# Theater Arts (Course 21M-2)

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## Bachelor of Science in Theater Arts

### General Institute Requirements (GIRs)

The General Institute Requirements include a Communication Requirement that is integrated into both the HASS Requirement and the requirements of each major; see details below.

### Summary of Subject Requirements

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<th>Subjects</th>
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<td>Science Requirement</td>
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<td>Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) Requirement</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>Restricted Electives in Science and Technology (REST) Requirement</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Laboratory Requirement</td>
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<td><strong>Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree</strong></td>
<td><strong>17</strong></td>
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### Physical Education Requirement

Swimming requirement, plus four physical education courses for eight points.

### Departmental Program

Choose at least two subjects in the major that are designated as communication-intensive (CI-M) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.

### Required Subjects

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<td><strong>Theater and Performance Studies</strong></td>
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#### Theater and Performance Studies

- Select three of the following:
  - 21M.611 Foundations of Theater Practice
  - 21M.690 Sport as Performance
  - 21M.700 China on Stage
  - 21M.706 Asian American Theater
  - 21M.710 Script Analysis
  - 21M.711 Production Seminar
  - 21M.714 Contemporary American Theater
  - 21M.715 Topics in Theater Arts
  - 21M.800 All the World’s a Stage: Socio-Political Perspectives in Global Performance
  - 21M.846 Topics in Performance Studies

#### Performance and Design Practica

- Select at least 12 units from the following:
  - 21M.803 Performance and Design Workshop
  - 21M.806 Applied Performance and Design Production
  - 21M.809 Performance and Design Intensive
  - 21M.851 Independent Study in Performance and Design

#### Restricted Electives

- 21M.848 Performance Studies: Advanced Theories of Sport
- 21M.600 Introduction to Acting
- 21M.601 Drawing for Designers
- 21M.603 Introduction to Design for the Theater
- 21M.604 Playwriting Fundamentals
- 21M.605 Voice and Speech for the Actor
- 21M.606 Introduction to Stagecraft
- 21M.607 Playwriting Methods
- 21M.608 Screenwriting
- 21M.623 Physical Improvisation
- 21M.624 Acting with the Camera (CI-M)
- 21M.645 Motion Theater
- 21M.702 Live Solo Performance: Monodrama and Composition
- 21M.704 Music Theater Workshop
- 21M.705 Acting Intensive
- 21M.712 Choreography: Making Dances
- 21M.732 Costume Design (CI-M)
- 21M.733 Set Design (CI-M)
- 21M.734 Lighting Design
- 21M.735 Technical Design for Performance (CI-M)
- 21M.737 Interactive Design and Projection for Live Performance
- 21M.785 Playwrights Lab (CI-M)
- 21M.790 Director’s Craft
- 21M.830 Acting: Techniques and Style (CI-M)
- 21M.840 Performance Media
- 21M.842 Live Cinema Performance
- 21M.861 Topics in Performance Technique
- 21M.862 Topics in Performance Practice
- 21M.863 Advanced Topics in Theater Arts
In consultation with the Major Advisor, select 12 units of restricted electives. Qualified students may, with departmental approval, substitute 12 units of thesis (21M.THU).  

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<th>Units in Major</th>
<th>120</th>
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<td>Unrestricted Electives $^1$</td>
<td>96-132</td>
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<td>Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs</td>
<td>(36-72)</td>
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<td>Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree</td>
<td>180</td>
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The units for any subject that counts as one of the 17 GIR subjects cannot also be counted as units required beyond the GIRs.

$^2$ This chart has been calculated based on an overlap of 36 units (three subjects) between the HASS General Institute Requirement and the departmental requirements. Students who develop a program of study with more overlap will be able to select more unrestricted electives to meet the number of total units beyond the GIRs required for an SB degree.

$^2$ Pursuit of the thesis is by application only. By the beginning of the second semester of the junior year, all interested students will write a thesis proposal in consultation with the Major Advisor. This proposal will be submitted to the Theater Arts Curriculum Committee, which will communicate its decision to the student in April.