

ACTING

Degree: B.F.A., Performing Arts

Department of Theatre and Dance (<https://cas.umw.edu/theatre/>)

The B.F.A. in Performing Arts with majors in acting, musical theatre, stage management and theatre design/technology, offers focused pre-professional training coupled with a strong foundation in the liberal arts. Academic, classroom, and studio work are coupled with production experiences to build technical skills in the area of specialty, as well as in collaboration, critical thinking, problem solving, organization, and management.

Students will work in a facility with a proscenium theatre and a studio theatre supported by cutting edge audio, lighting, communications, and rigging systems. Production spaces include a scene shop, costume shop, rehearsal studios, dance studios, wig room, dressing rooms, wardrobe, CAD studio, vocal studios, reading room, faculty, staff, production, arts administration, and stage management offices, along with ample public gathering spaces.

UMW Theatre has an impressive record of producing plays and musicals with impressive production values. Recent productions have included *Roald Dahl's Matilda*, *Men on Boats*, *The Play That Goes Wrong*, *Twelfth Night*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, *Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, *Fun Home*, and *Julius Caesar*.

Student Learning Outcomes

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
THEA 131	Technical Production	4
THEA 240	Stage Makeup	3
THEA 318	Stage Dialects	3
THEA 411	Acting Styles	4
THEA 362	Theatre History and Literature	3
THEA 400	Professional Identity and Practice	1
THEA 482	Senior Project	3
THEA 390	Theatre Practicum ¹	6
Additional two credits from:		2
MUPR 201	Class Voice I	
MUPR 202	Class Voice II	
MUPR 301	Private Voice	
MUPR 401	Advanced Private Voice	
Additional four credits from:		4
DANC 121A	Beginning Ballet	
DANC 122A	Beginning Ballet	
DANC 123A	Beginning Modern Dance	
DANC 124A	Beginning Modern Dance	
DANC 141	Beginning Jazz	
DANC 142	Beginning Jazz	
DANC 243	Dance Improvisation	
DANC 301	Intermediate Ballet	
DANC 302	Intermediate Ballet	
DANC 303	Intermediate Modern Dance	
DANC 304	Intermediate Modern Dance	

DANC 305	Intermediate Jazz	
DANC 306	Intermediate Jazz	
DANC 300	Broadway Jazz	
Additional three credits from:		3
THEA 371	Stage Combat	
THEA 372	Rapier and Dagger	
Additional six credits from:		6
THEA 211A	Dramatic Literature	
THEA 212A	Dramatic Literature	
THEA 270	Special Studies in Theatre	
THEA 271	Special Studies in Theatre	
THEA 280	Stage Management	
THEA 281	Principles of Arts Administration	
THEA 431	Directing I	
THEA 433	Lighting Design	
THEA 434	Scene Design	
THEA 435	Ideas in Performance	
THEA 436	Costume Design	
THEA 451	Special Studies in Theatre	
THEA 452	Special Studies in Theatre	
THEA 491	Individual Study	
THEA 492	Individual Study	
THEA 499	Internship	

Total Credits 42

¹ All majors are required to enroll in Theatre Practicum each semester except during the semester of the Senior Project; students may count eight practicum credits toward graduation. Six of those credits count toward the major.

General Education Requirements

The general education requirements for Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Fine Arts/Bachelor of Science degrees (<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/general-education/requirements-bachelor-arts-bachelor-science-degrees/>) apply to all students who are seeking to earn an undergraduate B.A., B.F.A., B.S. or B.S.Ed. degree.

Students seeking a Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree have a separate set of B.L.S general education requirements (<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/general-education/requirements-bachelor-liberal-studies-degrees/>).

Electives

Elective courses are those that are not needed to fulfill a general education requirement or major program requirement but are chosen by the student to complete the 120 credits required for graduation with a B.A./B.F.A./B.S./B.S.Ed. degree or the B.L.S. degree. These courses may be taken graded or pass/fail (or S/U in the case of physical education and 100-level dance). No student in a regular B.A./B.F.A./B.S./B.S.Ed. program may count more than 60 credits in a single discipline toward the 120 credits required for graduation.

Total Credits Required for the Degree: 120 credits

For a suggested plan of study for the Acting major, please contact the Department of Theatre and Dance.

Theatre and Dance Faculty

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