THEATER ARTS, MA

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

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 students’ 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 into 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 degree include:

a. A minimum of 30 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 hours of comprehensive course work, 6 hours of specialized focus course work, and 9 hours of master's project or thesis writing.

All MA students must take the following courses (15 hours):

• THTR 425 (3)
• THTR 426 (3)
• THTR 427: American Drama (3) or THTR 429 (3)
• THTR 501 (3)
• THTR 509 (3)

Students may then select from specific interest course tracks (6 hours), such as:

• Directing (taking THTR 430 (3) and THTR 431 (3)),
• Dramatic Writing (taking THTR 412 (3) and THTR 414 (3) or THTR 412 (3) and THTR 416 (3), or
• Theater Studies (individualized program consisting of two courses in the Department of Theater or in another department, selected by student with consent of the advisor and the approval of the theater graduate program (6 total)

Finally, students must take 9 hours of THTR 644. The project or thesis must be agreed upon with the student’s advisor and have the approval of the department.