MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) MAJOR IN THEATRE (HISTORY AND CRITICISM CONCENTRATION)

Major Programs

A Master of Arts (M.A.) degree with a major in Theatre offers specializations in history-criticism and dramaturgy. The M.A. will prepare students to teach at the secondary or community college level, to continue graduate education at the doctoral level, or to seek a career in community or professional theatre.

Application Requirements

The items listed below are required for admission consideration for applicable semesters of entry during the current academic year. Submission instructions, additional details, and changes to admission requirements for semesters other than the current academic year can be found on The Graduate College’s website (http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu). International students should review the International Admission Documents webpage (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/admission-documents/international) for additional requirements.

- completed online ApplyTexas application
- $40 nonrefundable application fee
- $50 nonrefundable international evaluation fee (if applicable)
- baccalaureate degree (preferably a B.A. or B.F.A. in theatre) from a regionally accredited university
- official transcripts required from each four-year institution where course credit was granted
- minimum 2.75 GPA in your last 60 hours of undergraduate course work (plus any completed graduate courses)
- minimum 24 undergraduate hours in theatre
- official GRE scores required with a preferred minimum of 300 (verbal and quantitative sections combined)
- resume/CV
- statement of purpose indicating the student's proposed area of specialty and detailing past practical experience
- two letters of recommendation
- non-academic practical theatre experience

TOEFL or IELTS Scores

Non-native English speakers who do not qualify for an English proficiency waiver:

- official TOEFL iBT scores required with a 78 overall
- official IELTS (academic) scores required with a 6.5 overall and minimum individual module scores of 6.0

This program does not offer admission if the scores above are not met.

Degree Requirements

The Master of Arts (M.A.) degree with a major in Theatre concentration in history and criticism requires 30 semester credit hours, including a thesis. Students who do not have the appropriate background course work may be required to complete leveling courses.

Course Requirements

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Minor

Choose a 6-hour advisor-approved minor

Total Hours

30

Comprehensive Examination Requirements

All candidates for graduate degrees must pass one or more comprehensive examinations.

If a student elects to follow the thesis option for the degree, a committee to direct the written thesis will be established. The thesis must demonstrate the student’s capability for research and independent thought. Preparation of the thesis must be in conformity with the Graduate College Guide to Preparing and Submitting a Thesis or Dissertation.


The student must submit an official Thesis Proposal Form (http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/forms.html) and proposal to his or her thesis committee. Thesis proposals vary by department and discipline. Please see your department for proposal guidelines and requirements. After signing the form and obtaining committee members' signatures, the graduate advisor's signature if required by the program and the department chair's signature, the student must submit the Thesis Proposal Form with one copy of the proposal attached to the dean of The Graduate College for approval before proceeding with research on the thesis. If the thesis research involves human subjects, the student must obtain exemption or approval from the Texas State Institutional Review Board prior to submitting the proposal form to The Graduate College. The IRB approval letter should be included with the proposal form. If the thesis research involves vertebrate animals, the proposal form must include the Texas State IACUC approval code. It is recommended that the
thesis proposal form be submitted to the dean of The Graduate College by the end of the student’s enrollment in 5399A. Failure to submit the thesis proposal in a timely fashion may result in delayed graduation.

**Thesis Committee**

The thesis committee must be composed of a minimum of three approved graduate faculty members.

**Thesis Enrollment and Credit**

The completion of a minimum of six hours of thesis enrollment is required. For a student’s initial thesis course enrollment, the student will need to register for thesis course number 5399A. After that, the student will enroll in thesis B courses, in each subsequent semester until the thesis is defended with the department and approved by The Graduate College. Preliminary discussions regarding the selection of a topic and assignment to a research supervisor will not require enrollment for the thesis course.

Students must be enrolled in thesis credits if they are receiving supervision and/or are using university resources related to their thesis work. The number of thesis credit hours students enroll in must reflect the amount of work being done on the thesis that semester. It is the responsibility of the committee chair to ensure that students are making adequate progress toward their degree throughout the thesis process. Failure to register for the thesis course during a term in which supervision is received may result in postponement of graduation. After initial enrollment in 5399A, the student will continue to enroll in a thesis B course as long as it takes to complete the thesis. Thesis projects are by definition original and individualized projects. As such, depending on the topic, methodology, and other factors, some projects may take longer than others to complete. If the thesis requires work beyond the minimum number of thesis credits needed for the degree, the student may enroll in additional thesis credits at the committee chair’s discretion. In the rare case when a student has not previously enrolled in thesis and plans to work on and complete the thesis in one term, the student will enroll in both 5399A and 5399B.

The only grades assigned for thesis courses are PR (progress), CR (credit), W (withdrawn), and F (failing). If acceptable progress is not being made in a thesis course, the instructor may issue a grade of F. If the student is making acceptable progress, a grade of PR is assigned until the thesis is completed. The minimum number of hours of thesis credit (“CR”) will be awarded only after the thesis has been both approved by The Graduate College and released to Alkek Library.

