

MUSICAL THEATER

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Overview

The Musical Theater concentration is open to all majors in the Bachelor of Arts program. Musical theater is an interdisciplinary art form that is culturally relevant by offering opportunities for discourse and dialogue on social issues, societal change and culture through its performance. This genre of theater has deep roots in American culture and is wildly popular offering ample, consistent, and financially supported professional opportunities for those who wish to have careers as artists. The rise in popularity of musical theater has also extended over to film and television.

Intended Learning Outcomes for the Concentration

Requirements

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Code	Title	Credits
Required (Core) Courses:		
THEAT 131	Musical Theater	1.00
MUSIC 267	Advanced Acting For The Lyric Stage	1.00
Dance: 3 semesters of movement intensive (any style)		.75
Voice Lessons: 3 semesters at 0.25 ¹		.75
Performance or Tech Lab: 2 semesters at 0.25 ²		.50
THEAT 271	History of Theater since 1700	1.00
Electives: Students elect to take 1.0 credit from the following list: ³		1.00
DANCE 231	Fundamentals of Choreography and Improvisation	
MUSPF 124 Jazz piano lessons (4 semesters at 0.25 credits)		
MUSIC 268	Opera Creation Residency in the Schools: Civic Engagement	
MUSIC 269	Opera Workshop	
THEAT 115	Acting for the Non Major	
THEAT 130	Introduction to Acting	
THEAT 140	Introduction to Design for Performance	
THEAT 180	Text and Performance	
THEAT 230	Intermediate Acting	
THEAT 232	Stage Direction	
THEAT 240	Scenery and Costume Design and Production	
THEAT 250	Lighting and Sound-Design and Production	
Total Credits		6

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One semester of MUSIC 148 Contemporary Styles Voice Class can count toward voice lesson credits.

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THEAT 233, THEAT 253, or 2 productions directed by a St. Olaf Theater/Music faculty/staff; student directed shows do not count.

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Other courses not listed may count with prior approval of the Department Chair of Music or Chair of Theater.

Faculty

Program Director, 2024-25

Marita Stryker

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