

# THEATRE ARTS BA

## More Information

### Advising Requirement

Advising is mandatory for this program. Consult your department advisor or program coordinator for information.

### Laptop Requirement

Students need a laptop for this program. Consult with the department for hardware and software requirements. Discounts are available through the Chico State Wildcat Store.

### E-advising Tools

Students are encouraged to use the interactive e-advising tools that have been designed to help them graduate within four years. These tools can be accessed through the Student Center.

Theatre students are provided focused, pre-professional training within the context of broad, liberal arts study. Through a program of applied studio courses, workshops, and full productions, students learn an immediately useful set of theatre skills to prepare them for entry-level professional theatre employment or advanced study in professional theatre training programs and graduate schools.

The study of textual analysis, literature, and theatre history helps students place the theatre within its larger cultural context, and to think critically, reason clearly, imagine creatively, and communicate effectively about theatre and its world.

The BA and BFA programs share a common foundation of history, literature, and aesthetic principles.

The Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts is a well-balanced degree. After completing the common core courses, students select a mix of lower and upper-division electives in performance, technical theatre/design, and dramatic literature/history.

The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/college-humanities-fine-arts/music-theatre-dance/musical-theatre-bfa/>) is a prescribed degree. After completing the common core courses, students focus their studies specifically on musical theatre performance in the areas of acting, singing, and dancing.

## Grading Requirement

All courses taken to fulfill program course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as credit/no credit grading only.

## Course Requirements for the Major: 56 units

Completion of the following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, is required of all candidates for this degree. Courses in this program may complete more than one graduation requirement.

### Special Theatre Requirements

Students must either participate in auditions for all theatre productions or make portfolio presentations.

| Course  | Title  | Units     |
|---|--|-----------|
| <b>Foundation</b>   |  |           |
| THEA 150  | Foundations of Drama                                   | 3         |
| THEA 160  | Foundations of Acting                                  | 3         |
| THEA 170  | Foundations of Design                                  | 3         |
| THEA 180  | Social Justice in Theatre                              | 3         |
| THEA 220  | Stagecraft for Theatre and Film                        | 3         |
| THEA 250  | Textual Analysis for Production                        | 3         |
| THEA 251  | World Theatre  | 3         |
| THEA 352  | History of Theatre I                                   | 3         |
| THEA 353W   | History of Theatre II (W)                              | 3         |
| THEA 380  | Directing I: Principles of Directing                   | 3         |
| A minimum of nine units from the following elective sections must be upper-division |  |           |
| <b>Theatre Practicum</b>  |  |           |
| Select eight units from the following:  |  | 8         |
| DANC 303  | Dance Theatre Rehearsal                                |           |
| THEA 201  | Theatre Rehearsal I                                    |           |
| THEA 204  | Costume Practice I                                     |           |
| THEA 205  | Scene/Light Practice I                                 |           |
| THEA 206  | Production Assistant I                                 |           |
| THEA 301  | Theatre Rehearsal II                                   |           |
| THEA 302  | Musical Theatre Rehearsal                              |           |
| THEA 306  | Production Assistant II                                |           |
| THEA 399  | Special Problems                                       |           |
| <b>Theatre Electives</b>  |  |           |
| Select six of the following:  |  | 18        |
| THEA 223  | Make-Up for Theatre and Film                           |           |
| THEA 230  | Movement for Actors                                    |           |
| THEA 240  | Voice for the Actor                                    |           |
| THEA 260  | Intermediate Acting                                    |           |
| THEA 311  | Children's Lit in Performance                          |           |
| THEA 322  | Costume Crafts/Stage Properties                        |           |
| THEA 325  | Stage Management                                       |           |
| THEA 340  | Advanced Voice for Performance: Acting Heightened Text |           |
| THEA 360  | Scene Study  |           |
| THEA 361  | Acting in Musical Theatre                              |           |
| THEA 363  | Acting for the Camera                                  |           |
| THEA 365  | Styles in Acting                                       |           |
| THEA 370  | Scenic Design for Theatre and Film                     |           |
| THEA 371  | Lighting Design  |           |
| THEA 372  | Costume Design for Theatre and Film                    |           |
| THEA 373  | Scenic Painting/Art for Theatre and Film               |           |
| THEA 470  | Seminar in Design and Technical Theatre                |           |
| <b>Total Units</b>  |  | <b>56</b> |

## Electives Requirement

To complete the total units required for the bachelor's degree, select additional elective courses from the total University offerings. You should consult with an advisor regarding the selection of courses which will

provide breadth to your University experience and possibly apply to a supportive second major or minor.

## Honors in the Major

Honors in the Major is a program of independent work in your major. It requires six units of honors coursework completed over two semesters.

The Honors in the Major program allows you to work closely with a faculty mentor in your area of interest on an original performance or research project. This year-long collaboration allows you to work in your field at a professional level and culminates in a public presentation of your work. Students sometimes take their projects beyond the University for submission in professional journals, presentation at conferences, or academic competition. Such experience is valuable for graduate school and professional life. Your honors work will be recognized at your graduation, on your permanent transcripts, and on your diploma. It is often accompanied by letters of commendation from your mentor in the department or the department chair.

Some common features of Honors in the Major program are:

- You must take six units of Honors in the Major coursework. All six units are honors courses (marked by a suffix of H), and at least three of these units are independent study (399H, 499H, 599H) as specified by your department. You must complete each course with a minimum grade of B.
- You must have completed 9 units of upper-division coursework or 21 overall units in your major before you can be admitted to Honors in the Major. Check the requirements for your major carefully, as there may be specific courses that must be included in these units.
- Your cumulative GPA should be at least 3.5 or within the top 5% of majors in your department.
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- Most students apply for or are invited to participate in Honors in the Major during the second semester of their junior year. Then they complete the six units of coursework over the two semesters of their senior year.
- Your honors work culminates with a public presentation of your honors project.

Honors in the Major is not part of the Honors Program. Each department administers its own program. Please contact your major department or major advisor to apply.

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/bachelors-degree-requirements/>) for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 39 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

## General Education Requirements: 48 units

See General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/>) and the Class Schedule (<http://www.csuchico.edu/schedule/>) for the most current information on General Education Requirements and course offerings.

## Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units

You must complete a minimum of two courses that focus primarily on cultural diversity. At least one course must be in US Diversity (USD)

and at least one in Global Cultures (GC). See Diversity Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/diversity-requirements/>) for a full list of courses. Most courses taken to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/>).

## Upper-Division Writing Requirement

Writing Across the Curriculum (EM 17-009 (<http://www.csuchico.edu/prs/EMs/2017/17-009.shtml/>)) is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of four Writing (W) courses, two of which are designated by the major department. See Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning and Writing Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/mathematicsquantitative-reasoning-writing-requirements/>) for more details on the four courses. The first of the major designated Writing (W) courses is listed below.

- Any upper-division Writing (W) course.

The second major-designated Writing course is the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GW) (EO 665 (<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/9585618/latest/>)). Students must earn a C- or higher to receive GW credit. The GE Written Communication (A2) (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/#A2>) requirement must be completed before a student is permitted to register for a GW course.