THEATRE

Theatre coursework is designed to provide students well-rounded experiences from box office to publicity, house management to dramaturgy, design to performance, and much more. Above all, we're committed to each student’s individual development toward artistic and cultural maturity. Through in-class and production work, students gain valuable life skills including discipline, collaboration, communication, research, planning, achieving deadlines and problem solving.

The unit’s mission is to ignite in the student, teacher and community: critical thinking, compassionate feeling, collaborative vision and the capacity to delight.

Other Information

The general areas of study in theatre are acting, directing, design, dramatic literature, theatre history and criticism and design/production including stagework, stage lighting, scene design, costume and makeup. Beyond the general theatre core, students are able to pursue a concentration in a specialized area such as acting, design, production, technology, stage management, or theatre scholarship.

Theatre majors are required to participate actively and consistently in productions sponsored by the department. The department stages a minimum of four major productions per academic year. These productions encompass the breadth and vitality of live theatre, from musicals to classics to new plays. A variety of production opportunities are also offered in the Studio theatre space.

Contact Information

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Website [http://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-communication-fine-arts-and-media/theatre](http://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-communication-fine-arts-and-media/theatre)

Degrees Offered

- Theatre, Bachelor of Arts [http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-communication-fine-arts-media/school-of-the-arts/department-theatre/theatre-minor](http://catalog.unomaha.edu/undergraduate/college-communication-fine-arts-media/school-of-the-arts/department-theatre/theatre-minor)

Minors Offered


THEA 1000 THEATRE PRACTICUM (1 credit)
Lecture discussion experience on theatre production concepts and techniques. One hour formal meeting each week and an average of two hours per week in a chosen or assigned technical production area. Required of dramatic arts majors and may be taken by all other students. May be repeated eight times.

THEA 1010 INTRODUCTION TO THEATRE (3 credits)
A survey course designed to acquaint the theatre major and the non-major alike with all basic areas of theatre practice and study. Several major periods of theatre art will be explored and, depending on the instructor, emphasis can include acting, playwriting, design and theatre technology, and theatre literature.

Distribution: Humanities and Fine Arts General Education course

THEA 1050 FILM HISTORY AND APPRECIATION (3 credits)
Aesthetic values of the motion picture: history of the film and a survey of the elements involved. (Cross-listed with JMC1050)

Distribution: Humanities and Fine Arts General Education course

THEA 1090 ORAL INTERPRETATION OF LITERATURE (3 credits)
Analysis and oral reading of various types of literature. (Cross-listed with CMST 1710)

Distribution: Humanities and Fine Arts General Education course

THEA 1210 VOICE FOR THE ACTOR (3 credits)
Discovery and training of the human voice as a technical instrument and as one of the key expressive elements of any performance-oriented medium.

Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Not open to non-degree graduate students.

Distribution: Humanities and Fine Arts General Education course

THEA 1220 MOVEMENT FOR THE ACTOR (3 credits)
Discovery and training of the human body as a technical instrument and as one of the key expressive elements of any performance-oriented medium.

THEA 1510 FOUNDATIONS OF PRODUCTION DESIGN (3 credits)
An introductory course introducing students to the omnipresence and role of design in contemporary society; and to fundamental elements and principles of analysis, conceptualization, and visual interpretation, as they apply to the production design process.

THEA 1550 COSTUME AND MAKEUP FOR THEATRE (3 credits)
An introductory course covering foundational vocabulary, skills, materials, tools, and processes used for costume construction and makeup application specifically for the theatre.

THEA 1610 SCENIC PRODUCTION LABORATORY’ (1-3 credits)
Directed, practical experiences in scenic production skills.

THEA 1630 STAGECRAFT (3 credits)
An introduction stagecraft class designed to develop the skills, knowledge, theories and materials of professional designers and craftspersons, as well as developing a working knowledge of the practices in the business of technical theatre.

THEA 2000 SUMMER THEATRE WORKSHOP (3 credits)
Intensive supervised workshop experience involving significant overall contribution(s) to the summer theatre program.

THEA 2030 INTERNSHIP: NEBRASKA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL (1-6 credits)
This course provides an opportunity for the student to participate in the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival (NSF), a professional summer theatre company. The course will involve practical application. Areas of study might include artistic direction, direction, dramaturgy, arts management, production management, design and technology, or performance. Assignments are made according to the individual interests and skills of the student as they match NSF opportunities and needs.

Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Permission of instructor.

