

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS IN THEATRE

About the major

The Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Theatre (https://academics.yzu.edu/university-theatre/areas-of-study/?_gl=1*18odyzu*_up*MQ..*_ga*MTkwMjEwNDUwOC4xNzQ0Dc4Njg1*_ga_9H64PB...) is a professional degree designed for students pursuing careers as actors, directors, or theatre technicians/designers. The program follows an experiential curriculum that fosters discipline and artistic agency through broad-based foundational training. Courses emphasize critical thinking, creative problem-solving, and risk-taking, helping students build the refined skills necessary for success in all areas of the entertainment industry.

Students may choose from three concentrations: Acting, Design Tech, and Musical Theatre. Admission to the Acting and Musical Theatre programs is by audition/interview only (https://academics.yzu.edu/university-theatre/auditions/?_gl=1*k1bpdd*_up*MQ..*_ga*MTAzMzgxNjg4NC4xNzQ0NDQ0NjY0*_ga_9H64PB...). The co-curricular theatre season (<https://academics.yzu.edu/university-theatre/events-news/on-stage/>) features four mainstage productions that prioritize students' professional growth by simulating real-world experiences. All B.F.A. Theatre students are required to audition and participate. Additional performance opportunities include semi-annual cabarets, the Festival of New Work, and *An Evening of 10-Minute Plays*.

All B.F.A. Theatre students also complete a senior capstone project, working individually and in small groups with faculty to refine their showcase material and engage in deeper artistic discussion.

Contact information

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

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

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)		
Arts and Humanities (2 courses) ^{One course included in Major}		
THTR 1560	*Included in major	3
Any Arts & Humanities Elective		
Natural Sciences (2 courses, 1 with lab)		
7		
Social Science (2 courses)		
6		
PSYC 1560		
Social Science Elective		

General Education Electives (9 s.h.)			9
Any Gen Ed Course (3 s.h.)			
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Theatre Core Requirements			
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
Theatre Participation (THTR 2600) must be taken 3 times for a total of 3 s.h.			3
THTR 2640	Theatre History		3
Theatre Participation 2 (THTR 3700) must be taken 4 times for a total of 4 s.h.			4
THTR 3701	Professional Preparation		3
THTR 3761	Stage Makeup		3
THTR 3768	Script Analysis for Stage and Screen		3
Select 2 Special Topics or Upper Division Electives			6
THTR 4899	Topics in Theatre		
THTR 37XX/48XX			
Major Concentration			34
Choose one concentration area -- Acting, Design Tech, or Musical Theatre			
Minor or certificate			12
Choose a minor or certificate			
Total Semester Hours			121-123

Acting Concentration

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.	
Coursework			
THTR 2667	Acting 2: Character Creation & Scene Work	3	
THTR 3762	Directing 1	3	
THTR 3766	Stage Combat	3	
THTR 3772	Acting 3: Advanced Character Study & Repertoire Acquisition	3	
THTR 4870	Acting 4: Acting on Camera	3	
Select 2 of the following:			6
THTR 2607	Introduction to Puppetry		
THTR 3763	Scene Design		
THTR 3765	Lighting Design		
THTR 3769	Costume Design		
Choose 2 Upper Division Electives:			6
THTR 37XX/48XX			
THTR 37XX/48XX			
Select 3 Movement Electives:			4
DNCE 1571	Jazz and Tap 1		
DNCE 1572	Ballet 1		
DNCE 2671	Jazz and Tap II		
or DNCE 2673 Ballet 2			
Senior Project and Capstone			
THTR 4898	Senior Project	3	
Total Semester Hours			34

Design Tech Concentration

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
ART 1501	Fundamentals of 2D Design	3
Coursework		

