

FOUR YEAR COURSE PLANS

OWU THEATRE and DANCE

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The faculty in the Department of Theatre and Dance have developed these guidelines to assist the typical student who wants to major in Theatre or Dance Theatre. Students who wish to concentrate in a certain area of the art form may want to seek additional advice from those faculty in that area. As always, the OWU Catalog and Registrar are the final authority on graduation requirements.

NOTE:

These plans are meant as a guide, to assist your scheduling strategy with your academic advisor. These plans assume no transfer credit, AP credit, or requirement waivers.

These plans assume a minimum semester course load averaging 4.25.

****Additional theatre or dance electives may be taken if more than 4.25 units per semester are earned; or if approved credit has been earned previously/elsewhere.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

34 units are the minimum required for graduation. Of these, a student may not exceed more than 13 courses within a single discipline (Theatre) or 17 courses within a single department (Theatre & Dance). Upper level credits must total at least 15.

Typically, assuming a 34 credit plan, this will mean that a student who takes 9 theatre and 1 dance course to fulfill the theatre major will have 4 openings for theatre electives, and those who take 10 theatre courses will have 3 openings for theatre electives. Cross-listed courses may offer some flexibility, but be aware that the Academic Dean/APC may be limiting aspects of that practice in the near future.

In addition, 31 units must be full-unit courses. Modular courses taken in the same discipline may be combined in pairs to count as unit courses, (.50 Tech Topics and .50 Theatre Practicums). Not more than three units of fractional courses may be counted towards graduation, and not more than 2 of these can be from one discipline. (.25 Theatre Practicum)

KEY to 4 Year Course Plans below:

- * These courses are required for the theatre or dance theatre major. Most required courses can be taken in any year, as long as the prerequisites have been satisfied.
- + Theatre/Dance electives can be taken in this semester, or another, if it is exchanged with an OWU REQ. (These courses will include competency requirements, distribution requirements, the diversity and the quantitative requirement.)

Theatre Major 10-11 Required * credits:

3 Performance:	Beginning Acting, Directing <i>OR</i> Playwriting, Dance <i>OR</i> Movement
4 History/Lit/Theory:	Drama to 1700, Modern Drama, American Drama, Theories of Performance
3 Design/Tech:	Intro to Technical Theatre, Elements of Design, Theatre Practicum (any combination of .50 or .25 credit)

* Plus a Capstone/Sr. Project, which may be taken for credit on campus—a research paper, production work on a main season show, an independent project, etc—or may be fulfilled by some other experience, such as NYArts Program.

Fall Theatre Electives+: Tech Topics, Vocal Interp, Directing, Playwriting, Dance, Seminar

Spring Theatre Electives+: Tech Topics, Asian Theatre, Movement, Acting Workshop, Design Studio, Arts Management, Dance, Seminar

General Guidelines for the Theatre Major:

--All freshmen who want to major in theatre should take Beginning Acting (210) and Intro to Tech Theatre (126) in Year 1, or at the latest in Year 2.

--Theatre history courses can be taken in any order, but Drama to 1700 is only offered every other year

--Directing, Playwriting, and Elements of Design are generally taken in Year 3, but sometimes Year 4, and occasionally Year 2, if all prerequisites have been met.

--Dance 105, 205, and THEA 210, 126 are generally offered every semester. Most other required courses are only offered once a year. Some electives are offered every other year.

THEATRE MAJOR Suggested plan for students on campus all eight semesters.

	FALL	SPRING
Year 1	*Intro to Tech <i>OR</i> Beginning Acting OWU REQ: Language Course OWU REQ: ENG 105 (or spring) OWU REQ * Theatre Practicum (Credits equal to one full unit; may be taken in any semester)	*Intro to Tech <i>OR</i> Beginning Acting OWU REQ: Language Course Theatre Elective (or +) OWU REQ
Year 2	*Modern Drama (or Yr 3) *Elements of Design (or Yr 3) OWU REQ OWU REQ *Any DANC Course (may be taken in any semester, any year)	*American Drama (or Yr 3) * Drama to 1700 (or Yr 3,4) OWU REQ OWU REQ
Year 3	*Playwriting <i>OR</i> Directing (or Yr 4) OWU REQ OWU REQ Theatre Elective (or +)	*Theories of Performance OWU REQ OWU REQ OWU REQ
Year 4	*Capstone/Sr Project Credit (or Spr) OWU REQ OWU REQ OWU REQ	Theatre Elective (or +) OWU REQ OWU REQ OWU REQ