THEATRE AND DANCE

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Program Scope
The School of Theatre and Dance offers a comprehensive program of both practical and theoretical courses for undergraduate and graduate students whose interests center on various aspects of educational and professional theatre.

The curriculum provides the student with a foundation for advanced study in the dramatic arts, for teaching, or for a career in professional theatre. As a center for the training of future theatre artists, the School is committed to introducing a diversity of theatrical traditions and cultures to students. To this end, the School employs its two dedicated theatre spaces and its one shared theatre space as learning laboratories in which students collaborate with faculty and guest professionals. Studio workshops and advanced stage productions in those theatres are the culmination of the educational experience.

The School actively seeks and facilitates interdisciplinary programs of study and production with other members of the College of Liberal & Creative Arts as well as with departments and programs from across the campus. The School also encourages and facilitates collaboration with off-campus area theatres. In these ways, we enlarge students’ experiences, and open new connections between students, the college, the campus as a whole, and the community, offering students an education grounded in practical professional stage practices as well as diverse on-campus academic and production experiences.

The diverse backgrounds of both faculty and students in the program provide our campus and community with a wealth of theatrical experiences and attractions. Graduates of the program are prominent in professional theatre throughout the nation, with positions of leadership in theatre, television, film, and theatre education.

Fundamental to the major program is a core of required courses designed to develop a foundation upon which to elect, upon advisement, one of the following areas of emphasis: performance, play development and dramaturgy, technical theatre and design, or popular theatre.

The minor program is not a requirement for any credential or degree but is intended to give the student an opportunity to pursue an interest in theatre arts.

The Master of Fine Arts in Theatre Arts offers a Concentration in Design/Technical Production. The three-year M.F.A. is designed to provide rigorous, professional training to prepare students for careers as professional theatre artists or artist teachers. The concentration focuses on specialized skills in the areas of scene design, costume design, lighting design, and/or technical production.

The M.F.A. program combines the elements of professional practice and scholarly work to project a production concept through a specific discipline. The philosophy of the curriculum is based on two necessities of theatrical art: collaboration and discipline. Students progress through a full-time sequence of courses which trains them to work with other specialized theatre artists in realizing a total work of theatre, as well as to excel in their own chosen arts. The program is designed to develop the candidate’s practical skills and personal strengths towards motivating communication, commitment, and support among the production group.

The Master of Arts in Theatre Arts provides training for students wishing to expand their knowledge and increase their competence in the fields of history and literature of the theatre, acting, directing, theatre design, and production; seeking teaching credentials where the master’s degree is required; and preparing for further graduate work elsewhere.

Facilities
The School produces its plays in four performance spaces: McKenna Theatre, a proscenium stage with orchestra pit, fly system, and film/video projection systems is the largest theatre in the College of Liberal & Creative Arts with a seating capacity of 701. The Little Theatre is a smaller proscenium stage with fly system and a seating capacity of 218. The lab is a black box theatre with a seating capacity of 55. The Studio is a new 2,500 square foot, sprung floor facility supporting dance, movement classes and rehearsals, and serves as a flexible performance space for dance and theatre pieces alike. The performance spaces are supported by outstanding technical facilities. Theatre Arts classes and production work are conducted, with professional supervision, in the Scene/Paint Shop, Costume Shop, Properties Shop, Lighting Laboratory, and Sound Design Laboratory.

Career Outlook
Career opportunities in theatre arts include performance and technical positions in professional, regional, and community theatres, as well as the areas of film and television, for actor, director, stage manager, designer (lighting, costume, scenery, and props), and craftsperson (stitcher, carpenter, props artisan). Teaching positions range from elementary and high school theatre classes through community college and university curricula in all aspects of the dramatic arts. Other career possibilities include such diverse fields as advertising, design (interior, fashion, display), drama therapy, and recreation.

Professors
Arhelger, Avery, Conboy, Daw, Eilenberg, Goto, Kowsar, Peters, Roehrman, Schechter, Tomalin, Washington, Wilson

Associate Professors
Damashek, Schwartz, Wayth

Assistant Professor
Davis

Majors
• Bachelor of Arts in Drama (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/liberal-creative-arts/theatre-arts/ba-drama)
• Bachelor of Arts in Dance (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/liberal-creative-arts/dance/ba-dance)
Subject Matter Program in Physical Education-Concentration in Dance (coordinated with Department of Kinesiology)

Minors

• Minor in Drama (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/liberal-creative-arts/theatre-arts/minor-drama)
• Minor in Dance (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/liberal-creative-arts/dance/minor-dance)

Masters

• Master of Fine Arts in Theatre Arts: Concentration in Design/Technical Production (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/liberal-creative-arts/theatre-arts/mfa-theatre-arts-concentration-design-technical-production)
• Master of Arts in Theatre Arts (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/liberal-creative-arts/theatre-arts/ma-theatre-arts)

Dance

DANC 160 African Haitian Dance I (Unit: 1)
Beginning skills in African-Haitian dance.

DANC 163 Ballet I (Unit: 1)
Ballet I is a beginning classical ballet technique class. May be repeated for a total of 4 units.

DANC 170 Integrated Dance Technique I (Units: 2)
A beginning technique class addressing basic dance skills in modern and jazz dance. May be repeated for a total of 4 units.

DANC 173 Modern Dance I (Unit: 1)
Beginning skills in modern dance.

DANC 176 Modern Jazz Dance I (Unit: 1)
Beginning skills in modern jazz dance.

