

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS • Theatre Education Major

Degree Guideline

This degree guideline provides only a summary of the requirements for the degree and major indicated above. For complete information about degree requirements, consult *The Undergraduate Catalog* and the pertinent *General Information* catalog. For questions, please contact the Office of the Dean, Student Affairs in DFA 1.103 (512-471-5011).

The major in theatre education is a preprofessional academic program recommended for students seeking teacher certification in theatre arts. The program, however, is also appropriate for students considering careers in areas such as drama and theatre for youth, theatre arts programming, community and regional theatre, etc. Because it serves various needs, the degree program does not specify all of the requirements for teacher certification.

The Texas state certification standards require specific coursework and examinations not stipulated in this degree program. A student pursuing teacher certification must carefully select courses to meet the certification standards and must fulfill all of the additional requirements for admission to candidacy and certification (e.g. course prerequisites, grade-point average requirements, examinations). Students seeking teacher certification in theatre must consult the teacher certification officer, College of Education, SZB 216 (512-471-3223) for information about the current certification standards and requirements for admission to candidacy.

See reverse side for "Notes" and additional requirements.

Area/Requirement	Course	Hrs
Core Curriculum ¹		
First-year Signature Course	<i>UGS 302 or 303</i>	3
English Composition (Communication)	<i>RHE 306</i>	3
	<i>Writing Course</i>	3
Humanities	<i>E 316L/M/N/P</i>	3
American & Texas Government	<i>GOV 310L</i>	3
	<i>GOV 312L</i>	3
American History	<i>6 hours</i>	6
Social & Behavioral Sciences ²	<i>3 hours</i>	3
Mathematics	<i>3 hours</i>	3
Natural Science & Technology	<i>9 hours</i>	9
Visual & Performing Arts	<i>3 hours</i>	3

Flags ³		
Writing ⁴	<i>2 courses</i>	
Quantitative Reasoning	<i>1 course</i>	
Global Cultures	<i>1 course</i>	
Cultural Diversity	<i>1 course</i>	
Independent Inquiry	<i>1 course</i>	
Ethics	<i>1 course</i>	

Entrance Deficiencies ⁵	
Foreign Language, Language Arts, Social Science, Natural Science, Math	

Area/Requirements	Course	Hrs
Major Requirements		
Theatre and Dance Core	<i>T D 311C ⁶</i>	3
	<i>T D 313C</i>	3
	<i>T D 314M</i>	3
	<i>T D 314Q ⁷</i>	3
	<i>T D 317C ⁸</i>	3
	<i>T D 317D ⁸</i>	3
Theatre Education Emphasis	<i>T D 313D</i>	3
	<i>T D 316D</i>	3
	<i>T D 323D</i>	3
	<i>T D 326C</i>	3
	<i>T D 326D</i>	3
	<i>T D 326F</i>	3
	<i>T D 626E</i>	6
	<i>T D 326Q</i>	3
	<i>6 hours from T D 324 or 354T ⁹</i>	6
Additional Theatre & Dance	<i>6 hours upper-division, excluding production</i>	6

Approved Electives ¹⁰		24
Completed hours		

Minimum Hours Required	120
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Notes

- 1 Consult the School of Undergraduate Studies for complete lists of courses that may be used fulfill the core curriculum requirements.
- 2 Students pursuing teacher certification are strongly encouraged to take Psychology 301 to fulfill this requirement.
- 3 Courses used to fulfill flag requirements may fulfill other degree requirements as well; therefore, students should select courses carefully. If flag requirements are not satisfied within the minimum number of semester hours required for the degree and major, the student will need to complete additional coursework to fulfill these flag requirements.
- 4 Courses used to fulfill a writing flag requirement may also be used to fulfill other degree requirements, except RHE 306.
- 5 Courses used to fulfill entrance deficiencies do not count toward the degree; all entrance deficiencies must be removed by appropriate courses in order to graduate.
- 6 When taken in residence, this course may also fulfill the writing course requirement listed as part of the six-hour communication area of the core curriculum.
- 7 Run crew assignments may not be used to fulfill this requirement.
- 8 This course may also be used to fulfill the visual and performing arts requirement of the core curriculum.
- 9 Courses must be in two different design skills areas (costume, scenery, lighting) and should be in different areas than the 314Q production shop assignment.
- 10 Electives must be approved by the theatre education advisor. For students pursuing teacher certification, approved electives include courses counted toward the professional development requirements and other current state certification requirements. Students who complete all stated degree requirements without earning the 120 semester hours required for the B.F.A: Theatre Education Major must complete additional elective coursework until 120 hours are earned.

General Degree Requirements

Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirements: To graduate, students must have a GPA of at least 2.00 based on all courses undertaken at the university. A student pursuing teacher certification must meet certain grade point average requirements during the course of the certification program. For information, consult the teacher certification officer, College of Education.

Flag Requirements: Extra courses may be necessary if all flag requirements are not met through regular degree requirements, so courses should be chosen carefully. The following flags are required of all students in the College of Fine Arts: Quantitative Reasoning, Global Cultures, Cultural Diversity, Independent Inquiry, Ethics, and Writing (2 courses). Courses used to fulfill flag requirements may also be used to fulfill degree requirements. For more information, see the *2020-2022 Undergraduate Catalog*.

Residency Requirements: Students must fulfill all residency requirements in order to graduate. Refer to chapter 1 in the *2020-2022 Undergraduate Catalog* for university residency requirements; refer to the College of Fine Arts' chapter for college residency requirements.

- Students must complete at least 60 semester hours of coursework counted toward the degree in residence.
- At least 6 semester hours of upper-division coursework in the major must be completed in residence.
- The last 18 hours of coursework in the major must be taken in residence.

Completing Degree Requirements: A minimum of 120 hours and all degree requirements stated in the *2020-2022 Undergraduate Catalog* must be completed in order to earn the degree.

Teacher Certification

Students seeking teacher certification must adhere to current state requirements, even if they differ from the degree requirements described in this catalog. Please contact the College of Education for current state certification requirements. Because it serves various needs, the degree program does not specify all of the requirements for teacher certification. The Texas state certification standards require specific coursework and examinations not stipulated in this degree program. A student pursuing teacher certification must carefully select courses to meet the certification standards and must fulfill all of the additional requirements for admission to candidacy and certification (e.g. course prerequisites, grade-point average requirements, examinations). ***Students intending to pursue teacher certification in theatre must consult the teacher certification officer, College of Education SZB 216 (512-471-3223) and the advisor in the Department of Theatre and Dance for information about the current certification standards and requirements for admission to candidacy.***