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.

Contact Raina Ames, Paul Creative Arts Center, (603) 862-3044, raina.ames@unh.edu.

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

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<td>THDA 520</td>
<td>Creative Drama</td>
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<td>THDA 522</td>
<td>Storytelling, Story Theatre, and Involvement Dramatics</td>
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<td>Introduction to Puppetry</td>
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<td>Practicum (A-D)</td>
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<td>Methods of Teaching Theatre</td>
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<td>THDA 729</td>
<td>Community Oriented Drama Programs</td>
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<td>THDA 760</td>
<td>Teacher Planning for Theatre</td>
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<td>THDA 799</td>
<td>Capstone Project (must be taken in senior year)</td>
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Education

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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.

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<td>EDUC 701/801</td>
<td>Human Development and Learning: Educational Psychology</td>
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<td>EDUC 703F/803F</td>
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<td>Contemporary Educational Perspectives</td>
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<td>Introduction to Reading in the Elementary School</td>
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<td>EDUC 751A/851A</td>
<td>Educating Exceptional Learners: Elementary</td>
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Required Math Education Course

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<td>MATH 910</td>
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<td>EDUC 741/841</td>
<td>Exploring Mathematics with Young Children</td>
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Total Credits: 28

1 May be taken at undergraduate or graduate level.

2 Must be taken before student teaching internship.