

THEATRE, BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS (B.F.A.) WITH A CONCENTRATION IN SCENE DESIGN/TECHNICAL PRODUCTION

The Department of Theatre offers a Bachelor of Fine Arts that may be entered into during the third year. All freshman and transfer students entering the department are initially classified as Theatre Foundation students. After successfully completing the first two years of core theatre courses in their foundation areas of emphasis, students apply for admission to a specific degree program (B.F.A. or B.A.). In the B.F.A. students concentrate on areas in performance, including musical theatre, and stage management, as well as three areas of design/technology: scenic, lighting and costume. (See the individual concentration pages for curricular outlines.) Note: Entry into the musical theatre foundation program requires a change of major form.

Student participation in both credit- and noncredit-bearing department activities may 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 these preprofessional programs, 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, the performer works daily with voice, body and imagination, while the designer/technician is involved in studio classes and practical application.

Student learning outcomes

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

- Demonstrate skills and techniques needed to enter the profession as a scenic designer/technician
- Demonstrate knowledge of history, theory and literature and their practical application

Degree requirements for Theatre, Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) with a concentration in scene design/technical production

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 307	History of the Theatre	3
THEA 308	History of the Theatre	3
THEA 385	Diverse Voices: ____	3
THEA 495	Senior Project: Portfolio Review	1
Additional major requirements		
THEA 103	Stagecraft	3
THEA 104	Costume Construction	3
THEA 121	Introduction to Drawing	2
THEA 209 & THEA 216 or THEA 230	Theatrical Rigging and Welding for Theatre Model Building	2-3
THEA 217	Theatrical Drafting	2
THEA 218	Introduction to Scene Painting	3
THEA 221	Introduction to Scene Design	3
THEA 229	Introduction to Lighting Design	3
THEA 251	Rehearsal and Performance: ____	3
THEA 305	Scenic Design Studio I	3
THEA 306 or THEA 334	Scenic Design Studio II Sound Design for Theatre	3
THEA 323	Practicum in Advanced Theatre Technology (taken twice for a total of six credits)	3
THEA 327	Computer-assisted Design and Drafting for the Theatre	3
THEA 351	Rehearsal and Performance: ____	3
THEA 373	Photo Manipulation for Theatre	3
THEA 405 or THEA 326	Advanced Scene Design I Audio Mixing	3
THEA 406 or THEA 333	Advanced Scenic Design II Sound Technology	3
THEA 408	Advanced Scene Painting	3
THEA 451	Rehearsal and Performance: ____	3
Ancillary requirements		
SPCH 121	Effective Speech	3
Open electives		
Select any course.		9-10
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		Hours
Fall semester		
THEA 100	Technical Production: ____	1
THEA 103	Stagecraft	3
THEA 112	Fundamentals of Theatrical Design	3
THEA 121	Introduction to Drawing	2
THEA 211	Introduction to Drama	3

UNIV 101 or UNIV 103 or UNIV 191	Introduction to the University (Recommended elective) or Education and Career Planning or Student Success Special Topics	1
UNIV 111	Introduction to Focused Inquiry: Play course video for Introduction to Focused Inquiry: Investigation and Communication	3
Term Hours:		16
Spring semester		
THEA 104	Costume Construction	3
THEA 217	Theatrical Drafting	2
THEA 323	Practicum in Advanced Theatre Technology	3
UNIV 200	Advanced Focused Inquiry: Literacies, Research and Communication (satisfies general education UNIV foundations)	3
General education course		3
Term Hours:		14
Sophomore year		
Fall semester		
THEA 111	Fundamentals of Performance	3
THEA 221	Introduction to Scene Design	3
THEA 323	Practicum in Advanced Theatre Technology	3
THEA 327	Computer-assisted Design and Drafting for the Theatre	3
General education course		3
Term Hours:		15
Spring semester		
THEA 229	Introduction to Lighting Design	3
THEA 230 or THEA 209 and THEA 216	Model Building or Theatrical Rigging and Welding for Theatre	2-3
THEA 251	Rehearsal and Performance: ____	3
General education courses		6
Term Hours:		14
Junior year		
Fall semester		
THEA 218	Introduction to Scene Painting	3
THEA 305	Scenic Design Studio I	3
THEA 307	History of the Theatre	3
THEA 373	Photo Manipulation for Theatre	3
General education course		3
Term Hours:		15
Spring semester		
SPCH 121	Effective Speech	3

THEA 306 or THEA 334	Scenic Design Studio II or Sound Design for Theatre	3
THEA 308	History of the Theatre	3
General education courses		6
Term Hours:		15
Senior year		
Fall semester		
THEA 351	Rehearsal and Performance: ____	3
THEA 385	Diverse Voices: ____	3
THEA 405 or THEA 326	Advanced Scene Design I or Audio Mixing	3
THEA 408	Advanced Scene Painting	3
General education course		3
Open elective		2
Term Hours:		17
Spring semester		
THEA 406 or THEA 333	Advanced Scenic Design II or Sound Technology	3
THEA 451	Rehearsal and Performance: ____	3
THEA 495	Senior Project: Portfolio Review	1
Open electives		6-7
Term Hours:		14
Total Hours:		120

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