THEA 2310 ACTING I (3 credits)
The basic acting class, for majors and non-majors. Emphasis on freeing oneself as a preparation for basic character and scene work using exercises for relaxation, energy generation, concentration and group interaction. Three relationships basic to the actor are explored: to oneself, to another actor, to the ensemble.

Distribution: Humanities and Fine Arts General Education course

THEA 2320 ACTING II (3 credits)
Incorporating skills and awareness developed in Acting I, this class moves toward examining various tools for character development by oneself, in large group improvisations and with written scripts. Specific scene work leads to a final scene presented both for the class and for all interested persons.

Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): THEA2310

THEA 2510 COSTUME PATTERNING AND DRAPING (3 credits)
Exploration of the creation of patterns for theatrical costumes. Techniques include flat patterning, draping and development of historical patterns. Specific attention is given to period silhouette and detail and theatrical costume production conventions.

Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): THEA 1510 or permission of instructor.
THEA 2630 DRAFTING FOR THE THEATRE (3 credits)
Guided, practical experience in the use of common drafting equipment and in drafting mechanical drawings commonly used in the theatre.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): THEA 1010 and THEA 1630
THEA 3020 SPECIAL TOPICS IN THEATRE (3 credits)
This course utilizes a topical approach that explores various aspects of theatre that are outside the set Theatre curriculum. Topics and disciplines will vary from term to term. Course description will be announced in advance. It is repeatable for credit if content differs.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Permission of instructor.
THEA 3610 COLLABORATIVE DESIGN STUDIES (3 credits)
Collaborative Design Studies explores the integration and process of theatrical production including scenery, lighting, costume, projection and sound. It chronicles their individual and collective impact on storytelling. While developing the skills of the Scenographer, students will work collaboratively as they foster their individual artistic design talents, and recognize the impact of design on society through storytelling. (Cross-listed with THEA 8615)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): THEA 1510.
THEA 3660 STAGE AND TV LIGHTING (3 credits)
Characteristics and control of light and color and their application to the theatre and television; elementary electricity; lens systems; reflectors; lamps; control systems. (Cross-listed with THEA 8665)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): THEA 1630 or permission of instructor.
THEA 3750 THEATRE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (3 credits)
This service-learning course will combine both research and practice in theatre that involves social change. Students will study the history of such theatre, with special focus on developments in the 20th century. All research will be accompanied by several community-based projects whereby students will create theatre with specific populations (schools, community centers, health centers, senior homes, etc.). (Cross-listed with THEA 8755)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Sophomore, junior, or senior standing regardless of major.
THEA 3760 THEATRE HISTORY AND LITERATURE: MODERN / 1850-2000 (3 credits)
This course is a survey of both western European and world theatre from the emergence of modernism to 1980, about the time of the emergence of post-modernism.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): ENGL 1160 & Junior standing OR permission of the instructor
THEA 3770 THEATRE HISTORY AND LITERATURE: CONTEMPORARY (3 credits)
This course offers a brief survey of European and world theatre from the emergence of post-modernism to the present time. It also focuses especially on theatre for social change, community development, and the community-based theatre movement. It will include a service-learning component with one or more regional social-service or similar agencies.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): ENGL 1160 & Sophomore standing OR permission of the instructor.
THEA 4000 SUMMER THEATRE WORKSHOP (3 credits)
Intensive supervised workshop experience involving significant overall contribution(s) to the summer theatre program.
THEA 4010 ADVANCED PROJECTS IN THEATRE (1-3 credits)
Special projects in theatre supplementing regular courses; individual research projects; combined study and practicum. (Cross-listed with THEA 8016)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): 9 hours of theatre in the general area to be studied and permission of the instructor.
THEA 4020 ADVANCED PROJECTS IN THEATRE (1-3 credits)
Special projects in theatre supplementing regular courses; individual research projects; combined study and practicum. (Cross-listed with THEA 8026)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): 9 hours of theatre in the general area to be studied and permission of the instructor.
THEA 4030 INTERNSHIP: NEBRASKA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL (1-6 credits)
This course provides an opportunity for the student to participate in the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival (NSF), a professional summer theatre company. The course will involve practical application. Areas of study might include artistic direction, direction, dramaturgy, arts management, production management, design and technology, or performance. Assignments are made according to the individual interests and skills of the student as they match NSF opportunities and needs.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Permission of instructor.
THEA 4050 SHAKESPEARE ON FILM: THE ART OF INTERPRETATION (3 credits)
Study how Shakespeare’s plays are interpreted for performance. Explore how production shapes our understanding of the text. Understand how the change of medium from page to stage to screen reveals meaning in unique ways. Experience a dynamic way of making the most extraordinary plays your own. Classes will feature readings, lecture, class discussion, and film screenings of different cinematic interpretations of several of Shakespeare's plays. Previous study of Shakespeare is helpful but not required.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Junior standing or permission of instructor.
Distribution: Humanities and Fine Arts General Education course