THTR 2607	Introduction to Puppetry	3
THTR 2661	Introduction to Stage Management	3
THTR 3763	Scene Design	3
THTR 3764	History of Stage Costume	3
THTR 3765	Lighting Design	3
THTR 3769	Costume Design	3
THTR 37XX/48XX	Upper Division Electives	4
Choose one from the following:		3
MCOM 2624	Communication Technology - Photo and Video	
MCOM 2683 & 2683L	Foundations of Multicamera Production and Multicamera Lab 1	
Choose one from the following:		3
ART 1541	Survey of Art History 1	
ART 1542	Global Art since 1400	
Senior Project and Capstone		
THTR 4898	Senior Project	3
Total Semester Hours		34

Musical Theatre Concentration

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
Coursework		
THTR 2601	Singing Styles	1
THTR 2667	Acting 2: Character Creation & Scene Work	3
THTR 3762	Directing 1	3
THTR 3772	Acting 3: Advanced Character Study & Repertoire Acquisition	3
Voice Lessons (7 semesters)		
MTVC 1501	Voice Musical Theatre 1	2
MTVC 1502	Voice Musical Theatre 2	2
MTVC 2601	Adv Voice Musical Theatre 1	2
MTVC 2602	Adv Voice Musical Theatre 2	2
MTVC 3701	Voice	2
MTVC 3702	Voice	2
MTVC 4801	Voice	2
Choose one from the following:		3
THTR 2607	Introduction to Puppetry	
THTR 3763	Scene Design	
THTR 3765	Lighting Design	
THTR 3769	Costume Design	
Choose 3 Movement Electives:		4
DNCE 1571	Jazz and Tap 1	
DNCE 1572	Ballet 1	
DNCE 2671	Jazz and Tap II	
DNCE 2673	Ballet 2	
Senior Project and Capstone		
THTR 4898	Senior Project	3
Total Semester Hours		34

[Different Emphases may slightly. Consult the four-year plans for the Acting Concentration \(p. 2\), Design Tech Concentration \(p. 3\), Musical Theatre Concentration \(p. 4\) for the plan of study.](#)

Acting Concentration

Year 1		
Fall		
Theatre Core		
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
General Education		
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	
Semester Hours		14-16

Spring

Theatre Core		
THTR 1561	Stagecraft	3
THTR 2600	Theatre Practicum	1
Concentration Requirements		
THTR 2667	Acting 2: Character Creation & Scene Work	3
DNCE 1571 or DNCE 1572		1
General Education		
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
Any Gen Ed Math (Recommend MATH 2623)		3
General Education Elective - Arts & Humanities		3
Semester Hours		17

Year 2**Fall**

Theatre Core		
THTR 1563	Costume Construction and Craft	3
THTR 2600	Theatre Practicum	1
Concentration Requirements		
THTR 3768	Script Analysis for Stage and Screen	3
THTR 3772	Acting 3: Advanced Character Study & Repertoire Acquisition	3
DNCE 1571 or DNCE 1572 (whichever not already taken)		1
General Education		
General Education Elective - Social Science		3
Semester Hours		14

Spring

Theatre Core		
THTR 2640	Theatre History	3
THTR 3700	Theatre Practicum 2	1
THTR 3761	Stage Makeup	3
Concentration Requirements		
THTR 4870	Acting 4: Acting on Camera	3
Choose one from the following: THTR 3763, THTR 3765, THTR 3769, or THTR 2607		3
General Education		
General Education Elective - Natural Science		3
Semester Hours		16

Year 3**Fall**

Theatre Core		
THTR 3700	Theatre Practicum 2	1
THTR 4899	Topics in Theatre	3
Concentration Requirements		
THTR 3762	Directing 1	3
DNCE 2671 or DNCE 2673		2
THTR 37XX/48XX Elective		3
Certificate or Minor		