DANC 207 Dance in Cultural Context (Unit: 1)
Movement vocabulary, performance practice and cultural context of a vernacular dance form. Topic to be specified in Class Schedule. May be repeated for a total of 4 units when topics vary. Activity, 1 unit.

DANC 232 Dance Composition: Choreography I (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or above, two technique classes.

Choreography and creative process in dance: improvisation, exploration, form, and content in the formation of solo works. Classwork, 1 unit; activity, 2 units.

DANC 236 Folklore of Dance: African-Haitian (Units: 2)

DANC 263 Ballet II (Units: 2)
Prerequisites: Restricted to Dance majors and minors; DANC 170; or consent of instructor.

An intermediate technique course in classical ballet. May be repeated for a total of 8 units. Priority enrollment for dance majors.

DANC 275 Modern Dance II (Units: 2)
Prerequisites: Restricted to dance majors and minors; DANC 173 or consent of instructor.

A low intermediate class in modern dance technique. May be repeated for a total of 8 units.

DANC 276 Modern Jazz Dance II (Units: 2)
Prerequisites: DANC 176 or consent of instructor; priority enrollment for Dance majors.

An intermediate technique course in modern jazz dance. May be repeated for a total of 8 units.

DANC 300GW Dance Organizational Strategies and Field Topics - GWAR (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: ENG 214 or equivalent with a grade of C- or better.

Survey of dance service organizations and professional field topics: grant writing, copyright liabilities, dance documentation, resumes, publicity strategies, fiscal survivorship. (ABC/NC grading only) [CSL may be available]

Course Attributes:

• Graduation Writing Assessment

DANC 304 Issues in Dance Medicine I (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: BIOL 100.

The musculoskeletal system: elements of physiology and nutrition as they apply to dance training. Classwork, 2 units; activity, 1 unit.

DANC 310 Dance Conditioning/Pilates (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.

Physical conditioning through dance and pilates techniques including strength, flexibility, weight control, nutrition, cardiovascular issues. Alignment, centering, and development of precision in movement. Classwork, 2 units; activity, 1 unit.

DANC 311 Alignment/Pilates Mat (Unit: 1)
Prerequisites: Restricted to dance majors or minors; a college dance class.

An activity course in pilates mat work including core stabilization, mind body centering, and related methods. May be repeated for a total of 8 units.

DANC 312 Alignment Study/Pilates Mat 2-3 (Unit: 1)
Prerequisites: Restricted to dance majors and minors; DANC 311, DANC 304, DANC 310; or consent of instructor.

Movement lab for intermediate/advanced experience in theory and practice of Pilates mat and small equipment; core stabilization, alignment; Pilates principles in relation to dance practice. May be repeated for a total of 4 units.

DANC 316 Dunham Dance Technique (Units: 2)
Prerequisites: DANC 160 and any ballet, jazz, or modern dance class.

Intermediate level dance technique developed by the Katherine Dunham School of Dance covering barre exercises and movement progressions based in African Haitian and modern dance. May be repeated for a total of 8 units.
DANC 340 Creative Process in Dance for Children (Units: 3)  
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.

Creative dance for children and adolescents; relationship between the physical and mental processes of learning. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. [CSL may be available]

DANC 350 Dance Aesthetics: Cultural/Historical Perspectives (Units: 3)  
Prerequisite: Upper division standing.

Cultural and historical exploration of dance for the viewer, including dance theatre and folk forms and their place in arts and culture. 
Course Attributes:

- UD-C: Arts and/or Humanities
- Global Perspectives

DANC 363 Ballet III (Units: 2)  
Prerequisites: Restricted to dance majors or minors; DANC 263 or equivalent; or consent of instructor.

Ballet III is an intermediate-advanced classical ballet technique class. May be repeated for a total of 8 units.

DANC 374 Modern Dance III (Units: 2)  
Prerequisites: Restricted to dance majors and minors; DANC 275; or consent of instructor.

Modern Dance II is an intermediate/advanced technique class. May be repeated for a total of 8 units.

DANC 376 Modern Jazz Dance III (Units: 2)  
Prerequisite: DANC 276 or consent of instructor. Priority enrollment given to dance majors.

Modern Jazz Dance III is an intermediate/advanced jazz technique class. May be repeated for a total of 8 units.

DANC 399 University Dance Theatre (Units: 2)  
Prerequisites: Audition; completion of level II or III dance technique classes; concurrent enrollment in two dance technique classes.

Year-long repertory class in which students build and perform faculty and guest artist choreography. May be repeated for a total of 12 units. [CSL may be available]

DANC 400 Workshop in Contemporary Dance (Unit: 1)  
Prerequisite: A lower division technique class or consent of instructor.

Study of new forms: cultural/contemporary fusion, contact improvisation, voice and movement. May be repeated for a total of four units.

DANC 402 Workshop in Jazz/Musical Theatre Dance (Unit: 1)  
Prerequisites: Any lower division technique class or consent of instructor. Priority enrollment to dance, theatre, and music majors.

Study of forms relating to jazz and music theatre. May be repeated for a total of 4 units.

DANC 404 Production Techniques in Folk and Ethnic Dance (Unit: 1)  
Prerequisite: DANC 207 or consent of instructor.

Production techniques in staging ethnic dance for performance. Program materials, props and sets, make-up, sound, staging, and public relations are applied in an ethnic dance production/concert.

DANC 416 Advanced Contemporary Dance Repertory and Skills (Unit: 1)  
Prerequisite: DANC 363 or MUS 376 or consent of instructor.

Repertory works and performance techniques for selected advanced dancers; projection, concentration, style. May be repeated once.

