

MUSICAL THEATRE, BFA

The BFA in Musical Theatre is a pre-professional degree program designed to develop a solid foundation in the skills required for a career as a musical theatre performer, with particular focus on vocal performance and acting technique. The program is grounded in musicianship and storytelling, providing intensive training in music theory, piano skills, and weekly voice lessons along with a high level of acting coursework in Stanislavski-based scene study classes, Shakespeare and heightened text and many other styles. Students also receive extensive training in ballet, jazz, tap and musical theatre dance styles. In addition to performing in our productions at CCPA, Musical Theatre majors have gotten experience as swings and understudies while still in school at some of the Chicago area's best theatres, including Porchlight Theatre, Drury Lane, Marriott Lincolnshire, Writers Theatre, Chicago Shakespeare Theater, and more.

Admission requirements

Students interested in the Musical Theatre major should already have a strong background in vocal performance and acting. Dance experience is a plus but not required.

Please consult the CCPA Admission and Audition Information webpage for the BFA in Musical Theatre audition requirements (<https://www.roosevelt.edu/admission/ccpa/>).

Residency Requirement

A student must complete at least 60 credit hours at Roosevelt University.

Grade Requirements

A student must earn at least C- in all Theatre Conservatory coursework and maintain a GPA of 3.0 in all courses in their major subject area.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Theatre, Music and Dance Requirements		
THAR 350	THEATRE PRODUCTION PRACTICUM (six semesters; 1 credit per semester)	6
THAR 351	THEATRE PERFORMANCE ASSIGNMENT (THEATRE PERFORMANCE)	1
or THAR 353	OFF-CAMPUS THEATRE PERFORMANCE INTERNSHIP	
THAR 352	COLLABORATIVE PERFORMANCE LAB (rev. SENIOR SHOWCASE)	1
MTHR 201	VOCAL ENSEMBLE (VOCAL ENSEMBLE)	1
MTHR 104	THE SPEAKING AND SINGING VOICE (THE SINGING AND SPEAKING VOICE)	2
THAR 220	VOICE & SPEECH FOR THE ACTOR I	2
TVOI 201	THEATER VOICE (three semesters; 2 credits per semester)	6
TVOI 301	THEATER VOICE (four semesters; two credits per semester)	8
THAR 206	FUNDAMENTALS I: ACTING & VOICE SPEECH I	2
THAR 207	FUNDAMENTALS OF ACTING II	2
THAR 225	INTERMEDIATE ACTING I	2
THAR 226	INTERMEDIATE ACTING II	2

