

THEATRE

Degree Requirements

Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.)

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-700 Professional Degree Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

The program entails specialized professional training in one of the following areas:

- acting,
- directing,
- scene design,
- costume design,
- costuming,
- lighting design, and
- technical direction.

Six semesters in residence are normally required to complete the minimum 60-credit degree.

Students are evaluated on a semester-by-semester basis on academic progress, creative achievement, and professional potential. The M.F.A. is a professional degree and is granted by the Graduate Faculty on the basis of academic and creative excellence over and above the fulfillment of requirements. Satisfactory academic progress does not guarantee continuance in the program, nor does continuance in the program imply the automatic granting of a degree. M.F.A. students are required to participate in the School of Theatre productions in positions of responsibility. Additionally, each student must complete a committee-approved monograph project in the area of specialization. An international residency is required and is funded by the school.