DANC 430 Historical Survey of Dance in the Western World (Units: 3)  
Prerequisite: Any DANC course or consent of instructor.

Development of dance as a performing art in the western world, and its relationship to social/cultural changes. 
Course Attributes:

- UD-C: Arts and/or Humanities

DANC 434 Dance Composition: Choreography II (Units: 3)  
Prerequisites: DANC 232; and consent of instructor.

Experience in literal and non-literal choreography including chance, narrative, and historical forms. Work on duets, trios, and larger group studies culminating in a workshop presentation. Classwork, 1 unit; activity, 2 units.

DANC 461 Advanced Choreography and Production (Units: 3)  
Prerequisites: DANC 232, DANC 434.

Choreography for the stage in conjunction with production planning and management of New Moves production. Includes publicity, budgeting, rehearsal management, and criticism. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. [CSL may be available]

DANC 463 Performance in Dance Production (Unit: 1)  
Prerequisites: Intermediate level of dance experience; audition; and concurrent enrollment in dance technique class.

Performance experience in choreography for dance production to train dancers for the field. Students are admitted to course by audition during the first week of the semester. May be repeated for a total of 4 units.

DANC 474 Modern Dance IV (Units: 2)  
Prerequisite: DANC 374 or consent of instructor.

An advanced modern dance class. May be repeated for a total of 8 units.

DANC 490 Dance Theatre Workshop (Units: 1-3)  
Prerequisites: Restricted to Dance and Theatre Arts majors and minors; TH A 130, DANC 170; audition.

Creative laboratory for exploration of expressive continuum of dancing, singing and speaking in contemporary multi-disciplinary performance. Activity. May be repeated for a total of 9 units. (Plus-minus letter grade only)  
(This course is offered as DANC 490 and TH A 490. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

DANC 545 Traditional Kulintang Music and Dance of the Southern Philippines (Units: 3)  
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.

Music and dance of Southern Philippines, emphasis on Kulintang tradition of Mindanao and Sulu Archipelago. Lectures and hands-on workshops on dance movement and music of Kulintang culture. May be repeated for a total of 6 units.  
(This course is offered as ETHS 545, DANC 545, and MUS 545. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)
DANC 560 Supervised Experience in Dance Education (Units: 1-3)
Prerequisites: Restricted to dance majors or minors; completion of dance core and level II technique.

Observation/discussion of curriculum for dance programs in public schools and private settings, pre-school to 12th grade. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. [CSL may be available]

DANC 657 Ethnology of Dance (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.

Function of dance in pre-literate, pre-technological societies in the context of anthropological literature. (This course is offered as DANC 657 and ANTH 657. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)
Course Attributes:
- UD-C: Arts and/or Humanities
- Global Perspectives

DANC 685 Projects in the Teaching of Dance (Units: 1-3)
Prerequisites: Restricted to upper division dance majors or minors; or consent of instructor.

The teaching practicum provides students with an opportunity to serve as an instructional aide, participate in the teaching of a regular instructionally-related Dance class, and learn about educational dance through fieldwork. (Students may earn a maximum of 4 units toward the baccalaureate degree for any course(s) numbered 685 regardless of discipline.) (CR/NC only)

DANC 699 Independent Study (Units: 1-3)
Prerequisite: Consent of supervising faculty member.

An intensive study of a particular problem under the direction of a faculty member in the department. May be repeated for a total of 9 units. [CSL may be available]

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TH A 122 Basic Music I: Piano (Units: 3)
Open to all students without prerequisites.
Development of basic skills in music fundamentals and piano. Classwork, 2 units; activity, 1 unit. Extra fee required. [Formerly a topic under MUS 120]

TH A 131 Rudiments of Music Theory (Units: 3)
Concurrent enrollment in a basic piano class recommended.
Comprehensive review and drill of music fundamentals. Development of aural skills; written and analytical knowledge of simple harmony. (This course is offered as MUS 130 and TH A 131. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

TH A 200 Introduction to the Theatre (Units: 3)
Examination of various theatrical arts: acting, directing, designing, playwriting; from the audience's and artist's point of view. Relation between theatre history and issues of contemporary concern. Contains a live viewing component. [Formerly TH A 300]
Course Attributes:
- C1: Arts

TH A 205 Introduction to Technical Theatre and Design (Units: 2)
Theory, terminology, and techniques in the areas of stage scenery, properties, costuming, make-up, lighting, sound, construction, rigging safety, tools, materials, and equipment. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 206 Beginning Jazz/Pop Piano (Unit: 1)
Introduction to jazz and popular piano performance: left and right-hand chord voicings, right hand improvisation, and rhythmic comping in a variety of stylistic idioms. May be repeated for a total of 3 units. (This course is offered as MUS 206 and TH A 206. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

TH A 221 Fundamentals of Ear Training and Musicianship I (Units: 2)
Prerequisites: Satisfactory performance audition; knowledge of written scales, key signatures, rhythms, intervals, and triads; ability to sing scales.

Ear training and sight singing. Melodic, rhythmic, and harmonic dictation. Laboratory. (This course is offered as MUS 221 and TH A 221. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

TH A 223 Voice I: Skills (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Theatre Arts major or minor.

The actor’s free and responsive voice. Exercises and performance of simple texts used to develop the full range of voice and its coordination with body and emotion.

TH A 230 Acting Workshop II (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: TH A 130 or equivalent.

