THEATRE & DANCE (THDA)

# Course numbers with the # symbol included (e.g. #400) have not been taught in the last 3 years.

THDA 401 - New Student Seminar
Credits: 1
This course is an introduction to being a theatre and dance major. Students will examine academic standards expected in our department as well as management skills essential for success in balancing rehearsal and practicum schedules with academic responsibilities for all classes. This course is focused on helping majors understand expectations of being a Theatre and Dance major along with ways to cope with the stress.

Grade Mode: Credit/Fail Grading

THDA 435 - Introduction to Theatre
Credits: 4
Introduces all aspects of theatrical production: play writing, acting, directing, design, technical theatre and construction, and theatre management. Cultural and social context of theatre in our time and through the ages. Introduces major classical and modern types of theatre. Selected plays are read and discussed, and attendance at theatrical production is required.

Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery)
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 436 - History of Theatre I
Credits: 4
The history of theatre and its drama is introduced through close study of the world's greatest plays from the Greeks through the end of the 17th century -- How these plays were performed then, how they are performed now, their political, social, and cultural urgencies. Writing intensive.

Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery); Writing Intensive Course
Equivalent(s): THDA 436H, THEA 436H
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 436H - Honors/History of Theatre I
Credits: 4
The history of theatre and its drama is introduced through close study of the world's greatest plays of the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries -- How these plays were performed then, how they are performed now, their political, social, and cultural urgencies. Writing intensive.

Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery); Honors course; Writing Intensive Course
Equivalent(s): THDA 438, THEA 438, THEA 438H
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 438 - History of Theatre II
Credits: 4
The history of theatre and its drama is introduced through close study of the world's greatest plays of the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries -- How these plays were performed then, how they are performed now, their political, social, and cultural urgencies. Writing intensive.

Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery); Writing Intensive Course
Equivalent(s): THDA 438H, THEA 438H
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 438H - Honors/History of Theatre II
Credits: 4
The history of theatre and its drama is introduced through close study of the world's greatest plays of the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries -- How these plays were performed then, how they are performed now, their political, social, and cultural urgencies. Writing intensive.

Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery); Honors course; Writing Intensive Course
Equivalent(s): THDA 438, THEA 438, THEA 438H
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 439 - In Bed with the Bard: Shakespearean Seduction from Romeo and Juliet to Leonardo and Claire
Credits: 4
Introduces the imaginative process by which actors and directors bring Shakespeare's plays to life on the stage. Detailed study of eight plays.

Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery)
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 440A - Honors/Theatre and Social Justice
Credits: 4
This course that will examine to what degree dramatic literature and theatre art has effected socio-political change in the past, and in the present, through an in-depth exploration of texts, artistic methods and theatrical techniques. Students will create theatrical art related to various sociopolitical issues. Absolutely no experience in theatre is necessary, as this course is built around the premise that we all have the ability to create art and affect politics and society.

Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery); Honors course
Equivalent(s): THDA 444
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 441 - Exploring Musical Theatre
Credits: 4
This is an introductory course designed to enhance the student's enjoyment and understanding of musical theatre. Course content and internet exploration as well as play attendance are designed to acquaint students with and nurture an appreciation for musical theatre. This course is intended for introductory students of all majors who are interested in studying musical theatre elements, styles, and significance.

Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery)
Equivalent(s): THDA 440
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 442 - Introduction to the Art of Acting
Credits: 4
Designed for non-THDA major students interested in the art of acting. Students broaden and deepen their own creativity, gain a deeper understanding of human behavior and interaction, and strengthen analytical skills through class work and projects. Focuses on the basic skills of acting: the ability to effectively communicate, to gain access to the full spectrum of human emotions, and increase spontaneity. Important innovators and theorists in the field of theatre and acting are covered, such as Sanford Meisner, Constantine Stanislavski, Bertolt Brecht, Jerzy Grotowsky, Agusto Boal, and Jacques Lacocq. Additional topics include contemporary plays and playwrights, an historical perspective of the art of acting, and the current state of live theatrical performance. Theatre majors not allowed.

Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery)
Equivalent(s): THDA 551, THEA 551
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

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THDA 441A - What's Old Becomes New: Dramatic Adaptations
Credits: 4
To what degree does updating theatrical themes contribute to societal norms and relevant commentary? This course will examine how enduring dramatic ideas evolve by comparing plays that are written in reaction to or as an extension of a provocative piece, both carrying on similar themes but told in updated ways. Students also will investigate the role these adaptations play in theatre history, why they are done and whether they are justified as quality art.
Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery); Inquiry (Discovery); Writing
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 441B - Famous Dancers of the 20th Century
Credits: 4
The purpose of this course is to provide an introduction to the dancers of the twentieth century whose contributions to the art form have made dance an important cultural necessity. This includes examining how their style of dance and unique personalities has had a major influence on our perceptions of dance and how they have had an effect on society. Writing intensive.
Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery); Inquiry (Discovery); Writing
Grade Mode: Intensive Course

THDA 450 - History of Musical Theatre in America
Credits: 4
Study of the development of the musical and its relationship to American social history.
Equivalent(s): THDA 440
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 455 - Musicianship and Beginning Vocal Techniques for Musical Theatre
Credits: 2
This course is a combination course designed to help musical theatre students develop the appropriate musicianship skills as well as beginning vocal techniques. Musicianship skills include melodic and rhythmic sight reading, harmony reading and singing, basic piano skills, as well as key signature and interval recognition. Beginning vocal techniques include breath management, strengthening vocal fold closure, releasing tension and creating space in the acoustic chamber (throat and mouth). These skills will help musical theater students develop the ability to overlap strong vocal work with strong musicianship specifically for industry standard auditions and performances in Musical Theatre.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 457 - Costume Construction
Credits: 4
Study and development of costuming techniques, including hand and machine sewing, pattern drafting, alterations, and fabric manipulation. Emphasis on demonstrated understanding. Special fee.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 459 - Stagecraft
Credits: 0 or 4
Elements of play production: basic building components, tools, and materials for producing the scenery; equipment and shop layouts supporting all of the areas of the set, lighting, and costume designs; and consideration of various stage spaces and theatrical venues. Practical application on University theatre productions. Special fee. Lab.
Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery)
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 460 - Elements of Design
Credits: 4
Course is designed for students who are interested in theatrical design elements including scenery, costume, lighting and sound. Class encompasses lecture, discussion, presentation and studio (work in class) formats. Critique and discussion are essential to the creative thinking that a designer needs to have. Throughout the course, each student is expected to complete projects that incorporate the design elements they have studied.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 462 - Ballet I
Credits: 4
Introductory lecture and dance technique course focusing on the fundamentals of ballet technique and the historical development of ballet from the Renaissance to modern times. This ballet class will improve strength, flexibility, coordination, agility, endurance, and musicality while incorporating an appreciation for artistry. No dance experience required, only willingness to develop at your own pace. Open to both majors and non-majors.
Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery)
Equivalent(s): THCO 462, THEA 462
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 463 - Theatre Dance I
Credits: 4
Introductory lecture and dance technique course focusing on how technology, industrialization and popular culture impact the art by discussing dancers, choreographers, films and musicals of the 20th century. Jazz and tap class will improve strength, flexibility, coordination, and musicality. No Dance experience required, only willingness to develop at your own pace. Students with prior experience are expected to register for THDA 563 or THDA 663. Instructor determines appropriate level. Class open to both majors and non-majors. Special Fee.
Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery)
Equivalent(s): THCO 463, THEA 463
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 464 - Ballet Cross-Training
Credits: 1
