

# THEATRE, B.A.

## Mission

The mission of the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre is to produce committed Christian graduates who are prepared to express, represent, and dramatize insights and ethical messages in performances. They illustrate through acting, directing, design, and criticism insightful interpretations of dramatic literature in performance, both popular and religious. These graduates demonstrate proficiency in both theory and praxis of the theatre arts discipline.

## Degree Program

Upon completion of the University baccalaureate and major requirements, the Communication Studies Department offers the Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre. Obtaining a degree with this major requires 42 credits, 27 credits of upper-division.

## Learning Outcomes

### Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate accurate critical analysis through the presentation of oral and written critiques of texts and performances (ULO 1).
2. Identify and describe where and how the theatrical arts compliment, mirror, and are informed by biblical values and content (ULO 1, ULO 2).
3. Exhibit collaborative skills as members of a team in the creation of artistic endeavors (ULO 2).
4. Demonstrate knowledge of theatre history and literature, applying connections between theatrical practices and social contexts (ULO 2).
5. Integrate research and critical thinking skills towards excellence in preparation and presentation (ULO 3).
6. Apply experiential training in the art and business of the theatre production process, in the classroom and on stage (ULO 3).

Each Program Learning Outcome (PLO) listed above references at least one of the University Learning Outcomes (ULO 1, 2, 3), which may be found in the General Information (<http://catalog.biola.edu/general-information>) section of this catalog.

## Requirements

### Writing Competency Requirement

Writing competency is determined within the Department of Communication Studies by a full-time faculty assessment of in-class writing samples and completion of ENGL 313 with a grade of C or higher. A minimum four page reaction or research paper from a 300 or 400 level Communication Studies required or elective course is submitted (with expected rewrites and corrections) with a student's identification number and no other corrective faculty comments or marks (out-of-class sample). Full-time faculty assess the submissions, give a numerical designation based on the WCR University-wide rubric with a minimum score of 15. After a second failure to pass the department writing competency requirement, a student must enroll in ENGL 210, consult the

Communication Studies Department Chair, and pass the course to fulfill the requirement.

## Curriculum Requirements

### Program-Specific Core Curriculum (GE) Courses

It is required that all Theatre major students take the following Core Curriculum (GE) courses: THTR 160 for the fine arts requirement and COMM 200 for the communication requirement. It is recommended that all Theatre students take the following Core Curriculum (GE) course: PHIL 216 (for "Philosophy" requirement)

### Program Courses

THTR 109	Production Practicum <sup>1,2</sup>	2
THTR 241	Intro to Technical Theatre	3
THTR 264	Beginning Acting	3
THTR 369	Intermediate Acting	3
THTR 391	Directing Theatre	3
THTR 405	Dramatic Theory and Criticism	3
THTR 409	Production Practicum II <sup>2,3</sup>	4
THTR 468	Drama for Christian Ministry	3
Select 18 credits from the following:		18
THTR 162	Voice and Speech for Theatre	
THTR 215	Theatrical Makeup	
THTR 232	Costume Study and Construction	
THTR 345	Lighting and Sound for Theatre	
THTR 419	Dramatic Design and Criticism	
THTR 435	Playwriting for Performance	
THTR 463	Advanced Acting Workshop	
THTR 477	London Theatre Study Tour	
CNMA 450	Cinema and Media Arts Practicum	
CNMA 470	Cinema and Media Arts Seminar	
COMM 280	Oral Interpretation	
COMM 282	Intercollegiate Forensics	
COMM 382	Intercollegiate Forensics	
COMM 440	Communication Internship <sup>2,4</sup>	
COMM 450	Communication Practicum <sup>2</sup>	
COMM 470	Communication Seminar	
COMM 480	Directed Research <sup>2</sup>	

Total Credits 42

<sup>1</sup> Should only be taken once for a total of 2 credits.

<sup>2</sup> Students may only count a maximum of 9 credits of THTR 109, THTR 409, COMM 440, COMM 450, COMM 480 towards the major.

<sup>3</sup> Must be taken twice for a total of 4 credits.

<sup>4</sup> Students may not count more than 6 credits of COMM 440 toward the major.