Actor training: beginning scene study and greater emotional expressiveness. May be repeated for a total of 6 units on advisement. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 234 Modern Musicianship: Theory, Application and Ear Training I (Units: 3)
Examination of music notation, terminology, rhythm, scales and modes, key signatures and the circle of fifths, intervals, transposition, chords and chord progressions, figured bass, lead sheet notation, Roman numeral analysis and basic structures integrating active performance of all concepts. (This course is offered as MUS 234 and TH A 234. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)
TH A 235 Modern Musicianship: Theory, Application and Ear Training II (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: MUS 234.
Continuation of MUS 234. Examination of nondiatonic scales, advanced chords, chord inversions and voicings, chord substitutions, nonharmonic tones, lead sheet notation, Roman numeral analysis, and basic structures. Focus on the integration of written notation and active performance.
(This course is offered as MUS 235 and TH A 235. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

TH A 304 Focus on Acting (Unit: 1)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.
Examination and practice of a specific area/influence of theatre and performance. Topic to be specified in Class Schedule. May be repeated for a total of 3 units when topics vary.

TH A 305 Design Graphics for Stage and Screen (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: TH A 205 or consent of instructor.
Design theory and graphics techniques used by set, lighting, and costume designers to express creative ideas. Drafting, sketching, watercolor, mechanical perspective, model-building, scenic painting.

TH A 307 The Singing Actor: Exploring Music through the Craft of Acting (Unit: 1)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing and by audition.
Exploration of song through the craft of acting, with a focus given to storytelling through the intersection of poetic structure and device and musical composition. (Plus-minus letter grade only)
(This course is offered as MUS 307 and TH A 307. Students may not repeat under alternate prefix.)

TH A 310 Scenery and Properties Laboratory and Crew (Units: 2)
Prerequisite: Must be taken concurrently with TH A 205; or consent of instructor.
Practical experiences in phases of technical work associated with university productions in the areas of scenery and properties. Classwork, 1 unit; laboratory, 1 unit. May be repeated for a total of 4 units.

TH A 311 Summer Laboratory and Crew (Units: 2)
Prerequisite: TH A 205 (may be taken concurrently) or consent of instructor.
Practical experiences in phases of technical work associated with university productions in areas of scenery, properties, costumes, lighting, and sound. May be repeated for a total of 4 units.

TH A 312 Costuming and Makeup Laboratory and Crew (Units: 2)
Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in TH A 205 or consent of instructor.
Practical experiences in phases of technical work associated with university productions in the areas of costuming and makeup. Classwork, 1 unit; laboratory, 1 unit.

TH A 313 Lighting and Sound Laboratory and Crew (Units: 2)
Prerequisite: Concurrently enrollment in TH A 205 or consent of instructor.
Practical experiences in technical work associated with university productions in the areas of lighting and sound. Classwork, 1 unit; laboratory, 1 unit.

TH A 314 The Design and Craft of Stage Properties (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: TH A 310.
Exploration of properties research and design, construction, and repair, including design and construction drawings, advanced building techniques, storage and rental administration, special effects, production etiquette, and coordination between departments. Lecture, 1 unit; laboratory, 2 units.

TH A 315 Theatre Production: Technical Laboratory and Crew (Unit: 1)
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.
Practical experience in phases of technical work associated with university productions in the areas of scenery, scenic painting, properties, lighting, sound, costuming, or makeup. May be repeated for a total of 6 units.

TH A 318 Voice Major (Unit: 1)
Prerequisites: Music and Drama majors; audition; and/or concurrent enrollment in MUS 150, MUS 394, a vocal or choral ensemble as assigned; approval of department. B.A. students must have completed lower division preparation.
Vocal study for the music degree. May be repeated for a total of 8 units for music performance majors; for other majors, may be repeated for a total of 2 units. (Plus-minus letter grade only)
(This course is offered as MUS 313 and TH A 318. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

TH A 323 Light Board Operation (Unit: 1)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing.
Exploration and training in modern theatrical light board control. May be repeated for a total of 3 units.

TH A 324 Light and Performance: Translating Real World Lighting Environments to the Stage, Dance, and Opera (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.
Examination of the way light changes space; investigation of lighting requirements for dance, opera, and theatre; expansion of skills to communicate about light. Classwork, 2 units; laboratory, 1 unit.

TH A 325 Advanced Lighting Practicum (Unit: 1)
Prerequisite: TH A 313 or consent of instructor.
Advanced experiences in maintenance and repair of lighting equipment. May be repeated for a total 3 units.

TH A 330 Acting Workshop III (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: TH A 125, TH A 223, TH A 230, audition.
Creating roles through intensive scene study. Approaches to individual actor problems. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. (Plus-minus letter grade only.)

TH A 332 Asian Acting for Western Actors (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: TH A 130 and audition or consent of instructor.
Principles of acting based on Asian models: physical training for "Western" actors. Models include: No, Kabuki, the Suzuki Method, and Beijing opera. May be repeated for a total of 6 units.
TH A 333 Lyric Theatre Workshop (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: TH A 230 (may be taken concurrently) or consent of instructor.
Fundamental techniques of lyric theatre. Integration of acting, singing, and movement as utilized in music theatre performance, and in preparation for TH A 433. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 334 Scene Study for Opera (Unit: 1)
Prerequisites: Audition or consent of instructor; concurrent enrollment in MUS 376.
Practicum in acting technique for opera through scene study of non-musical and musical scenes. Creation of roles through characterization, style, technique, research. May be repeated for a total of 3 units.

