a community relations specialist; publicity; the

theatre as a community resource. Open to graduate students with a background

in performing arts.

THTR581 Title Stage Management.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 2 hours lab.

Course Description Experiential study of stage management including: pre-production script

analysis, organizing a prompt script, function in production meetings,

implementing rehearsal schedule and company rules, rehearsal duties, technical

rehearsals, and running/closing the show. Student will participate in all

productions.

THTR582 Title Production Management.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 2 hours lab.

Course Description Experiential study of season scheduling; space scheduling; rehearsal

scheduling; budgeting and pricing out costs for sets, costumes, lighting and props; management of backstage personnel; union contracts; and safety issues in the theatre and backstage. Course work supplemented by hands-on work on

theatre/dance projects and spaces.

THTR583 Title The Business of Art I: Artworlds.

Number and type of credits 3 hour lecture.

Course Description The course is designed to provide an overview of the economic, organizational

and social factors that influence contemporary art organizations. The

students will examine structures, practices and issues concerning the visual

and performing arts in the nonprofit, government and commercial sectors. Structures to be studied include theatres, dance companies, art galleries and museums, arts councils, presenting organizations, orchestras and other music groups. The student will analyze the impact of unions and professional organizations on these structures. A profile and assessment of the structure, issues, and international dynamics of artworlds/cultural fields, especially regarding performing and visual arts in the commercial, nonprofit and government sectors of society.

THTR584 Title

The Business of Art II: Art Organizations.

Number and type of credits

3 hour lecture.

**Course Description** 

An examination of the internal practices to start and run commercial, nonprofit, and government arts organizations, especially considering the structure, staffing, management, promotion, and leadership of such institutions and agencies in the field of art and culture.

THTR585 Title

Grantsmanship and Fundraising.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** 

Methods of grantsmanship, fundraising and other strategies to secure support

for institutional operations and programs in the arts.

THTR586 Title

How to Run a Nonprofit Arts Organization.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** 

An in-depth look at the nonprofit arts organization career from a real-life, case-study, anecdotal perspective. Areas to be covered include mission,

fundraising, program development, board governance and management structure. The student will come away with the knowledge of how it actually feels to meet the challenges facing an emerging arts administrator.

Leading Creativity.

THTR587 Title

Title

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** 

This course will help students understand leadership behavior infused with creativity, exploring the creative roles of organizational and network leaders

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**Course Description** 

and catalysts in board, executive, managerial, and team relations, as well as leadership of creative people (especially in an environment of change). In this context students will learn how to apply aspects of creative/artistic

processes and symbolic forms to ethical leadership and advocacy, as well as how to empower talented individuals and groups in realizing a mission whether

in nonprofit, government and commercial sectors.

THTR599 Title Independent Study.

Prerequisites Departmental approval.

Course Description Individual projects in theatre that result in significant research. May be

repeated without limited as long as the topic is different.

THTR602 Title Capstone Project.

Number and type of credits 3 credits independent study.

Course Description Student will create an independent culminating project under the direction of

a faculty member. This project may be research or experiential, but it will

result in a substantial written component.

THTR698 Title Master's Thesis.

Prerequisites Departmental approval.

Course Description Independent research project done under faculty advisement. Students must

follow the MSU Thesis Guidelines, which may be obtained from the Graduate School. Students should take THTR 699 if they don't complete THTR 698 within

the semester.

THTR699 Title Master's Thesis Extension.

Prerequisites THTR 698.

Course Description Continuation of Master's Thesis Project. Thesis Extension will be graded as

IP (in Progress) until thesis is completed, at which time a grade of Pass or

Fail will be given.

TVDM101 Title History and Development of TV and Digital Media.

Prerequisites School of Communication and Media (SCMD) majors only.

Corequisites CMDA 110.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description A survey of the history, organization and current structure of radio,

television and hybrid technologies; societal and cultural influences of

electronic broadcast media; introduction to practical and theoretical concepts of studio production. Previous course BDCS 101 effective through Spring 2012.

TVDM201 Title Language of Television.

Prerequisites CMDA 110.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.