

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of General Studies in Theatre

Theatre B.A. and B.G.S. students work intensively on acquiring theatre skills and knowledge in classrooms, studios, and laboratories.

Through small-class studio courses and department productions, our program provides talented performing artists with a basic foundation in acting, movement, voice and speech, improvisation, and musical theatre while also cultivating emerging scholars with basic knowledge and research tools for understanding the social and cultural significance of theatre and performance.

Both the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) in Theatre require 40 hours. The primary distinctions between the B.A. and the B.G.S. degree are the foreign language requirement (required of the B.A. but not the B.G.S.) and 18 hours junior/senior concentration or minor (required for the B.G.S. but not the B.A.).

Undergraduate Admission

Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Prospective first-year students should be aware that KU has qualified admission requirements that all new first-year students must meet to be admitted. Consult the Office of Admissions (<http://admissions.ku.edu/>) for application deadlines and specific admission requirements.

Visit the International Support Services (<http://www.iss.ku.edu/>) for information about international admissions.

Students considering transferring to KU may see how their college-level course work will transfer on the Office of the University Registrar (<https://registrar.ku.edu/credittransfer/>) website.

There are no major admission requirements for the B.A. or B.G.S. in Theatre.

Students considering a theatre major should enroll in THR 106 and THR 101 and complete all 100- and 200-level courses in the first 2 years of study. It is imperative that theatre students earn practicum credit (THR 101, THR 201, THR 301) early in their careers at KU.

Requirements for the B.A. and B.G.S. Major

Code	Title	Hours
THR 101	Theatre Practicum I	1
THR 102	Introduction to the Theatre Major	1
THR 106	Acting I	3
THR 201	Theatre Practicum II	1
THR 206	Acting II	3
THR 212	Beginning Voice and Speech for Actors	3
THR 213	Movement I: The Acting Instrument	3
THR 215	Approaching Design	3
THR 308	Script Analysis	3

Select two of the following:		4
THR 216	Scenic Production	
THR 220	Costume Production	
THR 224	Lighting Production	
Select one of the following:		1
THR 301	Theatre Practicum III	
THR 401	Stage Management and Assistant Direction	
Select two of the following:		6
THR 525	History of Theatre	
THR 526	History of Theatre II	
THR 528	History of U.S. Theatre and Drama	
Theatre Performance Electives - 9 hours. Satisfied by: Successful completion of 3 courses (9 hours) of THR 210 or any 300-level or above Theatre course.		9

Total Hours 41

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Capstone Course		
In addition to major requirements, students must complete one of the following capstone courses:		
THR 498	Honors Directed Study in Theatre	
THR 499	Directed Study in Theatre	
THR 560	Collaborative Production	

Major Hours & Major GPA

While completing all required courses, majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

MAJOR HOURS IN RESIDENCE

Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the major.

MAJOR JUNIOR/SENIOR HOURS

Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.

MAJOR JUNIOR/SENIOR GRADUATION GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses (300+) in the major. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/>).

Sample 4-year plans for the BA degree in Theatre can be found here: Theatre BA (<https://catalog.ku.edu/arts/theatre-dance/ba-bgs-theatre/ba-theatre/>), or by using the left-side navigation.

Sample 4-year plans for the BGS degree in Theatre can be found here: Theatre BGS (<https://catalog.ku.edu/arts/theatre-dance/ba-bgs-theatre/bgs-theatre/>), or by using the left-side navigation.

At the completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Interpret, analyze, and evaluate dramatic literature and performances within the cultural contexts of theatre history using basic critical thinking and written and oral communication skills.
- Practice and apply basic principles, methods, techniques, and creative problem-solving strategies in the theatrical crafts.
- Work responsibly both independently and collaboratively with peers.

Departmental Honors

An undergraduate interested in honors in theatre must present a written declaration of intention to the department's honors coordinator as early as possible in the junior or senior year. The following are required:

1. A grade-point average at the time of declaration and at graduation of at least 3.5 in theatre courses.
2. 3-6 hours of THR 498 Honors Seminar. Enrollment in this course must be approved by the honors coordinator. Students in the honors seminar work under the direction of one instructor for each semester. The instructor conducts an examination at the end of each semester's work and assigns a grade. Credit only is given to students who complete the work assigned for any semester but do not complete the requirements for honors. Students may change area of interest or instructor at the beginning of a semester with the consent of the honors coordinator.