

THEATRE, B.F.A.

Begin Campus: University Park

End Campus: University Park

Suggested Academic Plan

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Design and Technology Option, Emphasis in Costume Design: Theatre, B.F.A. at University Park Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
THEA 1S*	1	THEA 120*	3
THEA 100*	3	THEA 200*	2
THEA 130*	3	THEA 251*	2
THEA 131*	3	THEA 252*	1
THEA 150*	3	GQ†	3
THEA 289*	1	General Education Course	3
ENGL 15, 15A, or 30H‡	3		
	17		14

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
THEA 260*	3	THEA 146*	2
THEA 253*	1	THEA 250*	3
THEA 489*	1	THEA 261*	3
GQ‡	3	THEA 460*	3
General Education Course	3	THEA 489*	1
General Education Course	3	CAS 100‡	3
	14		15

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
THEA 270*	3	THEA 454*	3
THEA 401*	3	THEA 465*	3
THEA 464*	3	THEA 461*	3
THEA 489*	1	THEA 489*	1
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
	16		16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
THEA 280*	3	THEA 481*	3
THEA 459*	2	THEA 285*	3
THEA 434*	3	THEA 489*	1
THEA 489*	1	General Education Course	3
ENGL 202‡	3	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3		
	15		13

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Design and Technology Option, Emphasis in Lighting Design: Theatre, B.F.A. at University Park Campus

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First Year

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THEA 1S*	1	THEA 120*	3
THEA 100*	3	THEA 200*	2
THEA 130*	3	THEA 251*	2
THEA 131*	3	THEA 252*	1
THEA 150*	3	THEA 472*	3
THEA 289*	1	GQ [‡]	3
ENGL 15, 15A, or 30H [‡]	3		
	17		14

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
THEA 253*	1	THEA 250*	3
THEA 270*	3	THEA 285*	3
THEA 280*	3	THEA 470* ²	3
THEA 482*	3	THEA 476*	1
THEA 476*	1	General Education	3
THEA 451 ¹	(1)	GQ [‡]	3
General Education Course	3		
	14		16

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
THEA 401*	3	THEA 434*	3
THEA 485*	3	THEA 470* ²	3
THEA 477 or 489	1	THEA 481*	3
General Education Course	3	THEA 477*	1
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
CAS 100 [‡]	3	ENGL 202 [‡]	3
	16		16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
THEA 260*	3	THEA 470* ²	(3)
THEA 459*	2	THEA 454*	3
THEA 464*	3	THEA 477*	1
THEA 477*	1	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
	15		13

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² THEA 470 Advanced Topics in Lighting Design needs to be taken twice to satisfy the degree requirements, but maybe taken a 3rd time is desired. This is a rotating topic course.

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Advising Notes:

AE 461 Architectural Illumination Systems & Design may be taken in the Fall of the Third or Fourth year and can count as 3 credits of Gen Ed Science (GN).

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THEA 130*	3	THEA 251*	2
THEA 131*	3	THEA 252*	1
THEA 150*	3	GQ‡	3
THEA 289*	1	General Education Course	3
ENGL 15, 15A, or 30H‡	3		
	17		14

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
THEA 253*	1	THEA 250*	3
THEA 280*	3	THEA 401	3
THEA 260*	3	THEA 489*	1
THEA 489*	1	General Education Course	3
THEA 451 ¹	(1)	General Education Course	3
GQ‡	3	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3		
	14		16

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
THEA 450*	3	THEA 285*	3
THEA 453*	2	THEA 454*	3
ARTH 111, THEA 485, 458, or THEA 451*	3	ARTH 112, THEA 460, THEA 470, or THEA 480*	3
THEA 489*	1	THEA 489*	1
CAS 100‡	3	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
	15		16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
THEA 270*	3	THEA 464 or 465*	3
THEA 434*	3	THEA 481*	3
THEA 450*	3	THEA 489*	1
THEA 459*	2	General Education Course	3
THEA 489*	1	General Education Course	3
ENGL 202‡	3		
	15		13

