



# Department of Communication Arts BFA Theatre – Theatre Performance

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The B.F.A. with a major in Theatre prepares students for a broad range of opportunities including performance, teaching, arts administration, and many non-arts based careers such as sales, training and development, and management. The Theatre program at VSU offers numerous productions throughout the year, providing students with on-stage, back stage, and front of house experiences. Theatre graduates learn a host of life skills including collaboration, working to deadlines, self-discipline, patience, perseverance, analytical skills, and critical thinking.

Valdosta State University is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Theatre.

**University Core (Areas A to E) .....42 hours**

**Core curriculum Area F .....18 hours**

- DANC 1500 Introduction to Dance (3 hours)
- THEA 1000 Voice and Diction (3 hours)
- THEA 1100 Theatre Appreciation (3 hours)
- THEA 1120 Introduction to Theatrical Design (3 hours)
- THEA 2750 Basic Technical Theatre and Stage Lighting (3 hours)
- THEA 2800 Fundamentals of Acting (3 hours)

**Senior Core Curriculum.....28 hours**

- THEA 2730 Theatrical and Film Makeup
- THEA 2810 Basic Stage Movement
- THEA 3700 Play Analysis for Production
- THEA 3710 Theatre Performance
- THEA 3720 Theatre Production
- THEA 3740 Theatre Management
- THEA 3750 Costume History
- THEA 3950 Fundamentals of Play Directing
- THEA 4790 Portfolio and Resume Presentation

Select one of the following:

- DANC 1600 Ballet I
- DANC 2800 Jazz Dance I

Select one of the following:

- THEA 3760 Lighting Design
- THEA 3770 Costume Design
- THEA 3780 Scene Design

Select one of the following:

- THEA 3880 Theatre History I
- THEA 3890 Theatre History II

**Performance Track .....22 hours**

- THEA 1710 Improvisation
- THEA 2110 Stage Dialects
- THEA 2840 Stage Management
- THEA 3010 Oral Interpretation
- THEA 3200 Audition Techniques
- THEA 3710 Theatre Performance
- THEA 3710 Theatre Performance
- THEA 3800 Scene Study
- THEA 4800 Period Styles of Acting
- Select one of the following not taken in Senior Core:
  - DANC 1600 Ballet I
  - DANC 2800 Jazz Dance I
- Select one of the following not taken in Senior Core:
  - THEA 3880 Theatre History I
  - THEA 3890 Theatre History II

**Total Hours in Major.....68 hours**

**Elective Hours .....10 hours**

**Total Hours in Program.....120 hours**

## **Audition Requirements**

All students who intend to pursue the B.F.A. with a major in Theatre in the Performance track must audition for the purpose of admission into the program during the student's second consecutive semester. Auditions are regularly hosted on campus and at major Theatre events.

All students admitted to either the musical theatre or performance tracks are required to audition for theatre area productions every semester that they are enrolled in the program. Exceptions for extenuating circumstances must be requested in writing at least two weeks prior to the scheduled auditions. Failure to meet these conditions will require a petition and audition for readmission to the appropriate track.

## **GPA Requirements**

Students entering the University directly from high school must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better on all course work undertaken in order to continue as Theatre and Dance majors. If in any given semester a student's overall GPA falls below 2.0, the student will have one semester (fall or spring) to bring it back up to or above 2.0. If the overall GPA remains below 2.0 for two consecutive semesters, the student will be requested to change majors. Any student who fails to respond to that request will automatically be transferred to an undeclared major status.

Students who enter the University as transfer students who wish to continue a major in Theatre or Dance must have a GPA of at least 2.0 on all course work undertaken. Upon acceptance as a major, a student must maintain an overall 2.0 GPA as described above.

Students changing majors from another program within the University must also have at least a 2.0 overall GPA to transfer to the Theatre or Dance major, and they will be subject to the same maintenance requirements already described.

## **Skills you will learn**

As a major in the Theatre program you will:

- develop critical thinking, problem-solving, planning and organizational skills
- learn teamwork.
- Work to deadlines
- Develop perseverance, self-discipline, and patience while developing physical stamina and creative abilities
- strengthen and refine their acting, technical, management, and voice skills before they enter the professional world.
- develop a broad understanding of music, literature, history, and other arts to help interpret ideas and feelings in performance
- develop an understanding of music, costuming, and staging.

## **Sample careers for Theatre graduates**

Employment opportunities for Theatre graduates include:

- Arts Administrator
- Lighting Designer
- Technical Director
- Stage Manager
- Scenic Designer
- Actor/Actress
- Playwright or Script Writer
- Producer
- Director
- Technician