## THEATER ARTS, MA

**Degree**: Master of Arts (MA) **Field of Study**: Theater Arts

This program is not currently admitting students.

## **Program Overview**

The Master of Arts in Theater is one of two graduate-level theater programs offered by the Department of Theater. At its core, the MA is a scholarly degree which provides a broad educational framework in the history and literature of theater, but with the opportunity to specialize in an artistic or scholarly area of the student's choice. It aims to prepare the graduate with the skills necessary to work in the professional or academic theater in any number of roles, or for further education in a PhD program.

## **Graduate Policies**

For graduate policies and procedures, please review the School of Graduate Studies section of the General Bulletin.

## **Program Requirements**

Requirements for the MA in Theater Arts include:

- a. A minimum of 30 credit hours of course work beyond the bachelor's degree
- b. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better for all coursework
- c. Successful completion of the thesis/project

The curriculum consists of 15 credit hours of comprehensive course work, 6 credit hours of specialized focus course work, and 9 credit hours of master's project or thesis writing.

| Code                            | Title   | Credit<br>Hours |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Required Courses:               |   |                 |
| THTR 425                        | Development of Theater. Beginnings to English Renaissance | 3               |
| THTR 426                        | Development of Theater. Renaissance to Romanticism        | 3               |
| THTR 427                        | American Drama  | 3               |
| or THTR 429                     | Modern and Contemporary Drama                             |                 |
| THTR 501                        | Dramatic Text Analysis                                    | 3               |
| THTR 509                        | Performance History                                       | 1               |
| THTR 644                        | M.A. Project <sup>a</sup>                                 | 9               |
| Specific Interest Course Tracks |   | 6               |
| Directing Courses:              |   |                 |
| THTR 430                        | Play Directing I  |                 |
| THTR 431                        | Play Directing II   |                 |
| Dramatic Writing Courses:       |   |                 |
| THTR 412                        | Playwriting   |                 |
| THTR 414                        | Advanced Playwriting                                      |                 |
| or THTR 416 Screenwriting       |   |                 |

The project or thesis must be agreed upon with the student's advisor and have the approval of the department.