

# Theater (THEA)

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## Courses

### **THEA 120 Introduction to Theater (3 Hours)**

Students will be introduced to a variety of theatrical experiences, read great plays and see live theater presentations. They also will discuss theater practices, dramatic literature and the history of the theater. Includes required shop hours. 3 hrs. lecture/wk.

### **THEA 120H HON: Intro to Theater (1 Hour)**

One-credit hour honors contract is available to qualified students who have an interest in a more thorough investigation of a topic related to this subject. An honors contract may incorporate research, a paper, or project and includes individual meetings with a faculty mentor. Student must be currently enrolled in the regular section of the courses or have completed it the previous semester. Contact the Honors Program Office, COM 201, for more information.

### **THEA 121 Fundamentals of Acting (3 Hours)**

This course is designed to teach the fundamentals of acting for those students who have little or no experience in the theatre. We will overview all the tools used by actors, including improvisation, vocal, physical, and psychological warm-ups, building trust, relaxation, and discipline techniques. Students will complete a minimum of two in-class performances. 3 hrs. lecture/wk.

### **THEA 121H HON: Fundamentals of Acting (1 Hour)**

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### **THEA 123 Improvisation for the Theater\* (2 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** THEA 130

The student will be introduced to theater improvisation, which will emphasize creative stage activities not requiring a written script. Participation in activities of this course will release and enhance the work of serious acting students and show the students how to approach characterization viscerally rather than intellectually, spontaneously rather than intentionally. 2 hrs. lecture/wk.

### **THEA 130 Acting I\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** THEA 121 or permission of instructor

This course will expand on the skills learned in Fundamentals of Acting and will concentrate on developing scene work. Emphasis will be on discovering and expanding creative potential through exercises in self-awareness, posture, movement, voice and personality projection. Students will complete a minimum of three in-class performances. 3 hrs. lecture/wk. plus rehearsals and performances.

### **THEA 130H HON: Acting I (1 Hour)**

One-credit hour honors contract is available to qualified students who have an interest in a more thorough investigation of a topic related to this subject. An honors contract may incorporate research, a paper, or project and includes individual meetings with a faculty mentor. Student must be currently enrolled in the regular section of the courses or have completed it the previous semester. Contact the Honors Program Office, COM 201, for more information.

### **THEA 131 Voice and Speech (3 Hours)**

The student will develop techniques to expand breath support, vocal range and dynamics; learn precise articulation; and strengthen the connection between thought and sound. Through the use of exercises to free, develop and strengthen the voice, the student will be better able to communicate the full range of human emotion and all the nuances of thought. Skills acquired in this course are essential for actors, broadcast journalists, educators and other public speakers. 3 hrs. lecture/wk. This course is typically taught in the fall semester.

### **THEA 133 Technical Practicum I (1 Hour)**

Students gain practical experience in technical theater in this course. The student completes the course objectives by working in the theatre department's productions and/or working in the scene/costume shop during the semester. 2 hrs. lab/wk.

### **THEA 134 Performance Practicum I (1 Hour)**

This course will enable students to gain practical experience in performance-related aspects of college theater productions. Admission may be granted upon being cast in a JCCC production. 2 hrs. lab/wk.

### **THEA 135 Stage Makeup (2 Hours)**

An introductory course designed to provide an understanding of, and practical skill in, the design and application of makeup for theatrical performance. 1 hr. lecture, 1 hr. lab/wk. This course is typically taught in the spring semester.

### **THEA 136 Costume Construction (3 Hours)**

This is a survey of the theory, techniques and skills used in costume creation for the theater and film. Areas of study and practice include basic construction, patterning and cutting; fabrics, design and realization; millinery; craftwork; and organization. 2 hrs. lecture, 2 hrs. lab/wk.

**THEA 137 Movement for the Stage (3 Hours)**

The student will develop techniques to expand kinesthetic awareness, flexibility, physical freedom and the language of movement. Through the use of exercises to free, develop and strengthen physical vocabulary, the student will be better able to communicate the physical life of a character. Skills acquired in this course will include mime, stage combat, commedia, improvisation and circus techniques. 3 hrs. lecture/wk. This course is typically taught in the spring semester.

