

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEATRE TECHNICAL & DESIGN



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YOUR TICKET TO BACKSTAGE EXCITEMENT.

The Theatre Department at EIU will give you a well-rounded theatre education. With an emphasis in Technical/Design, you will be given the opportunity to explore many facets of technical theatre. 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, including design. 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 2140G - Intro to Theatre
- THA 2258 - Script Analysis
- THA 4220 - Senior Thesis Project

PERFORMANCE CORE

- THA 1134 - Stage Movement
- THA 2244 - Acting I

TECHNICAL/DESIGN CORE

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

HISTORY/LITERATURE CORE

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

EMPHASIS COURSEWORK: 30 HRS

DESIGNATED TECHNICAL/DESIGN ELECTIVES: 12 HRS

Four 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
- THA 33611 - Theatre Production Topics
- CMN 2500 - Production I

DESIGNATED PERFORMANCE ELECTIVES: 3 HRS

One elective 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: 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 3797G - 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 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	
YEAR 1			
COURSE	HRS	COURSE	HRS
THA 1134	3	THA 2001	1
THA 2002	1	THA 2210	3
THA 2140G	3	THA 2244	3
THA 2211	3	ENG 1002G	3
ENG 1001G	3	GEN ED Math	3
Total	13	Total	13
YEAR 2			
COURSE	HRS	COURSE	HRS
THA 2007	1	THA 2008	1
THA 2258	3	THA Perf. Elective	3
THA Tech Elective	3	GEN ED Soc/Behav.	3
CMN 1310G	3	GEN ED Biology	3
GEN ED Soc/Behav.	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	16	Total	16
YEAR 3			
COURSE	HRS	COURSE	HRS
THA 2006	1	THA 3752G	3
THA 3751G	3	THA Tech Elective	3
THA Tech 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
YEAR 4			
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