School of Arts and Humanities

Visual and Performing Arts with Theatre Concentration (BA)

Students who complete the major in Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) pursue an interdisciplinary study of the arts by completing a major core that includes courses in writing, interdisciplinary studies, professional development, historical context, theory, and practice. The VPA major culminates in a Senior Capstone. Students who are majoring in VPA can focus their studies by choosing from nine possible concentrations.

The Theatre concentration focuses student work in areas of theatre including: Acting, Stage Management, Technical Theatre, Design, Musical Theatre, Directing, Voice Over, Playwriting, Dance, and Production Ensemble. Additionally, students will develop knowledge in theatre history and literature.

Since the following catalog course descriptions are very general, students are urged to consult the detailed course descriptions available on the web site for the School of Arts and Humanities. At least one-half of the semester credit hours for a major must be taken at UT Dallas.

Unless otherwise noted, courses in Visual and Performing Arts are open to all students in the University.

Bachelor of Arts in Visual and Performing Arts with Theatre Concentration

**Degree Requirements** (120 semester credit hours)¹

*View an Example of Degree Requirements by Semester*

Faculty

**Professors:** Fred I. Curchack, Thomas P. Riccio

**Clinical Assistant Professor:** Shelby Hibbs

**Professor of Instruction:** Kathy Lingo

I. Core Curriculum Requirements: 42 semester credit hours²

**Communication: 6 semester credit hours**

RHET 1302 Rhetoric

And choose one course from the following:

COMM 1311 Survey of Oral and Technology-based Communication

COMM 1315 Public Speaking
Mathematics: 3 semester credit hours
Select any 3 semester credit hours from Mathematics Core courses

Life and Physical Sciences: 6 semester credit hours
Select any 6 semester credit hours from Life and Physical Sciences Core courses

Language, Philosophy and Culture: 3 semester credit hours
Select any 3 semester credit hours from Language, Philosophy and Culture Core courses

Creative Arts: 3 semester credit hours
THEA 1310 Understanding Theatre³
Or select any 3 semester credit hours from Creative Arts Core courses

American History: 6 semester credit hours
Select any 6 semester credit hours from American History Core courses

Government / Political Science: 6 semester credit hours
GOVT 2305 American National Government
GOVT 2306 State and Local Government

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester credit hours
Select any 3 semester credit hours from Social and Behavioral Sciences Core courses

Component Area Option: 6 semester credit hours
Select any 6 semester credit hours from Component Area Option Core courses

II. Major Requirements, Lower-Division: 6 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum
THEA 1310 Understanding Theatre³
3 semester credit hours from a THEA studio course, including:
THEA 1351 Acting 1
THEA 1352 Acting 2
THEA 2311 Topics in Theatre
THEA 2364 Musical Theatre Workshop
THEA 2371 Technical Theatre 1
THEA 2372  Improvisation  
THEA 2373  Languages of the Body  
THEA 2V71  Independent Study in Theatre  
THEA 2350  Voice for the Actor

3 semester credit hours from a THEA/DANC/MUSI studio ensemble course

III. Major Requirements, Upper-Division: 40 semester credit hours

Major Core Courses: 18 semester credit hours

ARHM 3342  Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies in the Arts and Humanities  
VPAS 3300  Elements of Art and Performance  
  or Related Upper-Level Course from the School of Arts and Humanities

VPAS 3340  Writing in the Arts  
VPAS 4389  Theory and Practice of the Visual and Performing Arts  
VPAS 4390  Senior Capstone

Select 3 semester credit hours of Professional Development Courses from the following:

ARTS 3311  Contemporary Art Practices  
ARTS 4310  Studies in Contemporary Exhibitions  
COMM 4370  Communication and Leadership  
COMM 4371  Communication and Professionalism  
ISAH 4V50  Internship  
VPAS 4310  Entertainment Law

Theatre Concentration Requirements: 24 semester credit hours

THEA 3323  Performance in Historical Context  
THEA 3310  Theatre/Performance Ensemble  
  or 3 semester credit hours of THEA 3V10  Technical Theatre Practicum

3 semester credit hours from the following:

THEA 3342  Advanced Topics in Theatre  
THEA 3324  Technical Theatre 2

3 semester credit hours from the following:
**THEA 3380** Theatre and Literature

**THEA 3352** Stage Management

or upper-division THEA course

3 semester credit hours of upper-level THEA courses

3 semester credit hours of 4000-level THEA courses

3 semester credit hours of upper-division THEA/DANC/MUSI courses

3 semester credit hours of upper-division Visual and Performing Arts elective

**IV. Elective Requirements: 30 semester credit hours**

**Free Electives: 30 semester credit hours**

Both upper- and lower-division courses may be used as electives, but students must complete at least 51 semester credit hours of upper-division courses to qualify for graduation. Students are encouraged to enroll in courses in other performance areas, such as dance and music.

Incoming freshmen must enroll and complete requirements of **ARHM 1100**.¹

1. Incoming freshmen must enroll and complete requirements of UNIV 1010 and the corresponding school-related freshman seminar course. Students, including transfer students, who complete their core curriculum at UT Dallas must take UNIV 2020.

2. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from institutions of higher education. The courses listed are recommended as the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at UT Dallas.

3. A required Preparatory course that also fulfills a Core Curriculum requirement. Semester credit hours may be counted in Core Curriculum.

4. Course cannot come from the THEA prefix.

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