

THEATRE MAJOR

The Theatre Major offers a 39-credit program that combines marketable, hands-on production experience with an extensive variety of coursework to prepare students for a career in live theatre production, its associated industries, or advanced graduate education. Students in the theatre program acquire essential skills and knowledge in performance, design, technology, and dramaturgy involved in the production and study of theatrical arts. An emphasis is placed on the practical techniques and the critical analysis necessary for successful productions.

As part of the new major's coursework, 24 credits come from required courses in Acting, Design, Technology, and Dramaturgy. The remaining credits are in the form of wide-ranging electives from across theatre's areas of study. Those studies complement required work on productions and a senior thesis project. For their capstone project, students can focus their studies on design and technology (scenic/costume/lighting/sound), dramaturgy, acting, or directing.

Fuller Theater and the scenic and costume shops serve as laboratories where students hone their skills on departmental and student productions.

The production season is chosen to provide students with exposure to a range of styles and genres, and opportunities for a diversity of students. Within this portfolio of productions, the program ensures that the work is relevant to our communities, speaks to our audiences, and is produced in styles that fire the audience's imagination.

Graduates with a B.A. in Theatre will be able to do the following:

- Acquire the critical language for the analysis and interpretation of theatre
- Demonstrate aesthetic literacy over historical periods and cultures that pertain to the production and interpretation of theatre
- Apply theoretical knowledge and concepts to the creation and critical analysis of theatre
- Utilize critical thinking skills in the production of theatre

Worcester State University also offers a Minor in Theatre.

Requirements for a Theatre Major

Required Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
TH-126	Script Analysis	3
TH-145	Acting I	3
TH-155	First-Year Theatre Practicum	1
TH-175	Introduction to Stagecraft	3
TH-235	History of Theatre	3
TH-255	Second-Year Theatre Practicum	1
TH-263	Concepts of Theatre Design	3
TH-274	Stage Management	3
TH-355	Third-Year Theatre Practicum	1
TH-455	Theatre Capstone	3
Total Credits		24

Elective Courses - 15 credits total; 9 credits must be at the 300-level or above.

Code	Title	Credits
TH-191	Introduction to the Theatre	3
TH-246	Voice and Movement	3
TH-270	History of American Entertainment I	3
TH-271	History of American Entertainment II	3
TH-272	History of Costume	3
TH-290	Theatre for Young Audiences	3
TH-292	Applied Theatre and Community Engagement	3
TH-321	Rehearsal and Performance	3
TH-345	Acting II	3
TH-348	Stage Combat	3
TH-360	Scenic Design for Theatre	3
TH-370	Costume Design for Theatre	3
TH-380	Directing	3
TH-390	Lighting Design for Theatre	3
TH-399	Special Topics in Theatre	3
TH-405	Independent Study in Theatre	1-6
TH-408	Directed Study: Theatre	3
TH-435	Internship in Theatre	1-12