TH A 335 Rehearsal and Performance Technique (Unit: 1)
Prerequisite: Audition.
Work on a major production with rehearsal and performance as requirements. Laboratory. May be repeated as often as admitted by audition. May not be counted towards major or minor requirements in drama. (CR/NC grading only)

TH A 340 Principles of Directing (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: TH A 230, TH A 310, or equivalents.
The qualifications of the director; the choice of plays for production; tryouts and methods of casting; preparation of the play script; building the rehearsal schedule; fundamentals of composition, movement, stage business, and characterization. Directing laboratory. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 341 History of Directing (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: TH A 130.
Introduction to the principal schools of stage direction as practiced by directors past and present. Lecture/demonstrations covering nascent stages of Duke of Saxe-Meinengen and Antoine, and culminating with contemporary artists such as Mnouchkine, Brook, Wilson.

TH A 398 Vocal/Jazz Modern Music (Unit: 1)
Prerequisite: Audition.
Two- to eight-piece interactive groups in a variety of styles. May be repeated for a total of 12 units. (Formerly a topic under MUS 388) (This course is offered as MUS 398 and TH A 398. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

TH A 399 Jazz/Modern Music Combo (Unit: 1)
Prerequisite: Audition.
Two- to eight-piece instrumental groups that perform in a variety of styles. These can include, but are not limited to, Blues-R&B, Swing, Bop and Straight-ahead, Rock Fusion, and various Latin Jazz styles. May be repeated for a total of 12 units. (Formerly a topic under MUS 388) (This course is offered as MUS 399 and TH A 399. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

TH A 401 Theatre Backgrounds: 500 B.C. - 1642 (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Completion of 29 units. Enrollment priority given to Theatre Arts majors.
The physical structure, representative plays, personalities, practices, and theatre traditions from the Greek period to 1642.

TH A 402 Theatre Backgrounds: 1642 - 1900 (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Completion of 29 units.
Enrollment priority given to theatre arts majors. The physical structure, representative plays, personalities, practices, and theatre traditions from 1642 - 1900.

TH A 403 Theatre Backgrounds: 1900 - Present (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Completion of 29 units.
Enrollment priority given to theatre arts majors. The physical structure, representative plays, personalities, practices, and theatre traditions from 1900 to the present.

TH A 404 Musical Theatre History and Literature (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Lower division GE Area C: Arts and Humanities.
Examination of the historical, philosophical, and significant emergence of the musical theatre. Exploration of the context of the musical throughout history as a multicultural study of Musical Theatre, and of specific works of literature pertaining to the creation of librettos, books, and scores of musicals.

TH A 405GW Writing about Theatre - GWAR (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Theatre Arts majors; ENG 214 or equivalent with a grade of C or better.
Instruction and practice in writing about theatre performance, theatre history, dramatic literature, design with literacy and precision. (ABC/NC grading only)

Course Attributes:
- Graduation Writing Assessment

TH A 406 The Art of Comedy (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.
Techniques and materials of the art of comedy. Consideration of what makes people laugh, from simple jokes to intricate stage farces. Discussions with working comedians, comic actors, and writers.

Course Attributes:
- UD-C: Arts and/or Humanities

TH A 407 Popular Theatre/Popular Entertainment (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or above.
Theatrical forms which have or once had a large appreciative public. These popular forms include: musical theatre, puppetry, melodrama, circus, farce, physical comedy, cabaret, Peking opera. Examined through lectures and discussion.

Course Attributes:
- UD-C: Arts and/or Humanities
- Global Perspectives

TH A 408 Asian Plays and Performance Styles: Japan (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing.
An examination of drama, performance, theatrical aesthetics, and conventions of production in Japan.

Course Attributes:
- UD-C: Arts and/or Humanities
- Global Perspectives
TH A 410 Scene Design for Stage and Screen (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing.
Stage and production design for various forms of theatre, television, and cinema. Developing floor plans; methods of pictorial representation, scale drawings, color perspective, models. Scene painting laboratory. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 411 Costume Design for Stage and Screen (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: TH A 205, TH A 305, TH A 504 or TH A 505, or consent of instructor.
Stage and film costume design. Character and script analysis. Theoretical design projects in various theatrical genres. Use of various media and styles of design presentation. Crew required. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 413 Stage Lighting Design I (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: TH A 205, TH A 305, TH A 313.
Stage lighting design process. How a design is created. In-depth coverage of stage lighting fixtures, graphics, color, and angle in light, and the point of view in design. Crew required. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 414 Technical Direction (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: TH A 310.
Theory and practice in managing the theatrical construction and installation process. Emphasis on working drawings (drafting) and paperwork. Classwork, 2 units; laboratory, 1 unit.

TH A 415 Area Study in Theatre Production (Units: 1-3)
Prerequisites: TH A 310, TH A 312, TH A 313, TH A 315, or equivalents.
Area and unit value to be specified in Class Schedule. May be repeated for a total of 9 units when topics vary.

TH A 425 Movement Styles II (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Enrollment through audition or consent of instructor.
Movement training; styles, such as mime, commedia, use of masks to develop the actor’s versatility, control of movement and creative imagination. Laboratory. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. (Plus-minus letter grade only.)

