

MUSICAL THEATRE, B.F.A.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: University Park

End Campus: University Park

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Musical Theatre, a minimum of 125 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Requirements for the Major	86

6 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes 6 credits of General Education GA courses.

Requirements for the Major

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Theatre Courses:		
THEA 1S	First-Year Seminar: Theatre Production Practices	1
THEA 100	The Art of the Theatre	3
THEA 115	B.F.A. Acting Foundations	2
THEA 132	Survey of Theatre Production Practice	3
THEA 150	Fundamentals of Design for the Theatre	3
THEA 225A	B.F.A. Acting Studio I	2
THEA 225B	B.F.A. Movement Studio I	2
THEA 225C	B.F.A. Voice/Speech Studio I	2
THEA 289	Theatre Production Practicum	1
THEA 401	Theatre History I: Ancient to 1700	3
THEA 425A	B.F.A. Acting Studio II	2
THEA 425C	B.F.A. Voice/Speech Studio II	2
THEA 427A	B.F.A. Acting Studio III	2
THEA 427C	B.F.A. Voice/Speech Studio III	2
Music Courses:		
THEA 113	Musical Theatre Theory I	3
THEA 116	Musical Theatre Theory II	2
THEA 212	Musical Theatre Theory III	3
THEA 214	Musical Theatre Theory IV	3
VOICE 110	Voice: Secondary	8
VOICE 412	Musical Theatre Voice V	2
VOICE 462	Musical Theatre Voice VI	2
Dance Courses:		

DANCE 231	Beginning Ballet I	1.5
DANCE 232	Musical Theatre Ballet Dance II	1.5
DANCE 241	Beginning Jazz I	1.5
DANCE 242	Musical Theatre Jazz Dance II	1.5
DANCE 251		1.5
DANCE 252	Musical Theatre Tap Dance II	1.5
DANCE 382	Musical Theatre Dance–Styles I	1.5
DANCE 384	Musical Theatre Dance–Styles II	1.5

Musical Theatre Courses:

MUSIC 113	Music Theatre–Class Voice I	1
MUSIC 114	Music Theatre–Class Voice II	1
THEA 114	Music Theatre: Form and Analysis	3
THEA 223	Musical Theatre Performance I	2
THEA 224	Musical Theatre Performance II	2
THEA 408W	History of American Musical Theatre	3
THEA 423	Musical Theatre Performance III	2
THEA 424	Musical Theatre Performance IV	2

Additional Courses¹

Select 2 credits of the following:	2
MUSIC 89	University Choir
MUSIC 90	Glee Club
MUSIC 91	Oriana Singers
MUSIC 92	Chamber Music for Voices
MUSIC 93	Essence of Joy
MUSIC 94	Women's Chorale
MUSIC 103	Concert Choir
MUSIC 104	Chamber Singers
MUSIC 467	Opera Workshop
THEA 326	Music Theatre Performance Workshop (1 per semester, maximum of 3)
THEA 428	Musical Theatre Performance Studio V
Select one of the following:	1.5
DANCE 431	Musical Theatre Ballet Dance V
DANCE 441	Musical Theatre Jazz Dance III
DANCE 451	Musical Theatre Tap Dance III
Select one of the following:	1.5
DANCE 432	Advanced Ballet II
DANCE 442	Advanced Jazz II
DANCE 452	Advanced Tap II

¹ Students may apply 6 credits of ROTC.

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general->

education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.