

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Design

The Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Theatre Design is intended as a general preparation for the professional designer of scenery, costumes or lighting in theatre and/or film or as preparation for graduate studies. Students learn through small-class studio courses, laboratories, and involvement in productions in the University Theatre. Students in the B.F.A. Theatre Design program take 69 hours in Theatre, Visual Art, and Art History in addition to the KU Core and electives.

Undergraduate Admission

Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Unless they are college transfer students with at least 24 hours of credit, prospective students must send ACT or SAT scores 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 Admissions (<http://credittransfer.ku.edu>) website.

Admission to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Admission to the College is a different process from admission to a major field. Some CLAS departments have admission requirements. See individual department/program sections for departmental admission requirements.

There are no major admission requirements for the B.F.A. in Theatre Design.

B.F.A. in Theatre Design Degree Requirements

The program leading to the B.F.A. degree in theatre design is offered cooperatively by the School of the Arts and the Department of Theatre. It requires 6 hours of foundational coursework, 63 additional hours in the major, and completion of the KU Core, as well as additional general electives, for a total of 120 hours.

Code	Title	Hours
Foundations: Art and Design		
ART 101	Drawing I	3
ART 102	Drawing II	3
Core Theatre Courses		30
THR 100	Introduction to the Theatre	
	or THR 106 Acting I	
THR 215	Approaching Design	
THR 216	Scenic Production	

THR 220	Costume Production	
THR 224	Lighting Production	
THR 308	Script Analysis	
THR 508	Fundamentals of Directing	
THR 520	History of Period Style I	
THR 521	History of Period Style II	
Theatre History Courses. Choose 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 Design Concentration		
THR 116	Scenographic Techniques	3
THR 316	Beginning Scene Design	3
THR 320	Beginning Costume Design	3
THR 324	Beginning Lighting Design	3
Theatre design electives from an approved list		9
History of Art:		
HA 150	History of Western Art: Ancient Through Medieval	
HA 151	History of Western Art: Renaissance to Contemporary	
History of art of architecture electives		
General Education Courses		
Completion of the KU Core		

General Electives

- Additional credit hours of general electives are needed to meet the minimum total hours required for graduation.

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

Satisfied by 69 hours of major courses.

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 27 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 (<http://www.collegesas.ku.edu/GPAcalculator.shtml>).

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BFA in Theatre Design. To view the list of courses approved to fulfill KU Core Goals, please visit the KU Core website (<http://kucore.ku.edu/courses>).

Freshman

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
ART 101 (Major Foundation Course)	3 ART 102 (Major Foundation Course)	3

THR 100 or 106 (Major Requirement, Goal 3 Humanities)	3 THR 215 (Major Requirement)	3
THR 116 (Major Requirement)	3 THR 216 (Major Requirement)	2
Goal 1.1 Critical Thinking	3 Goal 1.2 Quantitative Literacy	3
Goal 2.1 Written Communication (2 crs required)	3 Goal 2.1 Written Communication (2 crs required)	3
15		14

The same course cannot be used to fulfill more than one KU Core Goal. However, overlap of a KU Core course with a major or degree-specific requirement is allowed. Overlapping is recommended to allow more opportunities to explore other majors and/or minors.

Sophomore

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
THR 220 (Major Requirement)	2 THR 224 (Major Requirement)	2
THR 308 (Major Requirement)	3 THR 508 (Major Requirement)	3
THR 316 (Major Requirement)	3 THR 320 (Major Requirement)	3
HA 150 (Major Requirement, Goal 4.2)	3 HA 151 (Major Requirement)	3
Goal 2.2 Communication	3 Goal 3 Natural Sciences	3
Elective	3	
17		14

Junior

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
THR 520 (Major Requirement)	3 THR 521 (Major Requirement)	3
THR History Elective 1 of 2 (Major Requirement) ¹	3 THR History Elective 2 of 2 (Major Requirement) ¹	3
THR 324 (Major Requirement)	3 THR Design Elective (Major Requirement) ²	3
Goal 3 Social Sciences	3 Goal 4.1 Human Diversity	3
Elective	3 Elective 300+ Level	3
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Senior

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
THR Design Elective (Major Requirement) ²	3 THR Design Elective (Major Requirement) ²	3
Goal 5 Social Responsibility & Ethics	3 Goal 6 Integration & Creativity	3
Elective 300+ Level	3 Elective 300+ Level	3
Elective 300+ Level	3 Elective 300+ Level	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
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Total Hours 120

¹ Selected from THR 525, THR 526, or THR 528

² Selected from approved courses in consultation with Theatre advisor.

Please note:

All students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are required to complete 120 total hours of which 45 hours must be at the Jr/Sr (300+) level.