

THEATRE, BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)

The Bachelor of Arts in Theatre is designed for students who want a program with a strong emphasis in theatre combined with a strong liberal arts component, and a minor (or other course of directed study) in an area other than theatre.

Student participation in both credit- and noncredit-bearing department activities will be required. Students matriculating in School of the Arts degree programs are bound by the policies and procedures stipulated in this bulletin and in any other current handbook or policy document adopted by the individual programs.

Because of the environment that exists in the Department of Theatre, all aspects of theatre as art, craft, business and education are experienced together. The curriculum immerses students in the practicalities of theatre. Throughout the four years, students work with voice, body and imagination; this practical application, combined with a strong liberal arts component and a minor (or course of directed study), offers a wide field of academic and human experience.

Student learning outcomes

Upon completing this program, students will know and know how to do the following:

- Students will demonstrate knowledge of theatre history, performance theory, and dramatic literature and its practical artistic application
- Students will complete a minor or other course of directed study to demonstrate broad-based knowledge of the sciences and/or humanities.
- Students will demonstrate successful application of foundational performance and design/technology skills.

Degree requirements for Theatre, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Course	Title	Hours
General education (https://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-study/general-education-curriculum/)		
Select 30 credits of general education courses in consultation with an adviser.		30
Major requirements		
• Major core requirements		
THEA 100	Technical Production: ____	1
THEA 111	Fundamentals of Performance	3
THEA 112	Fundamentals of Theatrical Design	3
THEA 211	Introduction to Drama	3
THEA 351	Rehearsal and Performance: ____	3
THEA 307	History of the Theatre	3
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THEA 385	Diverse Voices: ____	3
THEA 495	Senior Project: Portfolio Review	1
• Additional major requirements		
THEA 102	Introduction to Technical Theatre	3
THEA 110	Improvisation	3
THEA 201	Voice and Speech for the Actor I	3

THEA 202	Voice and Speech for the Actor II	3
THEA 203	Movement for the Actor I	3
THEA 204	Movement for the Actor II	3
THEA 213	Acting I	3
THEA 214	Acting II	3
• Major electives		
THEA courses (300 or 400 level)		6
Ancillary requirements		
Electives (select any courses at 300 or 400 level)		8
Foreign language through the 102 level (by course or placement)		0-6
Open electives		
Select any course.		21-27
Total Hours		120

The minimum number of credit hours required for this degree is 120.

What follows is a sample plan that meets the prescribed requirements within a four-year course of study at VCU. Please contact your adviser before beginning course work toward a degree.

Recommended course sequence/plan of study

Freshman year

Fall semester	Hours
THEA 100 Technical Production: ____	1
THEA 102 Introduction to Technical Theatre	3
THEA 111 Fundamentals of Performance	3
THEA 211 Introduction to Drama	3
UNIV 101 Introduction to the University or (Recommended elective) UNIV 103 or Education and Career Planning or UNIV 191 or Student Success Special Topics	1
UNIV 111 Introduction to Focused Inquiry: Play course Investigation and Communication (satisfies video for general education UNIV foundations)	3
Introduction to Focused Inquiry: Investigation and Communicatio	
General education course	3
Term Hours:	17

Spring semester

THEA 110 Improvisation	3
THEA 112 Fundamentals of Theatrical Design	3
UNIV 200 Advanced Focused Inquiry: Literacies, Research and Communication (satisfies general education UNIV foundations)	3
General education courses	6
Term Hours:	15

Sophomore year

Fall semester	Hours
THEA 201 Voice and Speech for the Actor I	3
THEA 203 Movement for the Actor I	3

THEA 213	Acting I	3
General education course		3
Open elective		2
Term Hours:		14
Spring semester		
THEA 202	Voice and Speech for the Actor II	3
THEA 204	Movement for the Actor II	3
THEA 214	Acting II	3
General education courses		6
Term Hours:		15
Junior year		
Fall semester		
THEA 307	History of the Theatre	3
THEA 351	Rehearsal and Performance: ____	3
General education course		3
THEA elective (300 or 400 level)		3
Open elective		3
Term Hours:		15
Spring semester		
THEA 308	History of the Theatre	3
Foreign language 101 (or open elective)		3
General education course		3
Open electives		6
Term Hours:		15
Senior year		
Fall semester		
THEA 385	Diverse Voices: ____	3
Foreign language 102 (or open elective)		3
THEA elective (300 or 400 level)		3
Open elective		5
Term Hours:		14
Spring semester		
THEA 495	Senior Project: Portfolio Review	1
Open electives		14
Term Hours:		15
Total Hours:		120

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