

MSU Department of Theatre & Dance

Program Offerings

BA/BS Generalist in Theatre Arts

For students with a general interest in many aspects of theatre, this degree offers the opportunity to enhance knowledge and skills in several sub-disciplines of theatre without a specific area of production focus. This program does require a minor and is easily compatible with a double major option. (45 semester credits)

BFA in Acting

This is a rigorous program for those intending to pursue acting as a career. It requires intense training in movement, voice and acting, as well as the theatre core (including directing, play analysis and theatre history). Admission is highly competitive and excellence must be maintained to remain in the program. (76 semester credits)

BFA in Musical Theatre

This program is designed to hone the skills of those actors intent on becoming a professional triple threat in acting, singing and dancing. Four years of private voice, attaining at least the intermediate level of ballet, tap, jazz and modern dance, and the study of music theory is required. Admission is highly competitive and excellence must be maintained to remain in the program. (84 credits)

BFA in Theatre Design/Technology

This degree is designed for the future professional theatre designer or technician. The four areas of theatre design (scenic, costume, lighting and sound) are explored through the honing of technical skills and craft, leading to individual and integrated theatrical designs. Admission is highly competitive and excellence must be maintained to remain in the program. (76 credits)

BA/BS in Dance

The goal of this new major is to prepare students for careers in dance performance, choreography and/or dance education at all levels. It is comprised of classes in both studio dance as well as in dance studies, along with theatre activity. This "extended" major does not require a minor. (54 credits)

BS in Dance and Theater Education

The standards are shifting at this time. MSU still offers the BS in Dance Education and is reexamining the Theatre component. Check with the Department for the latest on this degree front. (54 credits plus ed block)

Minors in Theatre Arts or Dance

The Department offers two academic minors for those students who wish to supplement their major with a performance art. The Theatre minor is basically the major core with slight variations. Minors must earn participation credit. The Dance minor covers both dance technique and theory. (23 credits)