Theatre Arts Major – Four Year Plan

Please Note: the following is a model only – it is not a required template. We know each student majoring in Theatre Arts will have individual needs and priorities – and unexpected opportunities that may alter how they schedule each term over 4 years. This plan is simply offered as a general (and flexible) guide for charting what a B.A. in our major would be like.

Courses in black highlight are required courses for completion of the Theatre Arts Major.

FIRST YEAR

Fall:  
**TA 271** (Introduction to Theatre)  
**TA 250** (Acting One) or **TA 210** (Introduction to Design)  
1st year Foreign Language  
Gen. Ed. requirement or Elective

Winter:  
**TA 211** – Theatre Production I (Intro to Set and Lighting)  
Elective or **TA 250 (Acting One)** or **TA 251** (Acting Two)  
1st year Foreign Language  
Gen. Ed. requirement

Spring:  
**TA 212** – Theatre Production II (Intro to Costume and Make-up)  
**or TA 210 (Intro to Design)**  
Elective or **TA 250 (Acting One)** or **TA 252** (Acting Three)  
1st year Foreign Language  
Gen. Ed. requirement

**TA 210, 211, 212** have two sections offered each year – they are important to take in your first or second year in order to advance to required Production credits (see worksheet) and to do advanced coursework in design areas.

**TA 250, Acting One, is offered every term.** If you take it in the fall, you can be eligible for Acting II the following winter and Acting III in spring. If you take Acting One in winter or spring, you have to wait until the next year to take Acting II in winter and Acting III in spring. (Note: Acting III is a pre-requisite to taking advanced acting courses.)
SECOND YEAR

Fall:  
TA 271 (Intro to Theatre) or TA 210 or TA 211 (Intro to Design)  
(finishing up your 200-level introductory coursework)  
Production Credit #1 (TA 321-324)  
2nd year Foreign Language  
Gen. Ed. requirement or Elective

Winter:  
TA 251 (Acting Two) or Production Credit #1 (TA 321-324)  
2nd year Foreign Language  
Gen. Ed. requirement  
Elective

Spring:  
TA 252 (Acting Three) or Production Credit (TA 321-324)  
2nd year Foreign Language (completing B.A. requirement)  
Gen. Ed. requirement  
Elective

By the end of your second year, you should have completed in the Theatre Arts major all of the 200-level courses you need and to have completed at least one Production Credit. It’s also wise to have completed your foreign language requirement and to have made good progress with general education (liberal arts) “core requirements.” Your goal should be to have foundational work done so you can enjoy taking advanced coursework in your main area of interest and also have room for opportunities (productions, study abroad, internships) in your third and especially your fourth year.
THIRD YEAR

Fall:  
TA 367 (Theatre History I)  
Advanced Theatre course (Design, Acting, Literature/History)  
Production Credit #2 (TA 321-24)  
Gen. Ed. requirement  
Elective

Winter:  
TA 368 (Theatre History II)  
TA 470 Majors (“Futures”) Seminar  
*required for Junior Theatre Majors  
Gen. Ed. requirement  
Elective

Spring:  
TA 369 (Theatre History III)  
Advanced Theatre course (Design, Acting, Literature/History)  
Gen. Ed. requirement  
Elective

By the end of your third year, you should have come close to have or fully completed your general education liberal arts “core requirements” for the degree you are seeking. You should also have completed your second Production credit or finished the 3rd Production credit. This allows you to concentrate on advanced courses more closely aligned to the profile you are shaping to take with you past graduation. It also allows for more electives in other fields that can bolster what you need going forward.

Our Theatre History series does not have to be taken in sequence. If you choose to study abroad for a term in your third year, for example, you can pick up with Theatre History in your fourth year with no problem. History I (TA 367) is always and only offered in Fall term; History II (TA 368) is always and only offered in Winter; and History III (TA 369) is always and only offered in Spring.

By the end of your fourth year, you have to have completed at least 6 advanced theatre courses: 3 advanced courses in Theatre practice - specialty topics in each design area and/or acting, several offered every term - and 3 advanced courses in Theatre literature and/or history - one offered every term.
FOURTH YEAR

Fall:  **TA 490 (Capstone)** Play Direction, Playwriting, Dramaturgy, Devising
(at least two of these topics are offered each year – Playwriting is typically offered in Fall and Play Direction in Spring)

- Advanced Theatre course
- Advanced Theatre course
- Production Credit #3

Winter:  Advanced Theatre course or **TA 490 (Capstone)**

- Advanced Theatre course
- General education requirement
- Elective

Spring:  Advanced Theatre course or **TA 490 (Capstone)**

- Advanced Theatre course
- General education requirement
- Elective

The real reason for a four-year plan is so you aren’t “caught” in your Senior year having to take introductory level requirements when what you want to be doing is specializing and deepening what you know you care most about. Sure, you might do your two years of Foreign Language requirements in your second and third year, but then make sure you take more gen. ed. requirements in that first year. Likewise, you may have the prerequisites and interest to be taking more than just the six required advanced courses in Theatre (there’s a lot to choose from!) – but if you load up on these too soon, you’ll be without flexibility in your final year to pursue things like study abroad or an internship or completion of your second major or minor.

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