Certificate/Minor Course 1	3
Semester Hours	15
Spring	
Theatre Core	
THTR 3700 Theatre Practicum 2	1
Concentration Requirements	
THTR 3766 Stage Combat	3
General Education	
PSYC 1560 General Psychology	3
General Education Elective -- Any Gen Ed	3
General Education Elective -- Any Gen Ed	3
Certificate or Minor	
Certificate/Minor Course 2	3
Semester Hours	16
Year 4	
Fall	
Theatre Core	
THTR 3700 Theatre Practicum 2	1
THTR 3701 Professional Preparation	3
THTR 3763 Scene Design	3
or THTR 3765 or Lighting Design	
or THTR 3769 or Costume Design	
or THTR 4899 or Topics in Theatre	
Concentration Requirements	
THTR 37XX/48XX Elective	3
General Education	
General Education Elective -- Any Gen Ed	3
Certificate or Minor	
Certificate/Minor Course 3	3
Semester Hours	16
Spring	
Theatre Core	
THTR 4898 Senior Project	3
THTR 37XX/48XX elective	3
General Education	
General Education Elective - Natural Science with Lab	4
Certificate or Minor	
Certificate/Minor Course 4	3
Semester Hours	13
Total Semester Hours	121-123

Design Tech Concentration

Year 1	
Fall	
Theatre Core	
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
General Education	
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	
Semester Hours	14-16
Spring	
Theatre Core	
THTR 1561 Stagecraft	3
THTR 2600 Theatre Practicum	1
Concentration Requirements	
Choose one from ART 1501, ART 1541, or ART 1542	3
Choose one from THTR 3763, THTR 3765, THTR 3769 or THTR 2607	3
General Education	
ENGL 1551 Writing 2	3
Any Gen Ed Math (Recommend MATH 2623)	3
Semester Hours	16
Year 2	
Fall	
Theatre Core	
THTR 1563 Costume Construction and Craft	3
THTR 2600 Theatre Practicum	1
THTR 3768 Script Analysis for Stage and Screen	3
Concentration Requirements	
THTR 2661 Introduction to Stage Management	3
Choose one from ART 1501, ART 1541, ART 1542 *ART 1501 is a requirement	3
General Education	
General Education Elective - Social Science	3
Semester Hours	16
Spring	
Theatre Core	
THTR 2640 Theatre History	3
THTR 3700 Theatre Practicum 2	1
THTR 3761 Stage Makeup	3
Concentration Requirements	
Choose one not already taken from the following: THTR 3763, THTR 3765, THTR 3769, or THTR 2607	3
Choose one from MCOM 2624 or MCOM 2683	3
General Education	
General Education Elective - Natural Science	3
Semester Hours	16
Year 3	
Fall	
Theatre Core	
THTR 3700 Theatre Practicum 2	1
THTR 4899 Topics in Theatre	3
Concentration Requirements	
THTR 3764 History of Stage Costume	3
Choose one not already taken from THTR 3763, THTR 3765, THTR 3769, or THTR 2607	3
THTR 37XX/48XX Elective	3
Certificate or Minor	
Certificate/Minor Course 1	3
Semester Hours	16
Spring	
Theatre Core	
THTR 3700 Theatre Practicum 2	1
General Education	

PSYC 1560	General Psychology	3
General Education Elective -- Any Gen Ed		3
General Education Elective -- Any Gen Ed		3
Certificate or Minor		
Certificate/Minor Course 2		3
Semester Hours		13
Year 4		
Fall		
Theatre Core		
THTR 3700	Theatre Practicum 2	1
THTR 3701	Professional Preparation	3
THTR 3763	Scene Design	3
or THTR 3765	or Lighting Design	
or THTR 3769	or Costume Design	
or THTR 2607	or Introduction to Puppetry	
General Education		
General Education Elective -- Any Gen Ed		3
General Education Elective - Arts & Humanities		3
Certificate or Minor		
Certificate/Minor Course 3		3
Semester Hours		16
Spring		
Theatre Core		
THTR 4898	Senior Project	3
THTR 37XX/48XX	elective	3
General Education		
General Education Elective - Natural Science with Lab		4
Certificate or Minor		
Certificate/Minor Course 4		3
Semester Hours		13
Total Semester Hours		120-122

