THEATRE COURSES (THEA)

THEA 101 INTRODUCTION TO THEATRE ARTS (3) This course provides an introduction to all areas of theatre including acting, directing, design, and history, focusing on the role of the audience and performer and emphasizing the collaborative nature of theatre. The course includes lecture, discussion, and a scene project and is recommended for students who have had little participatory experience in theatre.

THEA 102 INTRODUCTION TO TECHNICAL THEATRE AND DESIGN (3) This course offers an introduction to the theatre organization, the theatre facility and its equipment, and to the basic design and visual environments of the stage. A study of materials, equipment, and techniques used in the construction of scenery is included.

THEA 120 INTRODUCTION TO DANCE (3) This beginning course in dance for the musical theatre stage focuses on basic foundations and techniques in ballet and jazz. Syntheses of these styles will be placed into basic musical theatre choreography.

THEA 123 VOICE AND DICTION (3) This course includes physical and vocal exercises, as well as the organization, preparation and execution of a variety of oral presentations. A persuasive speech is the culminating project. This is not a course for the identification and correction of chronic vocal problems, dialect reduction, or for the practice of English as a second language.

THEA 131 FUNDAMENTALS OF ACTING (3) This course presents concepts and exercises that set an actor in motion physically, verbally, and emotionally, leading to character development and scene study. This is an active, participatory course focusing on physical and vocal exercises, improvisation, and performance projects.

THEA 202 TECHNICAL THEATRE (3) *Prerequisite: THEA 102 or consent of instructor.* A study of materials, equipment, and techniques used in the construction and finishing of scenery, this course also includes principles of drafting, lighting, sound, and special effects.

THEA 211 DRAMATIC LITERATURE: CLASSICAL GREECE TO RENAISSANCE (3) This course is a study of the great literary works of the theatre during the major periods of the Greek, Roman, Medieval, and Renaissance eras.

THEA 212 DRAMATIC LITERATURE: SEVENTEENTH CENTURY TO PRESENT (3) This course is a study of the great literary works of the theatre during the major periods of the late seventeenth century to the present.

THEA 232 SCRIPT AND CHARACTER ANALYSIS (3) *Prerequisite: THEA 131 or consent of instructor.* This course provides a variety of methods for analyzing plays, scenes, and characters. Course work includes oral reports and performance projects.

THEA 250 STAGE MAKEUP (3) *Prerequisite: Theatre major or consent of instructor.* This course is an exploration of the techniques of stage makeup including traditional, corrective, old age, facial hair, prosthetics, and fantasy characters. It includes color theory, facial anatomy, and character analysis. Learning activities involve lectures, demonstrations, and studio participation. Students must purchase a make-up kit.

THEA 301-302 HISTORY OF THE THEATRE I, II (3, 3) A history of performance and production in the great theatre epochs.

THEA 311 DIRECTING (3) *Prerequisite: THEA 232 or consent of instructor.* This study of the director's function in staging and producing plays for schools, churches, and community organizations includes script interpretation and analysis, production organization, composition, and communication with actors. The final project involves the direction of a one-act play, from casting through rehearsal and performance.

THEA 315 ADVANCED ACTING (3) *Prerequisite: THEA 232 or consent of instructor.* This course is a continuation of THEA 232 and includes a study of advanced performance techniques and theatrical career preparation.

THEA 331 SCENE DESIGN (3) *Prerequisite: THEA 102 or consent of instructor.* This course is an introduction to the theory, esthetics, and practice of scenery design for the theatre. It includes the study of line and form for visual presentation in ground plans, elevations, and three-dimensional models. Learning activities include lecture, discussion, individual projects, and CAD applications.

THEA 333 LIGHTING DESIGN (3) *Prerequisite: THEA 102 or consent of instructor.* This course is an introduction to the theory, esthetics, and practice of lighting design for the theatre and includes study of lighting instruments, electricity, and control systems. Learning activities include lecture, discussion, individual projects, and CAD applications.

THEA 340 THEATRE MANAGEMENT (3) This course is an introduction to the economic and managerial aspects of American theatre, specifically professional resident theatre and non-professional educational and community theatre. Topics include the physical theatre plant, finances, public relations, audience development, box office procedures, and house management.

THEA 370 SPECIAL WORK IN THEATRE (1-3) *Prerequisites: Consent of the instructor, academic advisor and school dean.* This course is offered for those who have a special interest in theatre not covered by the regular courses.

THEA 390 THEATRE PRACTICUM (.5 or 1) *Prerequisites: Consent of the instructor, academic advisor and school dean.* Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory credit only. May be repeated for credit. Specific assigned production responsibilities broaden a student's knowledge and practice in theatre. A maximum of eight hours of practicum credit is allowed over a student's career at the College.

THEA 399 INTERNSHIP IN THEATRE (3-12) *Prerequisites: Juniors or seniors with a 2.25 minimum QPA; approval of written proposal by internship coordinator, and supervising faculty prior to registration.* This planned work experience for academic credit allows the student to explore the world of work as it relates to the student's theatre and career goals. (See "Internships.")

THEA 410 SENIOR PROJECT (3) *Prerequisite: Senior theatre majors only. Consent of instructor, academic advisor and school dean.* In this capstone course, the student will complete a theatre production project demonstrating proficiency in the field. The project is designed to employ the principles stressed in upper-level theatre courses and will include research, documentation, and practical application. The body of work must be completed under faculty supervision.