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Design and Technology Option, Emphasis in Scenic Technology: Theatre, B.F.A. at University Park Campus

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THEA 100*	3	THEA 200*	2
THEA 130*	3	THEA 251*	2
THEA 131*	3	THEA 252*	1
THEA 150*	3	GQ‡	3
THEA 289*	1	General Education Course	3
ENGL 15, 15A, or 30H‡	3		
	17		14

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
THEA 270*	3	THEA 285*	3
THEA 280*	3	THEA 451* ¹	(0)
THEA 482*	3	THEA 480*	3
THEA 489*	1	THEA 489*	1
THEA 253*	1	General Education Course	3
GQ‡	3	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3		
	17		13

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
THEA 401*	3	THEA 470*	3
THEA 485*	3	THEA 454*	3
THEA 464*	3	THEA 250*	3
THEA 489*	1	THEA 489*	1
General Education Course*	3	General Education Course	3
CAS 100‡	3	General Education Course	3
	16		16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
THEA 434*	3	THEA 480*	3
THEA 459*	2	THEA 481*	3
THEA 489*	1	THEA 489*	1
ENGL 202‡	3	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
THEA 260*	3		
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THEA 130*	3	THEA 251*	2
THEA 131*	3	THEA 252*	1
THEA 150*	3	THEA 285*	3
THEA 289*	1	ENGL 15, 15A, or 30H [‡]	3
INART 258A (GA) ^{**}	3		
	17		14

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
THEA 280*	3	THEA 250	3
THEA 482*	3	THEA 484*	3
THEA 485*	3	THEA 489*	1
THEA 489*	1	MUSIC 11Z (Linked with INART 50Z)	3
GQ [‡]	3	GQ [‡]	3
INART 50Z (GN) ^{**}	3	General Education Course	3
	16		16

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
THEA 270	3	THEA 434	3
THEA 464	3	THEA 401	3
THEA 485	3	THEA 489	1
THEA 489	1	General Education Course (GA)	3
CAS 100 [‡]	3	General Education Course (GN)	3
General Education Course (GHW)	3	General Education Course (GN)	3
	16		16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
THEA 459	2	THEA 481*	3
THEA 489	1	THEA 454	3
THEA 260	3	THEA 489	1
ENGL 202 [‡]	3	General Education Course (GH)	3
General Education Course (GS)	3	General Education Course (GH)	3
	12		13

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Stage Management Option: Theatre, B.F.A. at University Park Campus

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ENGL 15, 15A, or 30H [‡]	3 THEA 120 [*]	3
THEA 100 [*]	3 THEA 130 or 131 [*]	3
THEA 1S [*]	1 THEA 150 [*]	3
THEA 130 or 131 [*]	3 THEA 200 [*]	2
THEA 146 [*]	2 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	
	15	14

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 100A, 100B, or 100C [‡]	3 THEA 250 [*]	3
THEA 220 [*]	3 THEA 251 [*]	2
THEA 322 [*]	2 THEA 289 [*]	1
THEA 324 [*]	2 General Education Course	3
General Education	3 General Education Course	3
General Education	3 General Education Course	3
	16	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D [‡]	3 THEA 280 [*]	3
THEA 260 [*]	3 THEA 401 [*]	3
THEA 270 [*]	3 THEA 486 [*]	3
THEA 285 [*]	3 General Education Course	3
THEA 289 [*]	1 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	
	16	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
THEA 486 [*]	3 THEA 481 [*]	3
THEA 496 [*]	3 THEA 486 [*]	3
Additional Course for Option (see list) ^{*1}	3 THEA 496 [*]	3
Elective	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
General Education Course	3 Elective	2
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5	
	16.5	12.5

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¹ ADDITIONAL COURSES (3 credits)

Select 3 credits from: THEA 405Y(3), THEA 406(3), THEA 407 US(3), THEA 408(3), THEA 412 US(3), THEA 455(3), THEA 464(3), THEA 465(3) (Sem: 4-8)

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