Traditional ballet exercises will be modified to focus on repetition and body mechanics to improve athletic skills through dance. This ballet class will help students further develop strength, coordination, speed, agility, flexibility, fluidity, balance, efficiency of movement, and mental focus. Particular emphasis will be given to psychomotor skill development through challenges that require applying unfamiliar ballet vocabulary while moving to music. No dance experience required, only willingness to develop at your own pace in a fun, judgment-free environment.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 475 - Stage Makeup
Credits: 2
Fundamentals of juvenile, old age, character, and special stage makeup techniques. Special fee.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading
THDA 487 - History of Dance
Credits: 4
This course will be a study of dance from prehistory to the present. Through an interactive approach students will gain methods to perceive, create and respond to the history of dance through integrated arts and technology. Activities both in and out of the classroom will aid in the understanding of dance and how it has evolved throughout history both socially and as a means of entertainment. This course will also examine how dance has influenced or collaborated with other art forms.
Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery)
Equivalent(s): THCO 487, THEA 487
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 500 - Musical Theatre Voice I
Credits: 0 or 1
This course provides students with a foundation in healthy, relaxed, and dynamic singing of primarily musical theatre repertoire. In addition to expanding the student’s knowledge of and ability to sing various styles of musical theatre repertoire, this course provides a venue to explore and develop analytical skills relating to character and script.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA #520 - Creative Drama
Credits: 4
Drama techniques leading to the design and execution of drama sessions with children. Includes role-playing, improvisation, and story dramatization. Lab.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 522 - Storytelling, Story Theatre, and Involvement Dramatics
Credits: 4
This course actively explores storytelling techniques based on individual needs. An examination of story theatre and involvement styles leads to practical experience in individual performances. Participants will actively develop performance techniques that reflect a variety of styles and approaches for storytelling. We will examine the historical significance of storytelling in Eastern and Western civilizations and develop a perspective on its role in culture and religion. Applications for both educational and entertainment purposes will be explored through acting and vocal techniques, games, media, felt board, and puppetry. This course will include an examination of story theatre and involvement styles and the development of the ensemble for performance. The projects will include individual performances and group collaboration of selected stories appropriate for a wide range of audiences. The final project will reflect the participant’s individual needs and utilize storytelling techniques developed in the course. Special fee.
Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery)
Equivalent(s): THCO 662, THDA 622, THEA 622, THEA 662
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 521 - The London Experience: Discovery
Credits: 4
Learn about one of the greatest cities in the world during this 10-day trip to London. This Discovery class begins as a two-week, on-line course and then packs in a busy schedule visiting amazing sights and taking in some of the best theatre in the English speaking world. The course offers an insight into the history, politics, society and culture of London through the lens of art, architecture, music, and of course, theatre. Special fee.
Co-requisite: INCO 589
Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery)
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 531 - The London Experience
Credits: 4
Exploration of the culture and history of London while enhancing study of live theatre prior to active study in the country. IA (continuous grading). Special fee.
Co-requisite: INCO 589
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits.
Equivalent(s): THDA 592C, THEA 592C
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 541 - Arts Administration and Entrepreneurship
Credits: 4
This course will explore multiple facets of the business of running an arts-based organization. The course will also examine business-related issues relevant to individuals seeking to build a career in the arts. The class will provide an overview of the essential knowledge needed for effective arts management and to cultivate the skillset needed to develop, fund, promote and deliver arts-based projects.
Attributes: Inquiry (Discovery)
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 546 - Costume Design for the Theatre
Credits: 4
How to design costumes for the theatre, not figure drawing, although drawing techniques are taught. Script analysis and research and presentational techniques for costume design explored and implemented. Special fee.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA #547 - Stage Properties
Credits: 4
Research and manufacture of period and modern stage, trim, and hand properties. Special fee.
Prerequisite(s): THDA 459 with a minimum grade of D-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 548 - Stage Lighting Design and Execution
Credits: 4