MTHR 320	ACTING FOR THE MUSICAL STAGE I (ACTING FOR THE MUSICAL STAGE I)	3
MTHR 321	ACTING FOR THE MUSICAL STAGE II (ACTING FOR THE MUSICAL STAGE II)	3
MTHR 322	ACTING FOR MUSICAL STAGE III (ACTING FOR THE MUSICAL STAGE III)	3
MTHR 326	ENSEMBLE FOR MUSICAL STAGE I (ENSEMBLE FOR THE MUSICAL STAGE I)	3
TDAN 211	JAZZ LEVEL I (placement by level) (four semesters; 1 credit per semester)	4
or TDAN 212	JAZZ, LEVEL II	
or TDAN 213	JAZZ, LEVEL III	
or TDAN 214	JAZZ, LEVEL IV	
TDAN 221	BALLET, LEVEL I (placement by level) (two semesters; 1 credit per semester)	2
or TDAN 222	BALLET, LEVEL II	
or TDAN 223	BALLET, LEVEL III	
or TDAN 224	BALLET, LEVEL IV	
TDAN 231	TAP, LEVEL I (TAP (placement by level) (two semesters; 1 credit per semester))	2
or TDAN 232	TAP, LEVEL II	
or TDAN 233	TAP, LEVEL III	
MTHR 121	MUSICIANSHIP I, WRITTEN/AURAL (MUSICIANSHIP I: WRITTEN & AURAL SKILLS)	3
MTHR 122	MUSICIANSHIP II, WRITTEN/AURAL (MUSICIANSHIP II: WRITTEN & AURAL SKILLS)	3
MTHR 123	MUSICIANSHIP I, PIANO SKILLS (MUSICIANSHIP I: KEYBOARD SKILLS)	2
THIS 251	WORLD VERNACULAR ARTISTRY (WORLD VERNACULAR ARTISTRY)	3
THIS 252	CONSTRUCTS OF WESTERN THEATRE AND MUSIC (CONSTRUCTS OF WESTERN THEATRE AND MUSIC)	3
THIS 253	PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS (PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS)	3
PAID 101	INTRO TO PERFORMING ART TECH (INTRO TO PERFORMING ARTS TECHNOLOGY)	1
THAR 340	INTRODUCTION TO PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS (rev. THEATRE BUSINESS)	2
FIN 202	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT FOR PERFORMING ARTISTS (FINANCE FOR PERFORMING ARTISTS)	1
Theatre Electives ¹		18
Core Requirements (General Education)		
ARTL 101	THE PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING ARTIST IN SOCIETY	2
ARTL 201	BEING THE PERFORMING ARTIST IN SOCIETY (BEING THE PERFORMING ARTS IN SOCIETY)	1
ENG 101	COMPOSITION I: CRITICAL READING & WRITING	3

ENG 102	COMPOSITION II: INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMIC RESEARCH	3
ENG 205	SHAKESPEARE IN CONTEXT	3
Humanities/Fine & Performing Arts		6
Math or Science		3
(FIT 100 recommended)		
Social Science		6
(PSYC 203 recommended)		
Total Credit Hours		121

¹ Theatre Electives should be chosen in consultation with the Program Director and Academic Advisor, and may not include TVOI applied lessons.

Your degree map is a general guide suggesting courses to complete each term on the academic pathway to your degree. It is based on the most current scheduling information from your academic program. Your program's degree map is reviewed annually and updated as schedules change (although you retain the same course requirements as long as you are continuously enrolled in your degree program).

Always work closely with your academic advisor to understand curriculum requirements and scheduling, as each student's academic plan can look slightly different.

Year 1

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
THAR 350	1 THAR 350	1
MTHR 201	1 TVOI 201	2
THAR 206	4 MTHR 104	2
TDAN 221, 222, 223, or 224	1 THAR 207	3
MTHR 121	3 TDAN 221, 222, 223, or 224	1
PAID 101	1 MTHR 122	3
ARTL 101	2 MTHR 123	2
ENG 101	3 ENG 102	3
	16	17

Year 2

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
THAR 350	1 THAR 350	1
TVOI 201	2 TVOI 201	2
THAR 225	3 THAR 226	3
MTHR 320	3 MTHR 321	3
TDAN 211, 212, 213, or 214	1 TDAN 231, 232, or 233	1
THIS 251	3 THIS 252	3
General Studies	3 General Studies	3
	16	16

Year 3

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
ARTL 201	1 MTHR 322	3
MTHR 323	3 TDAN 211, 212, 213, or 214	1
MTHR 326	3 THAR 231	3

TDAN 231, 232, or 233	1 THAR 350	1
THAR 350	1 TVOI 201	2
THIS 253	3 General Studies	3
TVOI 201	2 Theatre Elective	3
General Studies	3	
	17	16

Year 4

Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
TDAN 211, 212, 213, or 214	1 TDAN 211, 212, 213, or 214	1
THAR 340	2 THAR 398	1
THAR 351 or 353	1 TVOI 201	2
TVOI 201	2 Dance Elective (Ballet, Jazz, Tap by level)	1
Theatre Elective	3 Theatre Elective	3
General Studies	3 Theatre Elective	3
	General Studies	3
	12	14

Total Credit Hours 124