

MUSICAL THEATRE, B.F.A.

Bachelor of Fine Arts with a Major in Musical Theatre

The Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a musical theatre major is designed to prepare students for entry into professional musical theatre careers or graduate school.

ENTRANCE AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students desiring entry into the B.F.A. degree in musical theatre must be formally admitted to the program. This admittance is based upon an audition that includes singing, acting, and dancing. Students may contact the School of Music or the School of Theatre & Dance for more information about audition requirements and dates.

Students in the musical theatre major must also satisfy the following program requirements:

1. All coursework in the major must be completed with a grade of *C* or above. A course with a grade of *D* or *F* must be repeated with at least a grade of *C* to count for graduation or to be used as a prerequisite for another required course.
2. A total of 120 credit hours is required for the B.F.A. degree in musical theatre. These credit hours must include 34 hours in the university core curriculum, 73 hours of major requirements (listed below), and 13 hours of non-major elective courses (courses not in the music, theatre, or dance areas). It is recommended the one or more of the following courses be selected toward fulfilling the 13 non-major electives: DTS 202, ESS 220, HS 201.
3. Thirty-nine (39) credit hours must be earned in courses numbered 300-499.
4. Upon completion of the fourth semester of MUS 196, Applied Voice, students must pass a sophomore hearing before enrolling in MUS 396.

Major Requirements in Musical Theatre

Major requirements.....73

DAN 210, 230, 305, 316

MUS 109, 496

MUS 470 for two semesters

MUSA 196 for four semesters

MUSA 396 for two semesters

MUSP 101, 325

*Four semesters of ensembles selected from MUS 204, 207, 404, 407

*Two semesters of ensembles selected from MUS 204, 205, 206, 207, 404, 405, 406, 407

THE 220, 222, 230, 320, 323, 423, 441, 490

THE 390 for two semesters

One course selected from THE 240, 245, 250


MUS/THE/DAN electives (5 credit hours)

*Four ensemble credits must be at the 200 level, and two credits must be at the 400 level. All ensemble courses may be repeated for credit.

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 - General Education Course

 - Milestone course: a key success marker for your major. See your advisor to discuss the importance of this course in your plan of study.

The Core Curriculum is designed to foster critical thinking skills and introduce students to basic domains of thinking that transcend disciplines. The Core applies to all majors. Information on specific classes in the Core can be found at <https://www.marshall.edu/gened/>.

Course Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Curriculum		
<i>Core 1: Critical Thinking</i>		
FYS 100	First Yr Sem Critical Thinking	3
MTH 121 	Concepts and Applications (CT)	3
	Critical Thinking	3
<i>Core 2</i>		
ENG 101 	Beginning Composition	3
ENG 201 	Advanced Composition	3
CMM 103 	Fund Speech-Communication	3
MTH 121 	Concepts and Applications (CT)	3
	Core II Physical/Natural Science	4
	Core II Humanities	3
	Core II Social Science	3
	Core II Fine Arts	3
<i>Additional University Requirements</i>		
	Writing Intensive	3
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	Multicultural/International	3
MUS 496	Musical Theatre Capstone	1
Major Requirements		
MUSP 101	Basic Musicianship	3
MUSP 109	Mus Theatre Musicianship Lab	1
MUSP 325	Music Entrepreneurship	3
MUS 470	Musical Prods Practicum	1
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MUS 496	Musical Theatre Capstone	1
	Vocal Music Ensemble	1
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MUSA 196	Voice	1-2
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MUSA 396	Voice	1-2
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THE 220	Stage Movement I: Foundations	3
THE 222	Acting I: Foundations	3
THE 230	Auditioning Techniques	3
THE 320	Acting II: Scene Study	3
THE 323	Stage Mvmt II: Phys Approaches	3
THE 390	Music Theatre Workshop II	3
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THE 423	Acting Styles	3
THE 441	Theatre Hist Since 1660	3
THE 490	Professional Theatre Residency	4
Select one of the following Theatre Tech:		4
THE 240	Stage Lighting I	
THE 245	Intro to Technical Theatre	
THE 250	Introduction to Costuming	
DAN 210	Tap Dance	2
DAN 230	Ballet Technique	2
DAN 305	Dance for Musical Theatre	3
DAN 316	Modern Jazz Dance	2
Major Elective		2
Major Elective		3
BFA Elective		3
BFA Elective		3
BFA Elective		4
BFA Elective		3