This class is designed for students who are interested in theatrical lighting design. The class meets 3 hours per week. It is a project-based course taught in various formats including lectures, hands-on practices, class discussions, and presentations. The class will help students develop the skills for lighting design and creative thinking that are essential for a critical thinker.
Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery)
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 549 - Vectorworks Computer-Aided Design Drafting for the Theatre
Credits: 2
This course will help students develop essential drafting skills used to present design ideas, technical solutions, and communication in productions. Drafting is a form of visual presentation that brings the design ideas to realization. Throughout the semester, students will learn about the basic graphic standard in the industry, gain proficiency in VectorWorks software, and develop a clear and accurate presentation for their designs.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 552 - History of Dance
Credits: 4
This course will be a study of dance from prehistory to the present. Through an interactive approach students will gain methods to perceive, create and respond to the history of dance through integrated arts and technology. Activities both in and out of the classroom will aid in the understanding of dance and how it has evolved throughout history both socially and as a means of entertainment. This course will also examine how dance has influenced or collaborated with other art forms.
Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery)
Equivalent(s): THCO 487, THEA 487
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 556 - Musical Theatre Voice I
Credits: 0 or 1
This course provides students with a foundation in healthy, relaxed, and dynamic singing of primarily musical theatre repertoire. In addition to expanding the student’s knowledge of and ability to sing various styles of musical theatre repertoire, this course provides a venue to explore and develop analytical skills relating to character and script.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 557 - Creative Drama
Credits: 4
Drama techniques leading to the design and execution of drama sessions with children. Includes role-playing, improvisation, and story dramatization. Lab.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 558 - Storytelling, Story Theatre, and Involvement Dramatics
Credits: 4
This course actively explores storytelling techniques based on individual needs. An examination of story theatre and involvement styles leads to practical experience in individual performances. Participants will actively develop performance techniques that reflect a variety of styles and approaches for storytelling. We will examine the historical significance of storytelling in Eastern and Western civilizations and develop a perspective on its role in culture and religion. Applications for both educational and entertainment purposes will be explored through acting and vocal techniques, games, media, felt board, and puppetry. This course will include an examination of story theatre and involvement styles and the development of the ensemble for performance. The projects will include individual performances and group collaboration of selected stories appropriate for a wide range of audiences. The final project will reflect the participant’s individual needs and utilize storytelling techniques developed in the course. Special fee.
Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery)
Equivalent(s): THCO 662, THDA 622, THEA 622, THEA 662
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 559 - Costume Design for the Theatre
Credits: 4
Research and manufacture of period and modern stage, trim, and hand properties. Special fee.
Prerequisite(s): THDA 459 with a minimum grade of D-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 560 - Stage Properties
Credits: 4
Research and manufacture of period and modern stage, trim, and hand properties. Special fee.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 561 - Stage Lighting Design and Execution
Credits: 4
This class is designed for students who are interested in theatrical lighting design. The class meets 3 hours per week. It is a project-based course taught in various formats including lectures, hands-on practices, class discussions, and presentations. The class will help students develop the skills for lighting design and creative thinking that are essential for a critical thinker.
Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery)
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 569 - Vectorworks Computer-Aided Design Drafting for the Theatre
Credits: 2
This course will help students develop essential drafting skills used to present design ideas, technical solutions, and communication in productions. Drafting is a form of visual presentation that brings the design ideas to realization. Throughout the semester, students will learn about the basic graphic standard in the industry, gain proficiency in VectorWorks software, and develop a clear and accurate presentation for their designs.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading
THDA 551 - Acting I  
Credits: 4  
Development of fundamental vocal and physical stage techniques for actors and directors through exercises, improvisation and theatre games. Special fee.  
Attributes: Inquiry (Discovery)  
Equivalent(s): THDA 442  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