**THEA 140 Basic Stagecraft (3 Hours)**

This course introduces the general student and theater major to basic stagecraft. Through lectures, in-class demonstrations and hands-on experiences, the student will gain a working and appreciative knowledge of technical theater. The course includes 15 lab hours and attendance at two live theatrical productions. 2 hrs. lecture, 2 hrs. lab/wk. This course is typically offered in the fall semester.

**THEA 145 Introduction to Theater Design (3 Hours)**

This lecture and studio class introduces the theory and practice of theater design and the graphics and standards of entertainment technology. Emphasis will be on the processes and practices used in designing for the performing arts. Using course-taught computer and hand-based drawing techniques, the student will create a portfolio of his or her work through in-class projects. 2 hrs. lecture, 2 hrs. lab/wk. This course is typically offered in the spring semester.

**THEA 209 Script Analysis (3 Hours)**

Script Analysis introduces students to those methods used in the theater for the study and/or analysis of plays. Directors, actors and designers use script analysis during their preparatory work and then continue to use it through the rehearsal process until, and sometimes even after, the production has finished. This course is of value to the student because it focuses on the crucial elements of a play encountered during the production process including dramatic structure, content and meaning. 3 hrs. lecture/wk. This course is typically offered in the fall semester only.

**THEA 225 Reader's Theater (3 Hours)**

Students will combine acting, interpretation and rhetoric as they analyze and perform poetry, prose and dramatic literature and present public performances. Through the process of reading, studying, investing, rehearsing and performing literary and nonliterary works, the student will learn to pay particular attention to the voice embodied in a given text and the cultural and social context within which that voice speaks. 3 hrs. lecture/wk. plus rehearsals. This course is typically taught in the spring semester.

**THEA 230 Acting II\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** THEA 130

This continuation of Acting I will focus on more in-depth character analysis and development, emphasizing the actor's responsibility in creating the character. 3 hrs./wk. plus rehearsals and performances. 3 hrs. lecture/wk.

**THEA 230H HON: Acting II (1 Hour)**

One-credit hour honors contract is available to qualified students who have an interest in a more thorough investigation of a topic related to this subject. An honors contract may incorporate research, a paper, or project and includes individual meetings with a faculty mentor. Student must be currently enrolled in the regular section of the courses or have completed it the previous semester. Contact the Honors Program Office, COM 201, for more information.

**THEA 232 Play Reading and Production\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** THEA 120

This course is an introductory survey in the process of reading and producing plays. The focus of the course will be on reading a play and understanding the steps necessary to create a production of that play. Some of the topics explored will include play selection, script analysis, the audition process, the rehearsal process, stage management, directing, and the actor-audience-director relationship. 3 hrs. lecture/wk.

**THEA 233 Technical Practicum II\* (1 Hour)**

**Prerequisites:** THEA 133

Students gain practical experience in technical theater in this course. The student completes the course objectives by working on the theatre department's productions and/or working in the scene/costume shop during the semester. 4 hrs.lab/wk.

**THEA 235 Technical Practicum III\* (2 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** Permission of instructor

Students will gain professional technical theater experience in this course by working as an apprentice for the theater department and an outside professional performing arts agency. While on campus and/or on location, students will build and install a stage and/or scenery as they work alongside theater professionals to execute theatrical productions. 4 hrs. lab/wk. This course is offered in summer only; permission from instructor is required to enroll.

**THEA 240 Introduction to Costume Design (1 Hour)**

A 16-week course designed to introduce basic techniques in costume design and research and to provide an overview of the scope and impact of costume as a technical and artistic aspect of theater and film. 1 hr. lecture, 1 hr. lab/wk. This course is typically taught in the spring semester.

**THEA 291 Independent Study\* (1-7 Hour)**

**Prerequisites:** 2.0 GPA minimum and department approval

Independent study is a directed, structured learning experience offered as an extension of the regular curriculum. It is intended to allow individual students to broaden their comprehension of the principles of and competencies associated with the discipline or program. Its purpose is to supplement existing courses with individualized, in-depth learning experiences. Such learning experiences may be undertaken independent of the traditional classroom setting, but will be appropriately directed and supervised by regular instructional staff. Total contact hours vary based on the learning experience.

**THEA 292 Special Topics:\* (3 Hours)**

**Prerequisites:** Instructor approval

This course periodically offers specialized or advanced discipline-specific content related to performance, technical theatre, and design not normally taught in the curriculum, to interested and qualified students within the program. 3 hrs. lecture/wk.