TH A 433 Musical Theatre Workshop (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Audition; concurrent enrollment in MUS 211 and MUS 212.
Practice in acting, singing, and dancing through participation in scenes from musical plays. Laboratory. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 435 Theatrical Audition (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: TH A 230 or equivalent.
Preparation for audition situations. Development of skills in sight-reading; selection, and rehearsal of appropriate pieces. Investigation of opportunities in professional and semi-professional theatre. Laboratory. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 436 Theatre Workshop I (Unit: 1)
Prerequisites: TH A 130, TH A 230 or equivalent.
Topic to be specified in Class Schedule. May be repeated for a total of 3 units when topics vary. Experiences in the acting and/or directing of plays, cross-disciplinary productions, improvisations, theatre games, and other experimental media of theatrical expression. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 440 Acting/Directing Workshop (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: For actors: TH A 230 and audition. For directors: TH A 340 and consent of instructor.
Extensive participation in the performance of student-directed scenes from plays of various types and periods. Laboratory. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 450 Storytelling for Teaching STEM Subjects (Unit: 1)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.
Examination of storytelling for teaching STEM subjects in K-16 settings and importance of stimulating students with different learning styles. Discussion and practice of storytelling skills with STEM teaching: integrating storytelling into the curriculum; introductions; interactive, student-centered, and physical storytelling. May be repeated for a total of 2 units.

TH A 451 Storytelling and Folk Literature (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing.
Methods and techniques of storytelling using selections from folktale, myths, legends, fables, and special types of poetry. (Plus-minus letter grade only)
Course Attributes:
- UD-C: Arts and/or Humanities
- Global Perspectives

TH A 452 Theatre in Education (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or upper division standing or consent of instructor.
Methods of integrating theatre techniques into K-12 classroom curriculum. Selected applications from the following: improvisation, storytelling, and creative dramatics. (TH A 752/TH A 452 is a paired course offering. Students who complete the course at one level may not repeat the course at the other level.)

TH A 454 The Business of Acting (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.
Examination of social/cultural contexts of actors in different cultures past to present. Analysis of process actors use to find acting or theatre related careers: Business skills, agents, resumes, headshots; audition research, digital technology to improve monologue performance for auditions.
Course Attributes:
- UD-C: Arts and/or Humanities
- Global Perspectives

TH A 460 Play Development Workshop (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: TH A 130 or TH A 200 or equivalent.
Workshop in which playwrights, directors, actors, and designers develop and refine new theatre pieces by producing them. Studio development of new plays from existing drafts through staged readings to showcase productions.
TH A 467 On the Cultural Frontlines: Contemporary Trends in Israeli Art (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: ENG 114 or equivalent.

An examination of contemporary Israeli culture through literature, cinema, and theater. Inner conflicts and shared visions of the Israeli psyche are revealed through the arts and in conversation with Israeli artists. (This course is offered as JS 467, BECA 467, C W 467, and TH A 467. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

TH A 490 Dance Theatre Workshop (Units: 1-3)
Prerequisites: Restricted to Dance and Theatre Arts majors and minors; TH A 130, DANC 170; audition.

Creative laboratory for exploration of expressive continuum of dancing, singing and speaking in contemporary multi-disciplinary performance. Activity. May be repeated for a total of 9 units. (Plus-minus letter grade only)  
(This course is offered as DANC 490 and TH A 490. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

TH A 501 Topics in Theatre Performance, Dramatic Literature, and History (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.

Exploration of theatre performance, dramatic literature and history of specific periods and artists. Consideration of innovative developments and theories in world theatre, special attention to prospects for new and future productions. Topic to be specified in Class Schedule. May be repeated for a total of 6 units.

TH A 504 Historical Styles for the Theater: Decor (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: TH A 205 or consent of instructor.

World history of decor, ornament, architecture, and theatrical design; periods with significant dramatic literature canons and/or influential cultural contributions. Visual research methods.

TH A 505 Historical Styles for the Theater: Clothing (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: TH A 205 or consent of instructor.

World history of clothing and costume, emphasizing periods with significant dramatic literature canons and/or influential cultural contributions. Visual research methods. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 507 Jazz and Blues in Film (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Upper Division Standing

Survey of the history and impact of jazz and blues on the Hollywood film industry from the early "soundies" and "The Jazz Singer" to modern day blockbusters. Noted jazz composers such as Henry Mancini, Quincy Jones, and Olive Nelson will be included, as well as works by jazz-influenced composers of the 1970's film era, such as Marvin Gaye, Isaac Hayes, and Melba Liston. (This course is offered as MUS 507, HUM 321, and TH A 507. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

Course Attributes:
- UD-C: Arts and/or Humanities
- Am. Ethnic & Racial Minorities

TH A 510 Advanced Stagecraft (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: TH A 310 or equivalent.

Drafting stage carpentry and working with various construction materials; problems of stage rigging, stage machinery and special effects; organization and operation of the scene construction shop. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. Laboratory. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 512 Theatre Costume Design and Construction (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: TH A 312 or equivalent.

Pattern drafting, wardrobe plotting, choice of materials, techniques in adapting historical styles. Work on crews for productions. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. Laboratory. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 515 Leadership and Organization for Production (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: TH A 310, TH A 312, TH A 313, or equivalents.

Application of principles of stage management to theatre productions; projects in organization and supervision of crews or production companies. Work on productions required. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. Classwork, 2 units; laboratory, 1 unit. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 519 Theatre Management (Unit: 1)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing; TH A 310, TH A 312, TH A 313; concurrent enrollment in TH A 520.

Public relations, promotion and publicity, practical experience in box office and house management. May be repeated for a total of 2 units.

TH A 520 Theatre Management Laboratory (Units: 2)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing, TH A 519 (may be taken concurrently)

Laboratory for theatre management course. Four hours weekly required. May be repeated for a total of 4 units.

TH A 530 Acting: The Play (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: TH A 223, TH A 230, TH A 312, audition.

Performance techniques through detailed work on faculty-directed scripts; integration of theory and techniques of acting. Laboratory. May be repeated for a total of 9 units.

TH A 531 Styles of Acting (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Audition.