A student who has selected the thesis option must be registered for the thesis course during the term or Summer I (during the summer, the thesis course runs ten weeks for both sessions) in which the degree will be conferred.

**Thesis Deadlines and Approval Process**

Thesis deadlines are posted on The Graduate College (http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu) website under “Current Students.” The completed thesis must be submitted to the chair of the thesis committee on or before the deadlines listed on The Graduate College website.

The following must be submitted to The Graduate College by the thesis deadline listed on The Graduate College website:

1. The Thesis Submission Approval Form bearing original (wet) and/or electronic signatures of the student and all committee members.

2. One (1) PDF of the thesis in final form, approved by all committee members, uploaded in the online Vireo submission system.

After the dean of The Graduate College approves the thesis, Alkek Library will harvest the document from the Vireo submission system for publishing in the Digital Collections database (according to the student’s embargo selection). **NOTE: MFA Creative Writing theses will have a permanent embargo and will never be published to Digital Collections.**

While original (wet) signatures are preferred, there may be situations as determined by the chair of the committee in which obtaining original signatures is inefficient or has the potential to delay the student’s progress. In those situations, the following methods of signing are acceptable:

- signing and faxing the form
- signing, scanning, and emailing the form
- notifying the department in an email from their university’s or institution’s email account that the committee chair can sign the form on their behalf
- electronically signing the form using the university’s licensed signature platform.

If this process results in more than one document with signatures, all documents need to be submitted to The Graduate College together.

No copies are required to be submitted to Alkek Library. However, the library will bind copies submitted that the student wants bound for personal use. Personal copies are not required to be printed on archival quality paper. The student will take the personal copies to Alkek Library and pay the binding fee for personal copies.

**Master’s level courses in Theatre: TH**

**Courses Offered**

**Theatre (TH)**

**TH 5199B. Thesis.**

This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.

1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

**Grade Mode:** Credit/No Credit

**TH 5299B. Thesis.**

This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.

2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

**Grade Mode:** Credit/No Credit

**TH 5301. Drama Research.**

An examination of problems and research techniques in drama. Historical, critical, descriptive, and experimental research approaches will be surveyed and basic procedures in research report writing will be considered. Required of theatre majors.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
TH 5302. Text Analysis, Research and Interpretation.
This course reviews various methods of analysis of a dramatic text. This includes inductive, deductive, structural, and methodical approaches. It also examines techniques for production research and explores issues of interpretation that affect the development of a play's translation into a production on stage.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5303. Conceptualization and Composition.
This course investigates conceiving and developing a production concept and/or production context. It also explores how the concept/context is useful in the formation of a plan of staging. Finally, it examines potential blocking and staging implications that result from conceptualization and context, as well as composition implications.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5304. Web Series Creation.
This course focuses on the techniques of creating a web series, script writing and development. It explores the fundamentals of film production and web publication, including marketing and identifying a target audience.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5305. Web Series Creation II.
This course is a continuation of the Web Series course and specifically focuses on production of a web series. Students will write, direct, and produce their own web series for publication on the internet. Prerequisite: TH 5304 with a grade of "C" or better.
3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 3 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5310. Graduate Assistant Development.
This course is required as a condition of employment for graduate teaching and instructional assistants. This course covers topics related to employment responsibilities. This course does not earn graduate degree credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Graduate Assistantship Exclude from Graduate GPA
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships

TH 5312. Director/Designer Collaboration.
This course examines the nature of director/designer collaboration. Areas studied and developed include the director's visual perceptions, visual interpretations, and visual choices. In addition, attention is focused on discovering and uncovering these characteristics embedded in theatrical texts.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5313. History of Directing and Scenography.
This course is a historical survey of the work of directors and designers. Particular emphasis will be on seminal production plans for notable directors and designers of the 20th and 21st centuries.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5320. Directing Theatre Activities.
Designed to assist any teacher in directing theatre activities. During the course, students will direct plays or scenes. May be repeated with different emphasis for additional credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

TH 5323. Shakespeare Through Performance.
This intensive study abroad program immerses students in the language and culture of Shakespeare's plays. Incorporating a performance-based approach to the study of Shakespeare, this course includes theatrical workshops taught by professionals at leading international theatres, including the Royal Shakespeare Company.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

