

THEATRE ARTS (TA)

Subject-area course lists indicate courses currently active for offering at the University of Louisville. Not all courses are scheduled in any given academic term. For class offerings in a specific semester, refer to the Schedule of Classes (https://csprd.louisville.edu/psd/ps_class/EMPLOYEE/PSFT_CS/c/COMMUNITY_ACCESS.CLASS_SEARCH./x/?state=62dab551a0d600a5e8237359c50704e59007&duo_code=sjUx2OSTj21bWVEUd3Z1YHjHm1xpqov).

500-level courses generally are included in both the undergraduate- and graduate-level course listings; however, specific course/section offerings may vary between semesters. Students are responsible for ensuring that they enroll in courses that are applicable to their particular academic programs.

Course Fees

Some courses may carry fees beyond the standard tuition costs to cover additional support or materials. Program-, subject- and course-specific fee information can be found on the Office of the Bursar website (<https://louisville.edu/bursar/tuitionfee/university-fees/>).

TA 520. Acting Workshop 3 Units

Prerequisite(s): Departmental consent.

Description: Practical problems in the art of acting approached in a laboratory setting.

Note: Meets with TA 530.

Note: May be repeated.

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TA 526. Tools for a Global Theatre 3 Units

Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.

Description: Cultural issues, perspectives, and approaches to theatre in various parts of the world will be addressed using both classical and contemporary texts.

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TA 530. Directing Workshop 3 Units

Prerequisite(s): permission of instructor.

Description: Practical problems in the art of directing approached in a laboratory setting.

Note: Meets with TA 520.

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TA 532. Advanced Directing the Black Experience 3 Units

Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.

Description: Advanced techniques for staging plays from an African-centered perspective.

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TA 533. Advanced Stage Management 3 Units

Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

Description: Techniques of production management during audition, rehearsal, and performance. Practical project required.

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TA 540. Problems in Technical Theatre 3 Units

Prerequisite(s): TA 241.

Description: Topics vary by semester, but may include: a) Welding, b) Sound Design, c) Technical Direction, and/or d) Special Topics.

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TA 541. Topics: Scene Design 3 Units

Prerequisite(s): TA 340.

Description: Topics vary by semester, but may include: a) Scene Design, b) Advanced Scene Design, c) Design for the Camera, d) Design for Lyric Theatre, and/or e) Special Topics.

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TA 543. Scenographic Techniques 3 Units

Prerequisite(s): TA 340.

Description: Topics vary by semester, but may include: a) CAD for Stage Design, b) Sketching and Rendering - Scenery, c) Scene Painting, and/or d) Special Topics.

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TA 545. Topics: Costume Design 3 Units

Prerequisite(s): TA 345 or Permission of the Instructor.

Description: Topics vary by semester, but may include: a) Advanced Costume Design, b) Costume History, c) Costume Construction, d) Sewing Techniques, e) Sketching and Rendering - Costumes, and/or f) Special Topics.

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TA 546. Portfolio Design 1 Unit

Term Typically Offered: Spring Odd Years

Description: The course is designed for the student interested in developing a portfolio for a career in the arts. As part of this course, you will create a theatrical resume, a digital or physical portfolio, and a website to display work, resume, and contact information.

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TA 547. Advanced Black Aesthetic on Stage 3 Units

Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.

Description: Exploration of scenic, costume, lighting, and sound design from an Afrocentric perspective.

