

Theatre and Performance Studies, B.A.

Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Performance Studies provides undergraduate students with a foundation in theatre and performance studies through the study of a variety of texts and styles, including classical and contemporary plays, musical theatre, folk and literary narratives, performance art, poetry, comedy improv, storytelling, solo performance, and personal narratives. Students choose between concentrations in acting, performance studies, musical theatre or design/technology. Internships with professional organizations and education abroad opportunities are integrated into the curriculum. An innovative season of diverse public performances offers students the opportunity to integrate classroom study with the highest standards of professional practice in research, performance, design, technical theatre, and the creation of original work. The program prepares students for entry into the profession or other related fields and for graduate study in theatre, performance studies, and related fields.



This program is a part of the College of The Arts.

Admission, Enrollment, and Graduation Policies

Admission Requirements

This program has specific admission requirements in addition to Admissions to Kennesaw State University. If you have been accepted to Kennesaw State University, and you are interested in becoming a theatre and performance studies major, please fill out the application. Auditions are not required for acceptance into the program. Students interested in applying to this program must meet the following program requirements:

- A high school GPA requirement of 3.00 or higher is required for first-year freshmen applying to be theatre and performance studies majors.
- A college GPA requirement of 3.00 or higher is required for entering transfers and currently enrolled KSU students seeking a change in major.

Graduation Requirements

Each student is expected to meet the requirements outlined in Academic Policies: 5.0 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & GRADUATION.

Program Course Requirements

Core IMPACTS Curriculum (42 Credit Hours)

General Education Core IMPACTS Curriculum

Core Field of Study (18 Credit Hours)

Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in these courses.

- TPS 1500: Introduction to Theatre Studies
- TPS 1600: Introduction to Performance Studies
- TPS 1713: Stagecraft
- TPS 2713: Theatre Production *Theatre Production must be taken two times for two credits each.
- TPS 2203: Acting I: Principles of Acting
- TPS 2813: Visual Imagination

Major Requirements (24 Credit Hours)

Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in these courses.

Required Courses (18 Credit Hours)

- TPS 3000: Performing Literature
 - TPS 3403: Play Analysis for Production
 - TPS 4513: History and Theory I: Ancient through Renaissance Theatre and Performance
 - TPS 4999: Senior Seminar: The Scholar Artist
- One of the following eight courses:
- TPS 3493: Performance Art
 - TPS 3093: Performing Folktales and Fairy Tales
 - TPS 3094: Performing Classical Myth
 - TPS 3095: Performing Irish Myth
 - TPS 3193: Performing World Myth
 - TPS 3194: Performing Personal Narrative
 - TPS 3600: Performing Culture
 - TPS 4333: Adapting and Staging Literary Texts
- And one of the following three courses:
- TPS 4523: History and Theory II: Neoclassical through Romantic Theatre and Performance

- TPS 4533: History and Theory III: Victorian through Contemporary Theatre and Performance
- TPS 4543: American Performance Traditions

Applied Professional Sequence (6 Credit Hours)

Select 6 credit hours from the following list of courses:

- TPS 3050: Applied Performance and Production
- TPS 3320: Musical Theatre Performance: Applied Voice
- TPS 3398: Internship
- TPS 4010: Storytelling Practicum
- TPS 4015: Musical Theatre Techniques II
- TPS 4020: Musical Theatre Ensemble
- TPS 4050: Advanced Applied Performance and Production
- TPS 4040: Stage Combat
- TPS 4030: Actor's Studio
- TPS 4400: Directed Study
- TPS 4490: Special Topics
- SA 4490: Upper-division Study Abroad

Major Concentrations (12 Credit Hours)

Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in these courses.

Acting Concentration

Required Courses (6 Credit Hours)

- TPS 3223: Acting II: Intermediate Acting
- TPS 3200: The Actor's Voice

Elective Courses (6 Credit Hours)

Select 6 credit hours from the following list of courses:

- TPS 3213: Acting for the Camera
- TPS 3243: Acting III: Acting Styles
- TPS 4243: Audition Practicum

Performance Studies Concentration

Performance Studies Courses (12 Credit Hours)

Select 12 credit hours from the following list of courses:

- TPS 3093: Performing Folktales and Fairy Tales
- TPS 3094: Performing Classical Myth
- TPS 3095: Performing Irish Myth
- TPS 3193: Performing World Myth
- TPS 3194: Performing Personal Narrative
- TPS 3400: Performance Composition
- TPS 3493: Performance Art
- TPS 3500: Dramaturgy
- TPS 3600: Performing Culture
- TPS 4313: Principles of Directing
- TPS 4323: Directing Styles
- TPS 4333: Adapting and Staging Literary Texts

Design/Technology Concentration

Required Courses (6 Credit Hours)

- TPS 3823: Design Skills
- TPS 3853: Period Styles

Elective Courses (6 Credit Hours)

Select 6 credit hours from the following list of courses:

- TPS 4813: Scene Design
- TPS 4823: Lighting Design for the Stage
- TPS 4833: Costume Design

Musical Theatre Concentration

Required Courses (12 Credit Hours)

- TPS 3015: Musical Theatre Techniques I
- TPS 3700: Music Theory for Musical Theatre
- TPS 3713: Acting in Musical Theatre
- DANC 3000: Musical Theatre Dance: Styles I
- TPS 3703: Musical Theatre History and Literature

Major Electives (12 Credit Hours)

Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in these courses.

Related Studies (12 Credit Hours)

Select 12 credit hours of 3000–4000 level coursework from the following prefixes: TPS, DANC, MUSI, ART, ENGL, FILM, AMST, AADS, GWST, PSYC, SOC, HIST, WLC, FREN, SPAN, ITAL, GERM, JAP, KOR, HEBR, GEOG, ANTH, ARCH, ACCT, ECON, FIN, ENTR, ISA, IS, MKTG, MGMT. Additional approvals may be arranged with an advisor.

University Electives (12 Credit Hours)

In accordance with KSU Graduation Policy, students must earn a grade of "D" or better in these courses while maintaining at minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA.

Free Electives (12 Credit Hours)

Select 12 credit hours of 1000–4000 level coursework from the University Catalog.

Program Total (120 Credit Hours)