THEA 4060 CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRODUCTION (3 credits)
Study of the methods of direction, design, acting and production of plays for children. Students plan a complete children's theatre production or become actively involved in an actual production.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): THEA 1010 and THEA 1630 and THEA 2320 and THEA 2810 and THEA 4430 and Junior standing; or permission of instructor.
THEA 4310 ADVANCED ACTING: POST REALISM (3 credits)
Advanced work in the technical skills of voice, speech, movement and textual analysis needed for post-realist material. (Cross-listed with THEA 8316)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): THEA 2310 and THEA 2320 and Junior standing.
THEA 4320 ADVANCED ACTING: GREEKS TO RESTORATION (3 credits)
The fundamental theories and practices of major styles from ancient Greece to Restoration, including performance work from outstanding dramatic literature. (Cross-listed with THEA 8326)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): THEA 2310 and THEA 2320 and Junior standing.
THEA 4330 ADVANCED ACTING: ENSEMBLE PLAY PRODUCTION (3 credits)
In-depth exploration of a play or playwright's work to connect acting class with performance. Special emphasis on creating a working process that allows the ensemble to emerge. The class will culminate in public performance. (Cross-listed with THEA 8336)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): THEA 2310 and THEA 2320 and Junior standing.
THEA 4340 ADVANCED ACTING: AUDITIONING (3 credits)
An acting class designed to develop audition skills and material as well as cultivate a working knowledge of the business of acting. (Cross-listed with THEA 8346)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): THEA 2310 and THEA 2320 and Junior standing.
THEA 4430 DIRECTING I (3 credits)
The emergence of the director as an influential force in Western theatrical production; consideration of alternative approaches to directing; workshop development of a personal style. (Cross-listed with THEA 8436)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): THEA 1510 and THEA 1630 and THEA 2310 and THEA 2320 and THEA 2810 and THEA 2820.
THEA 4440  DIRECTING II (3 credits)
A practicum in play selection, analysis, casting, directing and performing.
(Cross-listed with THEA 8446)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): THEA 4430.

THEA 4500  COSTUME DESIGN (3 credits)
An introduction to the fundamentals of stage costume design, including
line silhouette, movement, color, texture and theatricality. Emphasis on
the visual presentation of designs, including considerable work with figure
drawing and rendering technique. (Cross-listed with THEA 8506)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): THEA 4550 and ART 1100 and ART 1210
or permission of instructor.

THEA 4510  COSTUME DESIGN (3 credits)
An introduction to the fundamentals of stage costume design, including
line, silhouette, movement, color, texture and theatricality. Emphasis on the
visual presentation of designs, including considerable work with life drawing
and rendering technique. (Cross-listed with THEA 8516)

THEA 4550  PERIOD STYLES IN DRESS AND DECOR (3 credits)
An historical survey course introducing students to the major periods and
iconic styles and trends in western architecture, dress and interior décor of
the past 2000 years; and to the social, cultural and technological influences
on those trends, particularly as they relate to theatrical and production
design. (Cross-listed with THEA 8556)

THEA 4610  SCENE DESIGN (3 credits)
Principles of composition, perspective and color for the stage; the designer’s
approach to the play, production of ground plans, elevations and sketches.
(Cross-listed with THEA 8616)
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): THEA 1010 and THEA 1630 and
THEA 2630 and Junior standing.

THEA 4780  THEATRE HIST/LIT:CLASSICAL-1500 (3 credits)
This course is a survey of both western European and early Asian theatre
and the related theatre literature in ancient Greece and Rome, India,
and medieval Europe from the fifth century BCE to the beginning of the
European renaissance.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): ENGL1160 and Junior standing

THEA 4790  THEATRE HISTORY AND LITERATURE: RENAISSANCE TO
1850 (3 credits)
This course is a survey of primarily western European theatre and the
related theatre literature from the Renaissance until the emergence of
modernism.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): ENGL1160 and Junior standing or
Permission of the Instructor.