This intensive study abroad program immerses students in the language and culture of Shakespeare's plays. In Stratford, academic workshops are led by scholars from the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust. Through immersion in the cultural environment in which the plays were produced, students gain insight into the context that shaped Shakespeare's theatre.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5330. Stage Management.
An in-depth seminar in stage management, including organization, techniques, and practices for managing stage productions from initial planning through performance.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5331. Television Writing.
This course focuses on the techniques of writing for television, including both half-hour situational comedies and hour-long dramas. Students will pitch story ideas, develop beat sheets, write treatments, and complete written scripts. Prerequisite: TH 5354 with a grade of "C" or better.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5332. Stage Properties.
This course trains students in the craft, artistry and management of stage properties for careers in theatre, film and the entertainment industry.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5333. Advanced Television Writing.
This course focuses on the techniques of creating a television series, including script writing and development, film production, and post-production editing. Students will spin off a character from a network or cable television series and create a new series based on that character. Graduate students will act as co-producers. Prerequisite: TH 5331 with a grade of "C" or better.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
TH 5334. Figure Drawing for Theatre Design.
This course covers drawing the human figure using traditional media, technique and application. Intended for the theatre designer, this course places special emphasis on aspects of drapery as they relate to the human figure.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 1 Lab Contact Hour.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5338. Advanced Stage Lighting.
Graduate lighting design is a continuation of the principles covered in Lighting Design (undergraduate). This course will concentrate primarily on the aesthetics of stage lighting, and will cover such topics as: viewer psychological and physiological responses as they pertain to visual perception; color; script analysis; use of light in creating both static and dynamic visual compositions; development and graphic representation of a theatrical lighting design.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5340. Professional Internship.
This course provides professional hands-on experience in the theatre or film industry. Consent of Instructor required.
3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 20 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5341. Dramatization and Adaptation.
This course focuses on the development of new theatrical scripts based on existing stories and source material. Students will explore a variety of potential source materials, pitch adaptation ideas, and complete a written script. Prerequisite: TH 5354 with a grade of "C" or better.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5342. MFA Studio I.
This course focuses on work with actors. Students will explore various rehearsal methods, motifs and strategies. Students will direct two short scenes for class and explore effective ways of working with actors. In addition, students will observe directors and acting coaches in the department work with and coach actors.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5343. MFA Studio II.
Builds upon the work of MFA Studio I. This course examines additional techniques for working with actors as well as tools the director can use to shape each unit of performance text in order to build a dramatic story on stage. Students will analyze, rehearse and perform a one-act play. Prerequisite: TH 5342 with a grade of "C" or better.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5345. Advanced Studies in Costume Design.
Costume problems for entire productions.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5346. Historical Costume Research.
This course is a study of clothing, accessories, and customs of selected theatrical periods as an approach to costuming period plays.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5347. Advanced Costume Construction.
Advanced studies in the construction of costumes for the stage, techniques in sewing, pattern drafting/design as well as accessories/crafts construction.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5348. Graphic Representation.
Students will study and practice drawing and painting techniques, as well as rendering with other media, including markers.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 3 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5350. Second Year Project.
Students in the second year of the MFA in Theatre will direct, design, or write for a departmental production. The course includes a written report of the project that demonstrates an understanding of the creative process of the chosen discipline. Prerequisite: Completed at least 18 graduate hours towards their M.F.A.
3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 3 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

This course is a study of architecture and interiors throughout history as it impacts design for theatre. This will look at periods of design from ancient Egypt to the early Twentieth Century.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5352. MFA Studio III.
MFA Studio III is the student's second year project. The course includes all phases of directing a play, from conception and research, to rehearsal and performance. Prerequisite: TH 5343 with a grade of "C" or better.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5353. MFA Studio IV.
A primary focus of the course is on experimental theatre. Students rehearse and perform scene work from 20th and 21st century plays, and put together a final experimental performance project. Prerequisite: TH 5343 with a grade of "C" or better.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5354. Playwriting.
A seminar in the art and craft of playwriting, from initial idea through a completed draft of a play. May be repeated with different emphasis for additional credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
TH 5355. Scene Painting.
Theory and practice of scene and costume painting as developed in the
Italian Renaissance and continuing into new media available today. May
be repeated with different emphasis for additional credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5356. Theatrical Drafting: Vectorworks.
This course is a study of computer techniques and procedures used in
the preparation of design and technical drawings for theatrical scenery
and lighting.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5357. Scene Design.
Seminar on design, emphasizing presentation and justification of
executed renderings or models for selected plays. Emphasis on styles
of staging, settings, lighting and properties, and their relationship to
the complete production. May be repeated with different emphasis for
additional credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5358. Screenwriting.
This course offers a comprehensive study of the art and craft of writing
screenplays. During a semester of intensive writing, readings, script
analyses, and critiques, writers complete assignments in storytelling,
character, structure, and script development. Each writer completes a full-
length screenplay as the capstone project for the semester.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5359. Advanced Screenwriting.
This course focuses on the development and revision of full-length
screenplays. May be repeated for credit with different emphasis.
Prerequisite: TH 5358 with a grade of "C" or better.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5360. Problems in Theatre.
Designed to give supervised experience to qualified advanced students
in theatre history, playwriting, directing, acting, technical, or other theatre
problems. Research problems or actual production problems may be
chosen. May be repeated with different emphasis for additional credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5361. Oregon Shakespeare Festival Intensive.
This course examines theatre production with a specific focus on
directors and directing at this country's largest Shakespeare theatre, the
Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Students will study issues of translating
the current seasons' nine plays from script to stage, as well as analyzing
the perspectives and choices of each director's production.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5363. Directing for Film.
An in-depth examination of directing theories and procedures for film with
practical filming and editing exercises. May be repeated with different
emphasis for additional credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5364. Stage Directing.
Development of skills in analysis, research, staging, and production, with
practical experience provided by directing scenes.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5365. Backgrounds of Modern Drama.
An analysis of those developments in dramatic literature that formed
the basis of modern drama. Primary emphasis will be on nineteenth-and
twentieth-century European and American drama.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5366. Directing Styles.
A study of directing different dramatic styles. Students will direct a one-
act play during regular semesters. Prerequisite: TH 5364 with a grade of
"C" or better, or permission of instructor.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

