Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/).

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores, or comparable examination scores, are not required for admission to the School of Theatre.

Requirements for admission to the M.F.A. program are:

1. a broad undergraduate preparation in theatre, including 3 credits each in acting, directing, stagecraft, and theatre history; and 6 credits of dramatic literature;
2. 12 credits in related subject areas such as communications, oral interpretation, art, business, music, and dance; and
3. submission of a vita and at least three letters of recommendation.

Additional requirements for M.F.A. applicants are:

1. submission of evidence of professional potential in the proposed area of specialization—auditions, prompt books, portfolios, manuscripts, and other appropriate presentations to the applicable study program(s) by arrangement with the department; and
2. a personal interview to be arranged by the student.