THDA 552 - Acting II  
Credits: 4  
Focuses on strengthening the actor’s ability to achieve a higher level of truth, presence, and spontaneity on stage. Building on the approach devised by Sanford Meisner, this highly intensive class creates a bridge to connect these developing skills to various forms of text. Special fee.  
Prerequisite(s): THDA 551 with a minimum grade of D-.  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

THDA 553 - Acting The Song  
Credits: 4  
Foundations of solo musical theatre performance, with a special focus on Acting the Song. Students will review beginner acting techniques and transfer their work from the realm of the monologue into the realm of the musical theatre solo assessed through solo performances and written assignments. Special Fee.  
Prerequisite(s): THDA 470  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

THDA 554 - Stage Combat  
Credits: 4  
This course actively explores stage combat techniques for unarmed combat as well as basic rapier swordplay. Students are expected to prepare hand-to-hand acting projects as well as a final rapier fight project which demonstrates proper stage combat techniques learned during the semester. Special fee.  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

THDA 555 - Acting The Song  
Credits: 4  
Foundations of solo musical theatre performance, with a special focus on Acting the Song. Students will review beginner acting techniques and transfer their work from the realm of the monologue into the realm of the musical theatre solo assessed through solo performances and written assignments. Special Fee.  
Prerequisite(s): THDA 551 with a minimum grade of D-.  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

THDA 556 - Compocinema  
Credits: 4  
Compocinema examines dance/movement as an interdisciplinary form that integrates the human body, digital video camera, the computer program, and site-specific and/or collaborative formats. Emphasizing conceptual and practical approaches, students (individually and in groups) will take turns developing and performing movement as well as planning, designing, shooting, editing, observing, describing, analyzing, and revising video of dance/movement as artistic expression.  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

THDA 557 - Beginning Aerial Dance  
Credits: 2  
This class focuses on beginning aerial dance language and skills as well as body conditioning. Apparatuses including fabric, trapeze and lyra are introduced.  
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 16 credits.  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

THDA 558 - Movement & Vocal Production  
Credits: 4  
Expansion of the student’s body-voice awareness, utilizing basic theories and lessons of Lessac Kinesensics and other somatic voice and body practices. Students will build breath-body connection and capacity, expand resonance and articulation, explore body alignment and expressiveness to build a foundation for a healthy and dynamic body-voice for stage and screen performance. Special Fee.  
Prerequisite(s): THDA 551 with a minimum grade of D-.  
Equivalent(s): THDA 470  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

THDA 559 - Pointe  
Credits: 2  
This class is taught at an intermediate level focusing on developing pointe technique and artistry. Classical variations are incorporated to study the history of ballet through practical application. 1-2 years of pointe technique required. If interested in beginning the study of pointe technique, contact the instructor. Open to both majors and non-majors.  
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 16 credits.  
Equivalent(s): THCO 576, THEA 576  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

THDA 560 - Beginning Aerial Dance  
Credits: 2  
This class focuses on beginning aerial dance language and skills as well as body conditioning. Apparatuses including fabric, trapeze and lyra are introduced.  
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 16 credits.  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

THDA 561 - Aerial Dance  
Credits: 2  
This class focuses on beginning aerial dance language and skills as well as body conditioning. Apparatuses including fabric, trapeze and lyra are introduced.  
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 16 credits.  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

THDA 562 - Ballet II  
Credits: 2  
This dance technique class is taught at an intermediate level and is an extension of Ballet I with a focus on developing ballet vocabulary and artistry. Open to both majors and non-majors.  
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 16 credits.  
Equivalent(s): THCO 562, THEA 562  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

THDA 563 - Theatre Dance II  
Credits: 2  
This dance technique class is an extension of THDA 463. Students will become versatile in a variety of dance styles, including contemporary and musical theatre style jazz and tap dance. Technical execution, artistry and improvisation will be explored. Open to both majors and non-majors. Special fee.  
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 16 credits.  
Equivalent(s): THCO 563, THEA 563  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

THDA 564 - Compocinema  
Credits: 4  
Compocinema examines dance/movement as an interdisciplinary form that integrates the human body, digital video camera, the computer program, and site-specific and/or collaborative formats. Emphasizing conceptual and practical approaches, students (individually and in groups) will take turns developing and performing movement as well as planning, designing, shooting, editing, observing, describing, analyzing, and revising video of dance/movement as artistic expression.  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

THDA 565 - Beginning Aerial Dance  
Credits: 2  
This class focuses on beginning aerial dance language and skills as well as body conditioning. Apparatuses including fabric, trapeze and lyra are introduced.  
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 16 credits.  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

THDA 566 - Movement & Vocal Production  
Credits: 4  
Expansion of the student’s body-voice awareness, utilizing basic theories and lessons of Lessac Kinesensics and other somatic voice and body practices. Students will build breath-body connection and capacity, expand resonance and articulation, explore body alignment and expressiveness to build a foundation for a healthy and dynamic body-voice for stage and screen performance. Special Fee.  
Prerequisite(s): THDA 551 with a minimum grade of D-.  
Equivalent(s): THDA 470  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

