

THEATRE MAJOR: YOUTH DRAMA OPTION (B.A.)

<http://cola.unh.edu/theatre-dance>

Description

The youth drama option is for those students who wish to use dramatic arts as a teaching tool, either in the elementary classroom or as a teaching artist. Our comprehensive curriculum is specifically designed to train teachers. Through laboratory work, students obtain hands-on theatrical teaching experience, so that by the time they reach their graduate school internship, they have spent significant hours working with children. Students will be expected to fully integrate education and theatre coursework so that they leave UNH with sound theoretical training in addition to practical instruction on how to use drama to enhance learning outcomes, address classroom discipline issues, and, of course, bring the arts to life in the classroom.

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Requirements

In the freshman and sophomore years, students should enroll for at least two major and two Discovery courses per semester. The minimum grade requirement for major courses is C- per course. Any grade lower than C- will not count toward the major. Under department policy, students who complete both COMM 401 American Sign Language I and COMM 402 American Sign Language II (American Sign Language) satisfy the bachelor of arts language proficiency requirement. All majors must take courses in the following areas: performance, design/theatre technology, and theory/history as well as fulfill between four and eight practicums and complete a capstone course. Although timing will vary with each option, it is strongly suggested that all introductory courses be taken prior to the end of the student's sophomore year.

The required minimum overall GPA in major coursework is 2.0.

Candidates for a degree must satisfy all of the University Discovery Program requirements in addition to satisfying the requirements of each individual major program. Bachelor of arts candidates must also satisfy the foreign language proficiency requirement.

Major department courses may not be used to satisfy Discovery category requirements except in the case of a second or dual major.

All UNH B.A. degrees require a minimum of 128 credit hours.

Required Courses

THDA 459	Stagecraft	4
THDA 460	Elements of Design	4
THDA 463	Theatre Dance I	4
THDA 520	Creative Drama	4
THDA 522	Storytelling, Story Theatre, and Involvement Dramatics	4
THDA 583	Introduction to Puppetry	4
THDA 589	Practicum (A - D) ¹	4-8

THDA 624	Theatre for Young Audiences	4
THDA 683	Advanced Puppetry	4
THDA 721	Arts Integration	4
THDA 727	Methods of Teaching Theatre	4
THDA 729	Community Oriented Drama Programs	4
THDA 760	Teacher Planning for Theatre	4
THDA 799	Capstone Project (must be taken in senior year)	2
Education		
EDUC 500	Exploring Teaching ²	4
Total Credits		58-62

- ¹ The practicum ensures a breadth of experience in the major, including sets, costumes, lighting, props, box office, marketing, and performing. Students must register for practicum every semester. They are notified of their practicum assignment at the beginning of each semester.
- ² Must be taken before student teaching internship.

State Teacher Certification

Youth Drama options often pursue elementary education certification. In order to obtain state licensure, students must apply to either the UNH Department of Education or another university for acceptance into a fifth year masters of education (M.Ed.) degree program, which fulfills state requirements for certification. Students who are accepted into early graduate admission may take up to 12 credits toward the 32 credit masters while finishing their undergraduate degree. For further clarification regarding fifth-year certification options, contact Raina Ames, Paul Creative Arts Center, (603) 862-3044, raina.ames@unh.edu.

Education Courses Required for Certification ¹

EDUC 700/800	Educational Structure and Change	4
EDUC 701/801	Human Development and Learning: Educational Psychology	4
EDUC 703F/803F	Teaching Elementary School Science	2
EDUC 703M/803M	Teaching Elementary Social Studies	2
EDUC 705/805	Contemporary Educational Perspectives ²	4
EDUC 706/806	Introduction to Reading in the Elementary School ²	4
EDUC 751A/851A	Educating Exceptional Learners: Elementary	4

Required Math Education Course

Select 4 credits of the following: ²		4
MATH 601	Exploring Mathematics for Teachers I	
or MATH 602		
MATH 621	Number Systems for Teachers	
MATH 622	Geometry for Teachers	
MATH 623	Probability and Statistics for Teachers	
MATH 703	Teaching of Mathematics, K-6	
MATH 910	Selected Topics in Mathematics Education for Teachers	
EDUC 741/841	Exploring Mathematics with Young Children	
Total Credits		28

- ¹ May be taken at undergraduate or graduate level.
- ² Must be taken before student teaching internship.