Musical Theatre Concentration

Year 1		
Fall		
Theatre Core		
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
Concentration Requirements		
MTVC 1501	Voice Musical Theatre 1 <small>Only for Musical Theatre Track</small>	2
General Education		
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	
Semester Hours		16-18
Spring		
Theatre Core		
THTR 1561	Stagecraft	3
THTR 2600	Theatre Practicum	1
Concentration Requirements		
THTR 2667	Acting 2: Character Creation & Scene Work	3

MTVC 1502	Voice Musical Theatre 2	2
DNCE 1571 or DNCE 1572		1
General Education		
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
Any Gen Ed Math (Recommend MATH 2623)		3
Semester Hours		16
Year 2		
Fall		
Theatre Core		
THTR 1563	Costume Construction and Craft	3
THTR 2600	Theatre Practicum	1
THTR 3768	Script Analysis for Stage and Screen	3
Concentration Requirements		
THTR 3772	Acting 3: Advanced Character Study & Repertoire Acquisition	3
MTVC 2601	Adv Voice Musical Theatre 1	2
DNCE 1571 or DNCE 1572 (whichever not already taken)		1
General Education		
General Education Elective - Social Science		3
Semester Hours		16
Spring		
Theatre Core		
THTR 2640	Theatre History	3
THTR 3700	Theatre Practicum 2	1
THTR 3761	Stage Makeup	3
Concentration Requirements		
THTR 2601	Singing Styles	1
MTVC 2602	Adv Voice Musical Theatre 2	2
General Education		
General Education Elective - Natural Science		3
General Education Elective - Arts & Humanities		3
Semester Hours		16
Year 3		
Fall		
Theatre Core		
THTR 3700	Theatre Practicum 2	1
THTR 4899	Topics in Theatre	3
Concentration Requirements		
THTR 3762	Directing 1	3
DNCE 2671 or DNCE 2673		2
MTVC 3701	Voice	2
Certificate or Minor		
Certificate/Minor Course 1		3
Semester Hours		14
Spring		
Theatre Core		
THTR 3700	Theatre Practicum 2	1
Concentration Requirements		
MTVC 3702	Voice	2
General Education		
PSYC 1560	General Psychology	3
General Education Elective -- Any Gen Ed		3
General Education Elective -- Any Gen Ed		3
Certificate or Minor		
Certificate/Minor Course 2		3
Semester Hours		15

Year 4

Fall

Theatre Core		
THTR 3700	Theatre Practicum 2	1
THTR 3701	Professional Preparation	3
THTR 3763	Scene Design	3
or THTR 3765	or Lighting Design	
or THTR 3769	or Costume Design	
or THTR 2607	or Introduction to Puppetry	
Concentration Requirements		
MTVC 4801	Voice	2
General Education		
General Education Elective -- Any Gen Ed		3
Certificate or Minor		
Certificate/Minor Course 3		3
Semester Hours		15

Spring

Theatre Core		
THTR 4898	Senior Project	3
THTR 37XX/48XX	elective	3
General Education		
General Education Elective - Natural Science with Lab		4
Certificate or Minor		
Certificate/Minor Course 4		3
Semester Hours		13
Total Semester Hours		121-123

Learning Outcomes

- **Public Performances:** Students demonstrate competence in the creation and presentation of public theatre events as performers and demonstrate the ability to act, i.e. to project one's self believably, in work and action, into imaginary circumstances and roles in a wide range of styles and formats.
- **Knowledge of History and Cultural Dimensions:** Students demonstrate knowledge of the history and cultural influences of and upon the institution of theatre throughout the ages.
- **Informed Assessments of Quality:** Students demonstrate the ability to critically evaluate works of theatre.
- **Critical Thinking:** Students demonstrate the ability to define a desired goal in creating a work of theatre and find solutions to achieve that goal.
- **Collaboration** – Students implement and coordinate communication skills, creativity, and organizational skills required to develop effective teamwork and achieve a unified goal. Individual accountability to the team is fostered as part of the collaborative effort. Students will assimilate multiple views to deepen knowledge and promote critical thinking.