

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEATRE STUDIES

Faculty

Todd Dicken (<https://ysu.edu/people/todd-dicken/>), M.F.A.

Senior Lecturer

Bliss Hall 1026
330.941.1857
twdicken@ysu.edu

Katherine Garlick (<https://ysu.edu/people/katherine-garlick/>), M.F.A.

Associate Professor

Bliss Hall 1016
330.941.1852
kngarlick@ysu.edu

About the Major

YSU's Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Theatre, Film Studies combines extensive practical training in the techniques of theatre, film, and video production with an array of liberal arts coursework. The core of the degree is an interdisciplinary collaboration with the Theatre, Media Communications, and English areas, creating experiential learning environments behind and in front of the camera, as well as on stage or behind the scenes. This rigorous program is student-centered and equips students with critical thinking, problem-solving, and hands-on skills that are highly valued in the workforce.

The degree culminates in an individualized Senior Project, where students prepare for their future in the entertainment industry while applying skills and knowledge gained throughout the program. The curriculum allows students to augment their studies with a Minor or Certificate in a field of their choice (e.g., Graphic + Interactive Design Minor (<https://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-creative-arts-communication/department-art/graphic-design-minor-non-art-majors/>), Certificate in Audio and Music Production (<https://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-creative-arts-communication/school-music/certificate-in-audio-and-music-production/>), Entrepreneurship Minor (<https://catalog.ysu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/college-business-administration/entrepreneurship-minor/>)).

Contact Information

To learn more about our degree programs, scholarships, professional development and careers, performances, faculty, and students, visit University Theatre (<https://ysu.edu/ccca/university-theatre/>) or contact us at 330.941.3810.

To schedule a personalized campus visit, contact the Cliffe College of Creative Arts (<https://academics.ysu.edu/cliffe-college-of-creative-arts/>) Program Coordinator of Admissions and Recruitment at 330.941.2346 or sawaltman@ysu.edu. We would love to learn about your interests, talk with you about our programs, and become an important part of your future.

Grade of "C" or better is required for all major and minor courses. Courses cannot be taken "CR/NC".

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
FIRST YEAR REQUIREMENT -STUDENT SUCCESS		
YSU 1500	Success Seminar	1-2
or YSU 1500S	Youngstown State University Success Seminar	
or HONR 1500	Intro to Honors	

General Education Requirements

ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3-4
or ENGL 1549	Writing 1 with Support	
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
Any Gen Ed Math (Recommended MATH 2623)		3
Art and Humanities (2 courses) ^{Included in Major}		0
Natural Science (2 courses, 1 with lab)		7
Social Science (2 courses)		6
General Education Electives		9
Any Gen Ed Course (3 s.h.)		
Any Gen Ed Course (3 s.h.)		
Any Gen Ed Course (3 s.h.)		
Foreign Language Requirement		
FNLG 1501	Conversational Foreign Language 1	3
FNLG 1502	Conversational Foreign Language 2	3
Major Requirements		
THTR 1512	Survey of Broadway: The American Musical ^{*Art and Humanities Requirement}	3
THTR 1559	Production Design for Stage and Screen	3
THTR 1560	Introduction to Theatre ^{*Art and Humanities Requirement}	3
THTR 1561	Stagecraft	3
THTR 1563	Costume Construction and Craft	3
THTR 1585	Acting 1: Fundamentals	3
THTR 2600	Theatre Practicum (must be repeated 3 times for a total of 3 s.h.)	3
THTR 2640	Theatre History	3
THTR 2661	Introduction to Stage Management	3
THTR 3700	Theatre Practicum 2 (must be repeated four times for a total of 4 s.h.)	4
THTR 3701	Professional Preparation	3
THTR 3768	Script Analysis for Stage and Screen	3
THTR 4898	Senior Project	3
Theatre Electives: Select 24 s.h. (21 s.h. must be 3700 or above)		24
Select from THTR 2607, THTR 2667, THTR 2672, THTR 3707, THTR 3761, THTR 3762, THTR 3763, THTR 3765, THTR 3766, THTR 3769, THTR 3771, THTR 3772, THTR 4870, THTR 4880, THTR 4893, THTR 4899		
Movement Elective		1
Select One (DNCE 1540, DNCE 1570, DNCE 1571, DNCE 1572, KSS 1514, KSS 1550, KSS 1552)		
Minor (12 s.h. total, 4 s.h. of which must be 2600 or above, 6 s.h. of which must be 3700 or above)		12
Electives to reach 120		5
Total Semester Hours		120-122
Year 1		
Fall		S.H.
YSU 1500	Success Seminar	1-2
or YSU 1500S	or Youngstown State University Success Seminar	
or HONR 1500	or Intro to Honors	
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3-4
or ENGL 1549	or Writing 1 with Support	
THTR 1559	Production Design for Stage and Screen	3
THTR 1560	Introduction to Theatre	3
THTR 1585	Acting 1: Fundamentals	3
THTR 2600	Theatre Practicum	1
Semester Hours		14-16
Spring		
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3

THTR 1561	Stagecraft	3
THTR 2600	Theatre Practicum	1
Minor Course		3
Minor Course		3
Any Gen Ed Math		3
Semester Hours		16
Year 2		
Fall		
THTR 1563	Costume Construction and Craft	3
THTR 2600	Theatre Practicum	1
THTR 3768	Script Analysis for Stage and Screen	3
FNLG 1550	Elementary Foreign Language	4
Minor Course		3
General Education Elective - Social Science		3
Semester Hours		17
Spring		
THTR 2640	Theatre History	3
THTR 3700	Theatre Practicum 2	1
Select 1 Theatre Elective		3
Select 1 Theatre Elective		3
FNLG 2600	Intermediate Foreign Language	4
Semester Hours		14
Year 3		
Fall		
THTR 2661	Introduction to Stage Management	3
THTR 3700	Theatre Practicum 2	1
Select 1 Theatre Elective		3
Select 1 Theatre Elective		3
Minor Course		3
General Education Elective - Any Gen Ed Course		3
Semester Hours		16
Spring		
THTR 3700	Theatre Practicum 2	1
Select 1 Theatre Elective		3
General Education Elective - Natural Science + Lab		4
General Education Elective - Social Science		3
General Education Elective - Any Gen Ed Course		3
Semester Hours		14
Year 4		
Fall		
THTR 1512	Survey of Broadway: The American Musical	3
THTR 3700	Theatre Practicum 2	1
THTR 3701	Professional Preparation	3
Select 1 Theatre Elective		3
Movement Elective		1
General Education Elective - Natural Science		3
Semester Hours		14
Spring		
THTR 4898	Senior Project	3
Select 1 Theatre Elective		3
Select 1 Theatre Elective		3
Minor Course		3
General Education Elective - Any Gen Ed Course		3
Semester Hours		15
Total Semester Hours		120-122

Learning Outcomes

1. Public Performances: Students will competently create and present public theatre events, either as performers, designers, or technicians.
2. Knowledge of History and Cultural Dimensions: Students will explain the history and cultural influences of and upon the institution of theatre throughout the ages.
3. Informed Assessments of Quality: Students will critically evaluate works of theatre.
4. Critical Thinking: Students will define a desired goal in creating a work of theatre and devise a plan to achieve that goal.