THDA 567 - Pointe  
Credits: 2  
This class is taught at an intermediate level focusing on developing pointe technique and artistry. Classical variations are incorporated to study the history of ballet through practical application. 1-2 years of pointe technique required. If interested in beginning the study of pointe technique, contact the instructor. Open to both majors and non-majors.  
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 16 credits.  
Equivalent(s): THCO 576, THEA 576  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

THDA 568 - Introduction to Puppetry  
Credits: 4  
Introduces the art of puppetry for general appreciation, entertainment, application in the classroom, and as a therapeutic tool. Emphasis on constructing a variety of puppets (e.g., hand, rod, shadow, and scarf) and adapting literary sources for scripts and performance. Special fee.  
Attributes: FinePerformingArts(Discovery)  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading  

THDA 569 - Practicum  
Credits: 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. Cr/F.  
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.  
Equivalent(s): THDA 689  
Grade Mode: Credit/Fail Grading
THDA 592A - Special Topics
Credits: 1-4
Special topics, projects in theatre and dance. Content varies according to needs and interests of students and faculty. Course descriptions are available in department office. May be repeated for credit. Special fee.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 16 credits.
Equivalent(s): THDA 592
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 600 - Musical Theatre Voice II
Credits: 0 or 1
This course is a continuation of THDA 500: Musical Theatre Voice I. Students build on the groundwork in vocal technique, analysis, and performance established in Musical Theatre Voice I and continue to explore and develop these skills.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 624 - Theatre for Young Audiences
Credits: 4
Introduces coaching and directing techniques for classical and contemporary acting styles in theatre for young audiences. Historical contents leads into practical exploration of actor training and coaching, production and design, choreography, and business management for theatre and for youth programs. Students develop teaching strategies for young performers and participate in a culminating project. Special fee.
Equivalent(s): THDA 624A, THDA 624B, THEA 624A, THEA 624B
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 630 - Actor's Voice Through Text
Credits: 4
Continuing development of the actor’s techniques for creating increased vocal expressiveness. Expands actor’s awareness and use of their voice through in-depth analysis and interpretation of text. Exploration of the application of vocal technique to film and theatre scripts from intimate to heightened communication including vocal extremes.
Prerequisite(s): THDA 570 with a minimum grade of D-.
Equivalent(s): THDA 550
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 632 - Interpretation of Shakespeare in Theatre
Credits: 4
Increases understanding of Shakespeare’s language and action, and improves ability to speak his verse and prose with clarity and verve. Students achieve insights into Shakespeare’s plays through the medium of performance. Weekly oral and written assignments.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 633 - Dance Composition
Credits: 4
Practical, developmental approach to process of creating dances. Special fee.
Equivalent(s): THCO 633, THEA 633
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA #638 - American Theatre: 1920-1970
Credits: 4
A survey of American plays from O'Neill onward. Students read and analyze two plays a week. Oral, written, and theatrical assignments.
Prerequisite(s): THDA 436 with a minimum grade of D- or THDA 438 with a minimum grade of D-
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 640W - Playwriting
Credits: 4
To illuminate and guide each student through the art and craft of writing for performance. This course explores the fundamental principles needed to build a realistic play that is intended to be produced upon the stage. Though the course is built around the construction of plays, the principles, writing exercises, readings, and other assignments serve as a solid base for any form of dialogue driven writing. Special fee. Writing intensive.
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course
Equivalent(s): THDA 540, THDA 540W, THDA 750, THEA 750
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 641 - Stage Management
Credits: 4
Introduces to the concepts and skills needed for stage management. Stage managers perform a central role in the theatrical production, coordinating artistic and technical elements. They need a thorough understanding of the script, strong management skills, and a solid background in all aspects of the theatre. Prepares students to function as a stage manager in productions at any theatre. Special fee.
Equivalent(s): THDA 592B
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 650 - Scene Painting for the Theatre
Credits: 4
This course focuses on developing scene painting techniques used by modern scenic artists in theatre. The class will encompass 3 hours per week for lectures, painting technique demonstrations, and working on individual projects. Students will need to commit hours outside class meeting time to completed large scale projects in the scene shop.
Equivalent(s): THDA 592E
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 651 - Rendering for the Theatre