Advanced topics in theatre performance such as navigating heightened text. Laboratory. Topic to be specified in Class Schedule. May be repeated when topics vary.

TH A 532 Asian Theatre Workshop (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: TH A 130 and audition or consent of instructor.

Analytical and creative study of Asian theatre; practice in acting and directing traditional Asian theatre pieces or Western plays with Asian techniques; development of new performance style based on Asian examples. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 533 Advanced Musical Theatre Workshop (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: TH A 433 and audition.

Advanced practice in performance techniques for musical plays, with participation in selected scenes. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. Laboratory. (Plus-minus letter grade only)
TH A 557 Acting for the Camera (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: TH A 230, TH A 330, audition.

The rehearsal, directing, and recording of dramatic performance for the media of television and video. Emphasis is on the collaboration between actor and director at every stage of the process. Actors must have performance experience.

TH A 558 Writing and Performing in Film and Theatre (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Upper division Cinema majors and minors; TH A 230 or CINE 454 or CINE 456 or equivalent; or consent of instructor.

Workshop brings each student through practical hands-on exercises in writing, directing and working with actors. [Formerly CINE 558]
(This course is offered as CINE 654 and TH A 558. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

TH A 559 Women in Jazz (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: MUS 506 or consent of instructor.

The role of women in the history of jazz. [Formerly a topic under MUS 558]
(This course is offered as MUS 559 and TH A 559. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

Course Attributes:
• U.S. History
• UD-C: Arts and/or Humanities
• Am. Ethnic & Racial Minorities

TH A 605 Writing and Performing Monologues (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Restricted to Creative Writing, English Education, and Drama majors; TH A 130. For C W majors: C W 301, C W 511GW or C W 512GW or C W 513GW.

Workshop in creation of contemporary performance monologues. Development of original pieces through writing, performance, and critique; study of artists in the field.
(This course is offered as TH A 605 and C W 605. Students may not repeat the course under an alternate prefix.)

TH A 609 Theatre Design and Computers (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: TH A 205, TH A 410 or TH A 413.

Exploration of the tools, programs, and applications involved with computer assisted design for lighting or scenery for the stage. May be repeated for a total of 6 units.

TH A 610 Practicum in Theatre (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Consent of supervising staff.

Individual projects in costume, make-up, lighting, or scene design; properties, stagecraft; theatre administration or theatre architecture. May be repeated in a different area for a total of 12 units. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 611 Seminar in Costume Design and Technology (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: TH A 411 and TH A 504 or TH A 505.

The role of costume design and technology in modern theatre practices. Topic to be specified in Class Schedule. May be repeated for a total of 12 units when topics vary. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 613 Stage Lighting Design II (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: TH A 205, TH A 305, TH A 313, and TH A 413.

Lighting designs for opera, dance, and theatre. Students design productions for class and productions for the university. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 615 Seminar in Technical Theatre Arts (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Senior standing; TH A 410, TH A 413, TH A 512, TH A 519, or equivalents related to seminar topic.

Variable topics, each exploring specific problems in theatrical Scenic Design and Technical Production. Topic to be specified in Class Schedule. May be repeated for a total of 9 units when topics vary.

TH A 657 Practicum in School and Community Drama (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Consent of department.

Supervised fieldwork experience in conjunction with school and community performing arts program. May be repeated for a total of 6 units with consent of supervisor. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 660 Advanced Play Development Workshop (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: TH A 130 or TH A 340 or TH A 460, consent of instructor.

Development of original plays by students, through rehearsal and presentation of staged readings. New plays: the process and technique of mounting the staged reading for playwrights, directors, and dramaturgs.

TH A 661 Play Development Showcase (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Upper division standing, consent of instructor.

Development and presentation of short plays and monologues by SF State students. Writers, actors, and directors collaborate in rehearsal, production, and performance. Admission by audition/submission and permission of instructor only. May be repeated for a total of 9 units.

TH A 671 Stage Management (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Any two of the following: TH A 310, TH A 312, TH A 313, or equivalents.

Advanced theoretical and practical application of stage management techniques; examination of the resources and responsibilities of a successful stage manager at SF State and in the professional arena. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 685 Projects in the Teaching of Theatre Arts (Units: 1-3)
Prerequisites: Theatre Arts majors; TH A 130; completion of course in instructional subject matter; consent of instructor.

The teaching practicum provides students with an opportunity to serve as an instructional aide, participate in the teaching of a regular instructionally-related Theatre Arts class, and learn about educational theatre through fieldwork. (Students may earn a maximum of 4 units toward the baccalaureate degree for any course(s) numbered 685 regardless of discipline.)

TH A 690 Brown Bag Theatre Company (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: TH A 130, TH A 230, TH A 223, audition; concurrent enrollment in TH A 330.

Intensive study and studio presentation of 14 different texts during the semester. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. (Plus-minus letter grade only)
TH A 691 Advanced Multicultural Production Workshop (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: TH A 230, TH A 310, TH A 312, or equivalents; interview/audition.

Participation in a performing company which uses multicultural, multi-ethnic theatrical material. Experiences in all aspects of play production, with attention to demands of non-Western European repertory. May be repeated for a total of 6 units.

TH A 699 Independent Study (Units: 1-3)
Prerequisite: Upper division standing or consent of instructor.

Special projects/independent study of some aspect of the field, under supervision of a faculty member of the department. May be repeated.

TH A 700 Theatre Research and Writing Practicum (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Introduction to theatre research methods and the writing of essays about theatre. Students write and discuss papers that reflect advanced skills in composition, research, and criticism.

