

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.

Study of textual analysis, literature, and theatre history help students place the theatre within its larger cultural context, and to think critically, reason clearly, imagine creatively, and communicate effectively about theatre and the world of which it is a part.

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 classes, 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/musical-theatre-bfa/>) is a prescribed degree. After completing the common core classes, 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 participate in auditions for all Theatre productions or make portfolio presentations.

Course	Title	Units
Program Core		
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		
Theatre Practicum		
Select eight units from the following:		8
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 303	Dance Theatre Rehearsal	
THEA 306	Production Assistant II	
THEA 399	Special Problems	
Theatre Electives		
Select six of the following:		18
THEA 223	Make-Up for Theatre and Film	
THEA 230	Movement for Actors	
THEA 240	Voice for Performance	
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	Musical Theatre Styles	
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	
Total Units		56

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 6 units of honors course work 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 6 units of Honors in the Major course work. All 6 units are honors classes (marked by a suffix of H), and at least 3 of these units are independent study (399H, 499H, 599H) as specified by your department. You must complete each class with a minimum grade of B.
- You must have completed 9 units of upper-division course work 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 6 units of course work over the two semesters of their senior year.
- Your honors work culminates with a public presentation of your honors project.

While Honors in the Major is 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 U.S. 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.