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TA 549. Topics: Lighting Design 3 Units Prerequisite(s): TA 349. Description: Topics vary by semester, but may include: a) Lighting Design, b) Advanced Lighting Design, and/or c) Special Topics For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)	TA 563. Advanced African-American Women in Theatre 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor. Description: Examines the full range of African-American women working in theatre including playwrights, performers, designers, theorists, academics, and directors. Includes examination of plays by women of African descent. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)
TA 550. Culminating Undergraduate Experience Practicum - CUE 3 Units Prerequisite(s): 90 credit hours. Description: The Theatre Arts CUE course is an independent project that demonstrates the student's ability to conceptualize, analyze, communicate and direct, design, perform, manage or otherwise take a leadership role in a work for the stage. Course Attribute(s): CUE - This course fulfills the Culminating Undergraduate Experience (CUE) requirement for certain degree programs. CUE courses are advanced-level courses intended for majors with at least 90 earned credits/senior-level status.	TA 565. Advanced Theatre of the African World 3 Units Prerequisite(s): Permission of Instructor. Description: Cross-cultural examination of the drama of the African-descended playwrights in the African Diaspora. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)
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TA 577. Women in American Theatre and Drama - WC, WR	3 Units	TA 624. Acting for Camera	3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered		Prerequisite(s): Undergraduate students require permission of instructor.	
Description: The lack of gender parity in American theatre was in the spotlight in the Spring of 2017, when Paula Vogel and Lynn Nottage, two veteran, Pulitzer-Prize winning playwrights, finally received Broadway debuts. The title of Michael Paulson's New York Times piece on this momentous event in American theatre history asks a crucial question pursued by this course: "Two Female Playwrights Arrive on Broadway. What Took So Long?" Paulson points out a glaring discrepancy between the gender demographics of Broadway spectators and the gender identities of the authors produced on Broadway. Roughly 67% of Broadway audiences are female; yet, Vogel's <i>Indecent</i> and Nottage's <i>Sweat</i> were the only new plays by women in a Broadway season that included eight new plays by men. Paulson also notes that the presence of two new plays by women in the 2016-17 Broadway season signals that some strides have been made since the 2013-14 Broadway season, which featured no new plays by women.		Description: The student will explore the fundamentals of on-camera acting and learn the techniques of various genres of camera performance.	
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TA 600. Thesis Guidance	1-6 Units	TA 625. MFA Performance Project I	1 Unit
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TA 610. Introduction to Graduate Study in Theatre	1 Unit	Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.	
Grading Basis: Pass/Fail		Description: Practical projects in theatre performance (acting, directing, stage management).	
Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.		For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)	
Description: Students are introduced to graduate studies, department requirements, life in the professional theatre, and tools for conducting research in the theatre.		TA 626. Thesis Performance	2 Units
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TA 611. Theatre Pedagogy	1-3 Units	Description: Practical project in theatre performance (acting, directing, stage management) specifically associated with the writing of the Master of Fine Arts monograph.	
Grading Basis: Pass/Fail		For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)	
Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing and permission of instructor.		TA 645. MFA Production Project	1-3 Units
Description: This course is designed to prepare the advanced student of theatre for teaching in the discipline. It will be primarily hands-on, giving students the opportunity to teach, participate, and observe. Students will leave this class with increased practical knowledge of theatre skills, confidence in the role of "teacher," and the ability to articulate goals and expectations.		Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.	
Note: Course may be repeated for up to three credit hours.		Description: Practical projects in theatre production (design, technical theatre, theatre management).	
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TA 620. Performance Theory	3 Units	TA 650. Theatre Internship	1-12 Units
Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.		Prerequisite(s): Approval of department and host organization.	
Description: Historical study of major approaches to the aesthetics of acting and directing.		Description: An internship with professional arts organizations.	
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		TA 654. Independent Study in Community Service	0.5-3 Units
		Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.	
		Description: Independent study linking the arts with service to the community.	
		Note: May be repeated for up to 3 credit hours.	
		Course Attribute(s): CBL - This course includes Community-Based Learning (CBL). Students will engage in a community experience or project with an external partner in order to enhance understanding and application of academic content.	
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		TA 655. Independent Study	1-3 Units
		Description: Independent study in areas not covered by the regular graduate curriculum.	
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TA 664. Approaching African-American Theatre 3 Units Description: Theoretical approaches and practical methods of performing, designing, staging, and teaching theatre, literature, and art that springs from a black aesthetic. Designed to prepare students to integrate African Diasporic topics into their teaching and to collaborate successfully as artists. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)	TA 687. Graduate Movement II 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Fall Only Description: A course in movement analysis that focuses on progressing the actor's relationship with both the function and expression of movement using the lens of the four bodies (physical, energetic, emotional and intellectual, and the body in space). For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)
TA 665. Tools for a Global Theatre 3 Units Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor. Description: Cultural issues, perspectives and approaches to theatre in various parts of the world will be addressed using both classical and contemporary texts. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)	TA 688. Graduate Movement III 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Fall Even Years Description: This course develops approaches to character creation within a specific time or performance style, rather than solely acquiring skills or learning a single aspect of that period or style. To decolonize period movement, we break with the European/Western model as standard and investigate the construction of physical identity and the ways in which socio-cultural factors inform and shape physical expression during the period in question. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)
TA 681. Graduate Voice I 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Fall Only Description: This is a graduate level course in voice for the actor. The focus will be on the connection between body, breath, and voice, including an understanding of the basic principles of the Alexander Technique, an understanding of body, breath, and vocal anatomy/articulators, and exploration of the pedagogy of voice. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)	TA 689. Graduate Movement IV 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Spring Odd Years Description: Graduate Movement IV: Devising Theatre - explores approaches to collective creation of performance from a variety of text-based sources. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)
TA 682. Graduate Voice II 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Spring Only Description: This is a graduate-level course in voice, speech, and text work for the actor. Its focus will be strengthening and building on students' foundational work in previous classes to provide them with the technical and creative tools necessary to bring any text to life. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)	TA 691. Graduate Acting I 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Fall Only Description: This course is an advanced study of different acting techniques including: Uta Hagen; Michael Chekhov; Tawnya Pettiford-Wates; Cristal Chanelle Truscott; and Freddie Hendricks. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)
TA 683. Graduate Voice III 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring Description: This is a graduate level course in voice, speech, and the Alexander Technique. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)	TA 692. Graduate Acting II 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Spring Only Description: The purpose of the course is to enable the students to begin to explore fundamental techniques in exploring how the imaginative process aid in developing character from the outside in. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)
TA 684. Graduate Voice IV 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Fall Even Years Description: This is a graduate level course in the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA), Dialects and Accents for the stage. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)	TA 693. Graduate Acting III 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Fall Even Years Description: This course is designed to provide the student with a fundamental approach to playing Shakespeare. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)
TA 686. Graduate Movement I 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Fall Only Description: This course develops increased flexibility, strength, and whole body (including voice & mind) presence and communication while exploring and experimenting in a Grotowski-based approach to actor training. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)	TA 694. Graduate Acting IV 3 Units Term Typically Offered: Fall Odd Years Prerequisite(s): TA-692 This is an advanced scene study class in character building and development for performance. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 695. Graduate Acting V

3 Units

Term Typically Offered: Spring Even Years

Description: This course offers preparation for gaining professional employment in theatre and film and sustaining one's career as an artist.

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