

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEATRE PERFORMANCE



LONELY PLANET

## BE BIGGER THAN LIFE.

With an emphasis in Performance, EIU Theatre students are given ongoing opportunities to perform in the classroom and in our production season. Unlike larger programs, first year and transfer students are eligible to audition immediately and are regularly cast their first year. EIU Theatre is undergraduate-focused, relying on students in every facet of the production. The department regularly brings guest artists to direct and design, giving EIU Theatre students access to a wealth of knowledge and experiences. Upon completion of their degree, Theatre students are prepared continue their studies in an advanced degree program or to enter the professional world at an entry-level position.

- + STRONG, DIVERSE FACULTY
- + MULTIPLE PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES
- + BROAD-BASED GENERALIST CURRICULUM
- + STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES

## PRODUCTION OPPORTUNITIES

- Actor
- Scenic Artist
- Choreographer
- Stage Manager
- Dramaturg
- Stitcher
- Director
- Master Electrician
- Scenic Carpenter
- Designer
- Crew Head
- Board Operator

## FACILITIES

- Broadway-Style Proscenium Theatre
- Flexible Black Box Theatre
- Flexible Acting Classroom
- Student Acting Lab
- Scene and Costume Shops
- Design Lab

## DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE

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## THEATRE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS: 55 HRS

### CORE COURSEWORK: 25 HRS

- THA 2140** - Intro to Theatre
- THA 2258** - Script Analysis
- THA 4220** - Senior Thesis Project

### PERFORMANCE CORE

- THA 1134** - Stage Movement
- THA 2244** - Acting 1

### TECHNICAL/DESIGN CORE

- THA 2210** - Intro to Costuming
- THA 2211** - Stagecraft

### HISTORY/LITERATURE CORE

- THA 3751** - Origins of Theatre
- THA 3752** - Theatre from the 17th Century to the Present

### EMPHASIS COURSEWORK: 30 HRS

- THA 3334** - Performing Voice
- THA 3344** - Scene and Character Study

### DESIGNATED PERFORMANCE ELECTIVES: 6 HRS

Two electives must be taken from the list below:

- THA 3335** - Musical Theatre Performance
- THA 3336** - Musical Theatre Dance
- THA 3338** - Topics in Musical Theatre
- THA 3343** - Devised Theatre
- THA 33451** - Topics in Acting
- THA 3348** - Auditioning
- THA 3349** - Classical Acting Styles
- THA 3431** - Children's Theatre Tour
- THA 3432** - Creative Drama
- THA 3445** - Directing

### DESIGNATED HISTORY/LITERATURE ELECTIVES: 3 HRS

One elective must be taken from the list below:

- THA 2801** - Musical Theatre on Film
- THA 3754G** - Theatre and Film
- THA 3755G** - African-American Theatre
- THA 3757G** - Contemporary World Theatre
- THA 3758G** - Topics in World Theatre
- THA 3759G** - History of Musical Theatre
- THA 3800** - Dramaturgy
- EIU 4161G** - Social Justice and the Stage
- EIU 4162G** - Women's Voices: Women in Theatre

### DESIGNATED TECHNICAL/DESIGN ELECTIVES: 3 HRS

One elective must be taken from the list below:

- THA 2005** - Stage Makeup
- THA 3257** - Digital Theatrical Design
- THA 3350** - Stage Management
- THA 3257** - Scene Design
- THA 3258** - Costume Design
- THA 3260** - Stage Lighting
- CMN 2500** - Production 1

### DESIGNATED LABS: 6 HRS

Six production lab credits must be earned and four of the six areas must be represented.

### ADDITIONAL 3000+ ELECTIVES: 6 HRS

Six additional credits must be taken that are at or above 3000 credit level. May include approved non-THA courses.



THESE SHINING LIVES

## Recommended Schedule of Classes

FIRST SEMESTER		SECOND SEMESTER	
<b>YEAR 1</b>			
COURSE	HRS	COURSE	HRS
THA 1134	3	THA 2001	1
THA 2002	1	THA 2210	3
THA 2140	3	THA 2244	3
THA 2211	3	ENG 1002G	3
ENG 1001G	3	GEN ED Math	3
Total	13	Total	13
<b>YEAR 2</b>			
COURSE	HRS	COURSE	HRS
THA 2007	1	THA 2008	1
THA 2258	3	THA 3334	3
THA 3335	3	THA 3336	3
MUS 0541	3	GEN ED Soc/Behav	3
CMN 1310G	3	GEN ED Biolog	3
GEN ED Soc/Behav	3	Elective	3
Total	16	Total	16
<b>YEAR 3</b>			
COURSE	HRS	COURSE	HRS
THA 2006	1	THA 3344	3
THA 3751G	3	THA 3752G	3
THA Tech Elective	3	THA Tech Elective	3
THA Hist. Elective	3	GEN ED Earth Sci.	3
MUS 1136	1	GEN ED Sci. Lab	1
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	14	Total	16
<b>YEAR 4</b>			
COURSE	HRS	COURSE	HRS
THA 3002	1	THA 4220	1
THA Perf. Elective	3	THA Tech Elective	3
GEN ED Senior Sem	3	THA Elective 3000+	3
GEN ED Humanity	3	GEN ED Soc/Behav	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	16	Total	16

The four-year sequence assumes high school foreign language requirements have been met.

All data accurate to 2021 catalog