**ACTING, B.F.A.**

**Begin Campus:** University Park

**End Campus:** University Park

**Degree Requirements**

For a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Acting, a minimum of 121 credits is required:

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9 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 3 credits of GHW, 3 credits of GN, 3 credits of GA.

**Requirements for the Major**

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

### Prescribed Courses

- **DANCE 270** Introduction to Bartenieff Fundamentals 3
- **DANCE 361** Intermediate Modern Dance I 1.5
- **DANCE 362** Intermediate Modern Dance II 1.5
- **DANCE 370** Anatomy and Physiology for Performers 3
- **DANCE 499** Dance Foreign Study 3
- **MUSIC 113** Music Theatre–Class Voice I 1
- **MUSIC 114** Music Theatre–Class Voice II 1
- **THEA 101** First-Year Seminar: Theatre Production Practices 1
- **THEA 106** Theatre Foundations 3
- **THEA 115** B.F.A. Acting Foundations 2
- **THEA 132** Survey of Theatre Production Practice 1
- **THEA 201W** Script Analysis 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 322** Voice and Speech I 2
- **THEA 324** Movement for Actors I 2
- **THEA 325** Movement for Actors II 2
- **THEA 420** Scene Study I 3
- **THEA 421** Advanced Acting: Physical Approaches 3
- **THEA 422** Advanced Scene Study 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
- **THEA 429** Theatre Performance Practicum 2
- **THEA 437** Artistic Staff for Production 6
- **THEA 499** Foreign Studies–Theatre Arts 9

**Additional Courses**

### Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

Select 9 credits from the following:

- **THEA 401** Theatre History I: Ancient to 1700
- **THEA 402** Theatre History II: From 1700 to Present
- **THEA 403** 20th Century Theatre History
- **THEA 404** Twenty-first Century Theatre and Drama
- **THEA 405W** Theatre History: American Theatre
- **THEA/WMNST 407W** Women and Theatre
- **THEA 408W** History of American Musical Theatre
- **THEA/AFAM 412** African American Theatre

1 A grade of C or better per course is required for teacher certification.

**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/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80]). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.