The study of dramatic theory and criticism from Aristotle to the present.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5369. Contemporary World Theatre and Drama.
Studies of current trends in world theatre and drama.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5371. Classical and Renaissance Drama.
Seminar in Greek, French Neoclassical, and English Renaissance theatre,
with intensive examination of selected works by Sophocles, Euripides,
Shakespeare, and Marlowe. Primary focus will be on analysis of the plays
as performance texts, and on the historical cultural environments in
which the plays were created and first performed.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5372. Theory and Practice of Dramaturgy.
Study of the practical application of historical research and textual
analysis in the production of period plays and new works. Emphasis upon
the dramaturg as an instrument of collaboration between members of the
artistic team and as a facilitator of audience outreach.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
TH 5373. Advanced Film Directing.
An in-depth examination of narrative filmmaking that includes screenplay analysis, storyboarding, scheduling the shoot, directorial techniques, staging actors, camera placement, filming on location, and editing. Prerequisite: TH 5363 with a grade of "C" or better.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5374. Art History for Theatrical Design.
This course focuses on major art movements since the Renaissance. Baroque, Rococo, Neoclassicism, Romanticism, Realism, Impressionism, Expressionism, Surrealism, and other movements from throughout the world are studied in relationship to their use by theatrical designers.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5375. Advanced Playwriting.
This course focuses on an in-depth study of the techniques of playwriting and the variety of styles that a playwright might employ. The course culminates with the writing of a full-length play. Prerequisite: TH 5354 with a grade of "C" or better.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

A study of directors, theories, and problems of directing in the contemporary theatre. May be repeated with different emphasis for additional credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5378. Play Development Lab.
This course provides a laboratory workshop development process for new plays. It provides a structured environment for rigorously revising student-written works. Prerequisites: TH 5375 with a grade of "C" or better, or instructor approval.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5381. Automated Lighting.
Automated Lighting will explore and practice methods and approaches for basic uses of multi-attribute lighting technology. We will investigate a variety of moving light and LED technology and control as well as methods of properly documenting and cueing with these complex tools.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5382. MFA Studio V.
This course offers a study of and experience in preparing and directing Shakespeare: from inception of a given approach to handling the language issues to performance. This course examines how professional directors actually work on production for major Shakespeare theatres in America.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5383. MFA Studio VI.
This course continues the styles work started in MFA Studio V. It focuses on directing projects from multiple periods and styles of plays. Scenes will be drawn from several periods of dramatic literature including Ancient Greece, the English Restoration, Moliere, Georgian, and other High Comedy texts. Prerequisite: TH 5382 with a grade of "C" or better.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5387. Directing Practicum.
Study of and experience in choosing, preparing, and directing a theatre production from analysis to performance. Attention is given to theatre organization and management. May be repeated with different emphasis for additional credit.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5397. Diagnostic Creative Project.
This project involves the design of a relatively simple theatrical production that is produced by University Theatre. Complete production plans are prepared under faculty guidance, followed by faculty evaluation and debriefing after production. Requires Department Approval.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5398. Final Creative Project.
To be taken the last year of training. This project requires the student to direct a major University Theatre production. The student must demonstrate mastery of directing. A complete written report of the project must be approved by a faculty committee. The report is a part of the final examination for the degree of Master of Arts with a major in Theatre for students in Directing.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5399A. Thesis.
This course represents a student's initial thesis enrollment. No thesis credit is awarded until student has completed the thesis in Theatre 5399B.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

TH 5399B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

TH 5599B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.
5 Credit Hours. 5 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit
TH 5640. Professional Internship.
This course provides professional hands-on experience in the theatre or film industry; it is intended for students who do a full-time internship over the summer or during a regular full semester. Consent of instructor required.

6 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 40 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TH 5999B. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.

9 Credit Hours. 9 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit