

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEATRE GENERALIST



THESE SHINING LIVES

## CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE.

The Theatre Department at EIU will give you a well-rounded theatre education. As a Generalist, you will be given the opportunity to explore many facets of theatre and build a curriculum that fits your interests. EIU's departmental production season presents multiple opportunities for students to hone their craft. Each production is student-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, EIU Theatre students will be primed to enter the professional world or continue their studies toward an advanced degree.

- + **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

#### DESIGNATED PERFORMANCE ELECTIVES: 6 HRS

Two electives must be taken from the list below:

- THA 3334** - Performing Voice
- THA 3335** - Musical Theatre Performance
- THA 3336** - Musical Theatre Dance
- THA 3338** - Topics in Musical Theatre
- THA 3343** - Devised Theatre
- THA 3344** - Scene and Character Study
- 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: 6 HRS

Two electives 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: 6 HRS

Two electives 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.

## 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 Tech Elective	3
THA Perf. Elective	3	GEN ED Soc/Behav	3
CMN 1310G	3	GEN ED Biolog	3
GEN ED Soc/Behav	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
	16	Total	16
<b>YEAR 3</b>			
COURSE	HRS	COURSE	HRS
THA 2000	1	THA 3752 G	3
THA 3751G	3	THA Hist. Elective	3
THA Perf. Elective	3	GEN ED Earth Sci.	3
THA Elective 3000+	3	GEN ED Sci. Lab	1
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	16	Total	16
<b>YEAR 4</b>			
COURSE	HRS	COURSE	HRS
THA 3002	1	THA 4220	1
THA Hist. 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



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