Credits: 4
Scene design from script to finished design. Both aesthetic and practical viewpoints considered. Emphasis on presentational techniques: study of perspective and finished rendering. Special fee.
Equivalent(s): THDA 592F
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 652 - Scene Design
Credits: 4
Scene design from script to finished design. Both aesthetic and practical viewpoints considered. Emphasis on presentational techniques: study of perspective and finished rendering. Special fee.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 655 - Musical Theatre Scene Study
Credits: 4
Builds on and expands the techniques learned in Acting I and Musical Theatre Voice I, with a special emphasis on partner work and scene study.
Prerequisite(s): THDA 551 with a minimum grade of D- and THDA 555 with a minimum grade of D-
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 662 - Ballet III
Credits: 2
Advanced-level course in technique. Open to both majors and non-majors.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 16 credits.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading
THDA 663 - Theatre Dance III
Credits: 2
This dance technique class is an extension of THDA 563. Students will become seasoned in contemporary jazz, musical theatre style jazz and tap dance. Technical execution, choreographic artistry and improvisation will be explored. Class open to both majors and non-majors. Special Fee.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 16 credits.
Equivalent(s): THCO 663, THEA 663
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 665 - Aerial Dance
Credits: 2
The study of aerial arts including two and one point trapeze and fabric. Class open to both majors and non-majors.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 16 credits.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 670 - Dialects
Credits: 4
Study and practice in basic dialect acquisition for performers. Special fee.
Prerequisite(s): THDA 551 with a minimum grade of D-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 672 - Audition
Credits: 4
Business aspects of creating and maintaining a performance career, including resumes, photos, agents, casting directors, website building, networking, unions, trade publications, audition material, cold-reading, camera acting, and voice over.
Prerequisite(s): THDA 551 with a minimum grade of D-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 683 - Advanced Puppetry
Credits: 4
In-depth study of the theory and practice of puppetry for the advanced student. Students develop skills in manipulation and construction of selected puppet forms and apply these skills in performance. Examines historical perspectives and the application of puppetry in the classroom and as a therapeutic tool. Special fee.
Equivalent(s): THEA 592D
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 700 - Musical Theatre Voice III
Credits: 0 or 1
This course is a continuation of THDA 600: Musical Theatre Voice II. Students continue to develop their skills of vocal technique, analysis, and performance established in Musical Theatre Voice II, while focusing these skills towards their application in auditioning for, and performing in, professional theatre.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 727 - Methods of Teaching Theatre
Credits: 4
This course is the culminating experience for theatre education. The purpose is to provide practical information and skills that theatre teachers will use as source material for the classroom and to prepare for the education job search. Students will examine a variety of teaching models in order to articulate a personal teaching philosophy, write comprehensive job search materials, and create an extracurricular program plan and philosophy.
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course
Equivalent(s): THDA 627, THEA 627
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 729 - Community Oriented Drama Programs
Credits: 1-4
Advanced practicum in designing, developing, and producing drama programs for the school and community. Includes audience analysis and marketing skills as well as adapting spaces, soliciting volunteers, and working with a limited budget. Special fee.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 732 - Choreography
Credits: 4
Theoretical and practical consideration of the creative and aesthetic aspects of ballet, modern, and theatre dance. Special fee.
Prerequisite(s): THDA 633 with a minimum grade of D-.
Equivalent(s): THCO 732, THEA 732
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 741 - Directing
Credits: 4
A process oriented approach to the art of stage directing. The course begins with an in-depth focus on script analysis. Students then develop their skills as the "master storyteller" through imagination, interpretation, communication, and style. Special fee.
Prerequisite(s): THDA 551 with a minimum grade of D- and THDA 552 with a minimum grade of D-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 742 - Directing II
Credits: 4
In-depth study of the theory and practice of stage direction for the advanced student. Builds on 741, Directing. Students strengthen and expand their existing knowledge of the subject area. Exploration focuses on three areas of directorial communication: application to periods and styles, exploration of avant-garde theory, and directorial technique. Concludes with a major project mounted for public performance. Special fee.
Prerequisite(s): THDA 741 with a minimum grade of D-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 755 - Musical Theatre Repertoire