Major Information

- All students desiring entry into the B.F.A. degree in musical theatre must be formally admitted to the program. This admittance is based upon an audition in acting, singing, and dance/movement. Students should contact the School of Music or the School of Theatre and Dance for more information and to arrange for an audition.
- All coursework in the musical theatre major must be completed with a grade of C or above. A course with a grade of D or F must be repeated with at least a grade of C to count for graduation or to be used as a prerequisite for another required course.
- Candidates for the B.F.A. must complete 73 credit hours in the major, 34 credit hours in the core curriculum, and 13 credit hours in non-major elective courses. The non-major elective courses may not include courses in dance, music, or theatre.
- Thirty-nine (39) credit hours must be earned in courses numbered 300-499.
- No course in the major requirements for graduation may be taken Credit/ Non/Credit unless the course is so specified.

- Upon completion of the fourth semester of MUS 196 Voice, students must pass a sophomore hearing before enrolling in MUS 396 Voice.


 - General Education Course

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Semester Plan

This major prepares students for careers or graduate study in musical theatre performance. Students with this degree have careers as performers or support staff in a wide variety of musical theatre settings.

First Year


First Semester		Credit Hours
MUSP 101	Basic Musicianship	3
MUSA 196	Voice	1-2
Vocal Music Ensemble		1
THE 222	Acting I: Foundations	3
FYS 100	First Yr Sem Critical Thinking	3
MTH 121	 Concepts and Applications (CT)	3
UNI 100	Freshman First Class	1
Credit Hours		15-16

Second Semester

DAN 230	Ballet Technique	2
MUSP 109	Mus Theatre Musicianship Lab	1
MUSA 196	Voice	1-2
Vocal Music Ensemble		1
THE 220	Stage Movement I: Foundations	3
THE 390	Music Theatre Workshop II (or MUS 470 if necessary)	3
ENG 101	 Beginning Composition	3
Credit Hours		14-15

Second Year


First Semester

DAN 210	Tap Dance	2
MUSA 196	Voice	1-2
Vocal Music Ensemble		1
THE 320	Acting II: Scene Study	3
ENG 201	 Advanced Composition	3
Core II Physical/Natural Science		4
Credit Hours		14-15

Second Semester

DAN 316	Modern Jazz Dance	2
MUSA 196	Voice	1-2
Vocal Music Ensemble		1
THE 390	Music Theatre Workshop II (or MUS 470 if necessary)	3
THE 423	Acting Styles	3
Writing Intensive		3
Major Elective		2
Credit Hours		15-16

Third Year**First Semester**

DAN 305	Dance for Musical Theatre	3
MUSA 396	Voice	1-2
Vocal Music Ensemble		1
THE 323	Stage Mvmt II: Phys Approaches	3
CMM 103 	Fund Speech-Communication	3
Core I Critical Thinking		3
Credit Hours		14-15

Second Semester

MUSP 325	Music Entrepreneurship	3
MUSA 396	Voice	1-2
Vocal Music Ensemble		1
MUS 470	Musical Prods Practicum (or THE 390 if necessary)	1
THE 490	Professional Theatre Residency	4
Core II Fine Arts		3
BFA Elective		4
Credit Hours		17-18

Fourth Year**First Semester**

THE 230	Auditioning Techniques	3
THE 441	Theatre Hist Since 1660	3
Select one of the following Theatre Tech:		4
THE 240	Stage Lighting I	
THE 245	Intro to Technical Theatre	
THE 250	Introduction to Costuming	
Core II Social Science (M/I)		3
BFA Elective		3
Credit Hours		16

Second Semester

MUS 470	Musical Prods Practicum (or THE 390 if necessary)	1
MUS 496	Musical Theatre Capstone	1
Core II Humanities (WI)		3
Major Elective		3
BFA Elective		3
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Credit Hours		14

Total Credit Hours **119-125**