TH A 701 Seminar: Theatrical History and Historiography (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: TH A 401 or ENG 570 or ENG 571 or equivalent.

Selected topics from theatrical history. Special emphasis on the relation between the theatre and its cultural contexts, the uses of theatrical history in contemporary production, and on the techniques of production reconstruction. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 702 Shakespeare: Text and Performance Seminar (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: TH A 401 or ENG 570, or equivalent.

An exploration of representative Shakespearean texts and their expressions as performance.

TH A 703 Seminar: The American Stage (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: TH A 402 or ENG 574 or equivalent.

The American tradition in the theatre; major plays and productions from O'Neill to the present. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 704 Seminar: Contemporary Plays and Performance (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: TH A 402 or ENG 574 or equivalent.

Playwrights and production styles in the contemporary theatre. The "new naturalism," performance art, and post-modernism. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 705 Playcrafting and Dramaturgy (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Undergraduate background as appropriate.

Close study of play development and dramaturgy, with special emphasis on the construction of performance scenarios and on the director-dramaturg collaboration.

TH A 707 Thesis Proposal (Unit: 1)
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Completion of a thesis proposal or creative work project proposal with a faculty adviser. Must be completed satisfactorily prior to taking TH A 894 or TH A 898.

TH A 709 Seminar: Dramatic Literature and Criticism (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: A graduate course in theatre backgrounds and/or dramatic literature.

Contemporary approaches in dramatic criticism applied to selected works of dramatic literature. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 711 Collaborative Processes in Theatre (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Classified M.F.A. standing in Theatre Arts or consent of instructor.

Graduate colloquium addressing the processes of theatrical collaboration. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 712 Portfolio Development (Unit: 1)
Prerequisites: Upper division or graduate standing; TH A 750, TH A 610/TH A 810; and consent of instructor.

Supervised development of materials for design/technical theatre portfolios, workshops in presentation, interview techniques. Introduction to entertainment industry business practices.

TH A 732 Seminar: Topics in Asian Theatre (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Classified graduate standing in Theatre Arts program or consent of instructor.

Close examination of theatrical theory and practice in selected Asian forms, including but not limited to Noh, Kabuki, and Beijing Opera. May be repeated for a total of 6 units.

TH A 740 Play Production Concepts (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Classified M.F.A. standing in Theatre Arts or consent of instructor.

Methods and principles that encourage a conceptual approach toward play production. Formal techniques and thematic studies that provide the theatre practitioner with a coherent perspective for the interpretation of dramatic material. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 750 Design Studio (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Classified graduate standing in Theatre Arts and consent of instructor.

Tutorial studio exploration of design problems in theatre arts/drama. May be repeated for a total of 9 units. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 752 Theatre in Education (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or upper division standing or consent of instructor.

Methods of integrating theatre techniques into K-12 classroom curriculum. Selected applications from the following: improvisation, storytelling, and creative dramatics. (TH A 752/TH A 452 is a paired course offering. Students who complete the course at one level may not repeat the course at the other level.)

TH A 757 Internship in Theatre (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Final year in M.F.A. in theatre arts and consent of department.

Assignment, under faculty supervision, to professional production with Bay Area theatre companies, performing arts agencies, or production organizations. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 810 Advanced Practicum in Theatre (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Classified graduate standing in Theatre Arts and consent of instructor.

Development, solution, and presentation of design problems for professional theatre. (Plus-minus letter grade only)
TH A 852 Directed Experience in Drama Education (Units: 3)
Prerequisite: Consent of department.

Supervised observation and directed experience in the teaching of drama courses; analysis of teaching problems. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 894 Creative Work Project (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Consent of graduate major advisor, and approval of Advancement to Candidacy (ATC) and Culminating Experience (CE) forms by Graduate Studies.

Advancement to Candidacy and Proposal for Culminating Experience Requirement forms must be approved by the Graduate Division before registration. (Plus-minus letter grade only)

TH A 896 Directed Readings for M.A. Drama Comprehensive Examination (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor and completion of two core courses in M.A. Drama program.

Preparation for a culminating experience in drama through a series of advanced readings in dramatic literature and theory, theatre history, and performance studies that are completed by the taking of an examination. (CR/NC only)

TH A 896EXM Culminating Experience Examination (Units: 0-3)
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor, committee chair, and approval of Advancement to Candidacy (ATC) and Culminating Experience (CE) forms by Graduate Studies. ATC and Proposal for Culminating Experience Requirement forms must be approved by the Graduate Division before registration.

Enrollment in 896EXAM required for students whose culminating experience consists of an examination only. Not for students enrolled in a culminating experience course numbered TH A 894 and TH A 898. (CR/NC, RP)

TH A 897 Research for Thesis and Creative Work Projects in Drama (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor and completion of two core graduate seminars in M.A. Drama program. Research and completion of a thesis or creative work project proposal with faculty guidance and instruction. Includes reading of dramatic literature, choosing and developing a topic in detailed written statement. (CR/NC only)

TH A 898 Master's Thesis (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Consent of graduate major advisor, and approval of Advancement to Candidacy (ATC) and Culminating Experience (CE) forms by Graduate Studies.

Advancement to Candidacy and Proposal for Culminating Experience Requirement forms must be approved by the Graduate Division before registration. (CR/NC grading only)

TH A 899 Independent Study (Units: 3)
Prerequisites: Classified graduate standing and consent of instructor.

Special project/independent study of some aspect of the field related to the student's final thesis or project. May be repeated for a total of 6 units. (Plus/minus letter grade only)