Credits: 4
Students learn to integrate and expand on techniques in previous acting, musical theatre, and voice classes, with special emphasis given to audition techniques, repertoire expansion and specialization, and in-depth analysis of the business and personal requirements necessary to be a successful artist in the professional theatre. Special fee.
Prerequisite(s): THDA 551 with a minimum grade of D- and THDA 555 with a minimum grade of D-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading
THDA 758 - Acting III
Credits: 4
Applies the principles and techniques acquired by students in THDA 551 and THDA 552 to various genres, such as epic and absurdist, and to mediums such as television and film. Special attention is given to characterization beyond the student’s standard range and the development of the actor as a creative artist, using the techniques of such methodologists as Lacoq, Laban, and Grotowski. Special fee.
Prerequisite(s): THDA 551 with a minimum grade of D- and THDA 552 with a minimum grade of D-.  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 759 - Acting: Period and Style
Credits: 4
Techniques of style analysis and period research. For the first time in the students' undergraduate actor training, students synthesize their basic actor training with the heightened language and archetypal characterization inherent in the classical theatre of the ancient Greeks, the Commedia dell’ Arte, the Renaissance, the Neoclassical period, and the Restoration period.
Prerequisite(s): THDA 551 with a minimum grade of D- and THDA 552 with a minimum grade of D- and (THDA 436 with a minimum grade of D- or THDA 438 with a minimum grade of D-).
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 760 - Teacher Planning for Theatre
Credits: 4
Focuses on lesson and unit planning for the areas of high school theatre history, play analysis, and play writing. Students will practice various methods of teaching these areas of drama. Special fee.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 786 - Dance Pedagogy
Credits: 4
Methods course that focuses on the art and science of teaching the movement forms of ballet, modern, jazz and tap. Designed to prepare students who are seeking dance certification with a M.Ed. or a M.A.T., or who wish to open their own studio. Provides background into the nature of teaching, standards that make up good teaching, awareness of National/State standards, and study and practice of lesson plans in K-12 school curricula or private studios.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 786W - Independent Study
Credits: 1-8
Advanced individual study. Specific independent study opportunities are sometimes posted in the Theatre and Dance Department Office. Project, which includes a substantial piece of writing, must be developed with supervising instructor.
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.
Equivalent(s): THCO 796, THDA 796, THEA 796
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 795W - Independent Study
Credits: 1-8
Advanced individual study. Specific independent study opportunities are sometimes posted in the Theatre and Dance Department Office. Project, which includes a substantial piece of writing, must be developed with supervising instructor.
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.
Equivalent(s): THCO 796, THDA 796, THEA 796
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 795 - Independent Study
Credits: 1-8
Advanced individual study. Specific independent study opportunities are sometimes posted in the Theatre and Dance Department Office. Project, which includes a substantial piece of writing, must be developed with supervising instructor.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.
Equivalent(s): THCO 796, THDA 796
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 796W - Independent Study
Credits: 1-8
Advanced individual study. Specific independent study opportunities are sometimes posted in the Theatre and Dance Department Office. Project, which includes a substantial piece of writing, must be developed with supervising instructor.
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.
Equivalent(s): THCO 796, THDA 796, THEA 796
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 796 - Independent Study
Credits: 1-8
Advanced individual study. Specific independent study opportunities are sometimes posted in the Theatre and Dance Department Office. Project, which includes a substantial piece of writing, must be developed with supervising instructor.
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.
Equivalent(s): THCO 796, THDA 796, THEA 796
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 7979 - Senior Thesis
Credits: 2
Supervised research leading to the presentation of a major research paper.
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 799 - Capstone Project
Credits: 2 or 4
This required course incorporates and tests the knowledge that majors have learned over their careers in the Department of Theatre and Dance. Capstone experiences are tailored to each student through conference with their adviser in their specific Theatre and Dance track. Writing intensive.
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course
Equivalent(s): THDA 799H
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

THDA 799H - Honors/Capstone Project
Credits: 4
See description for THDA 799. THDa majors only. Writing intensive.
Attributes: Honors course; Writing Intensive Course
Equivalent(s): THDA 799
Grade Mode: Letter Grading