THEATRE ARTS (BS)



This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/).

Bachelor of Science in Theatre Arts

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/)
Department: Theatre Arts (http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/ta/)
Program Website (http://louisville.edu/theatrearts/undergraduates/)
Academic Plan Code(s): see Track Requirements tab.

Program Information

As part of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Theatre Arts is committed to a liberal arts education and professional training for our undergraduate students. The ancient art of theatre is most fully understood and exists at its deepest form of expression through the creation of performances shared with an audience. Doing so demands a deep array of knowledge and skill combined with a professional attitude and work ethic that can serve students throughout their lives in whatever profession they pursue.

All Theatre Arts Undergraduate Majors are required to fulfill course requirements for the College of Arts and Sciences, General Education and Programmatic/Supporting Courses.

Theatre Arts Requirements are split into four core areas: Academics, Performance, Design and Technology, and Performance/Production. In addition, Theatre Arts undergraduate majors utilize 18 hours of department electives to specialize in one of five areas including African American Theatre, Performance, Design and Technology, Dramaturgy and Playwriting, and General Studies. All majors participate in the Culminating Undergraduate Experience in their final year.

Completion of this degree requires work to be submitted for the department's Learning Outcomes Measurement. For details, contact the department.

Degree Summary

| Code | Title | Hours |
|------------------|---|-------|
| | n Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ eneral-education-requirements/) ¹ | 31 |
| College/School R | equirements | 13-15 |
| Program/Major R | equirements ¹ | 33 |
| Track Requiremer | nts | 27 |

| Supporting Courses | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Minimum Total Hours | 121 |

Some credit hours from the General Education Requirements may be satisfied by courses defined by the program, in which case additional electives will be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree. See the Degree Requirements tab for specific coursework.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

Departmental Admission Requirements

There are no specific admission requirements for this degree plan.

The Change Major Request form can be found under the Academic Progress tile on ULink.

General Education Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--------|---|-------|
| | ion Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ /general-education-requirements/) * | 31 |
| - | ourses are required by the program and satisfy the eral Education Requirement(s): | |
| TA 224 | Introduction to Acting as Communication - OC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | |
| TA 326 | Cultural Diversity in Performance - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | |

*All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

College/School Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---|---|-------|
| Arts & Sciences | Requirements | |
| GEN 100 | Student Success Center First Year Experience | 1 |
| or GEN 101 | Arts & Sciences First Year Experience | |
| Foreign Languag | e ¹ | 6-8 |
| Electives in Natu above ² | ral Sciences or Social Sciences at the 300-level or | 6 |
| WR-two approve | ed courses at the 300 level or above ³ | |
| Minimum Total F | lours | 13-15 |

Program/Major Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
|----------|----------------------|--|
| Departr | nent of Theatre Arts | |
| Academ | nic Core | 6 |
| Select t | wo of the following: | |
| TA 3 | Medieval - W | ory & Script Analysis I: Classical- /R (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ hte/general-education-requirements/) |



| TA 361 | Theatre History & Script Analysis II: Renaissance- | | | |
|---|---|-----------|--|--|
| | Romantic - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | | | |
| TA 362 | Theatre History & Script Analysis III: Modern & | | | |
| 17 302 | Contemporary - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | | | |
| African American | Theatre Program Core | 9 | | |
| TA 326 | Cultural Diversity in Performance - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/) 4 | | | |
| TA 366 | History of the African-American Theatre - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ⁴ | | | |
| TA 460 | Black Diasporic Conversations Seminar ⁴ | | | |
| Performance Core | e | 6 | | |
| TA 224 | Introduction to Acting as Communication - OC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | | | |
| or TA 322 | Acting the Black Experience - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/) | | | |
| TA 327 | Acting Fundamentals: The Craft of Imagination | | | |
| or TA 433 | Fundamentals of Stage & Production Management | | | |
| Design and Techn | nology Core | 6 | | |
| TA 240 | Stagecraft | | | |
| or TA 245 | Costume Construction | | | |
| TA 243 | Design Aesthetics - AH (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/) | | | |
| Performance/Pro | duction Projects | 6 | | |
| TA 350 | Theatre Production Practicum ⁵ | | | |
| or TA 351 | Theatre Performance Practicum | | | |
| TA 550 | Culminating Undergraduate Experience Practicum - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | | | |
| Total Theatre Arts | s Core Curriculum Total | 33 | | |
| Code | Title Ho | | | |
| | ents (see Track Requirements tab) | urs 27 | | |
| Track Heganetic | and (see mask negatients tab) | | | |
| Code Supporting Cour | | urs | | |
| Electives in the Elevel or above) | Division of Humanities, other than Theatre Arts (300- | 15 | | |
| At least 50 of the or above. | total minimum hours required must be at the 300 leve | el | | |
| Code | Title Ho | urs | | |
| Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement) | | | | |
| Requirement fulf | filled by completing: | | | |
| TA 550 | Culminating Undergraduate Experience | | | |

Practicum - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)

- Completion of the second semester of a single foreign language; hours will vary depending on the language taken
- ² In addition to courses counted toward general education
- May be incorporated into other degree requirements
- ⁴ Part of the African American Theatre program.
- All theatre majors are required to work on five productions as part of their studies; this requirement is fulfilled by enrolling in the TA 350 Theatre Production Practicum course and TA 351 Theatre Performance Practicum course. Students are expected to experience a variety of theatre skills in addressing this requirement. Students may enroll for two sections in one semester, but this is not encouraged. All assignments count for one credit hour, with TA 351 limited to 2 total credits. Refer to the TA 350 instructor for details on how this course is organized and how it functions during the semester.

Track in Entertainment Design and Technology

Academic Plan Code: TA__BS_DT

| Code | Title | Hours | | |
|--------------------------------|---|-------|--|--|
| Entertainment De | sign and Technology Track | | | |
| TA 240 | Stagecraft (Whichever not taken as part of core requirement) | 3 | | |
| or TA 245 | Costume Construction | | | |
| Select three of the | e following: | 9 | | |
| TA 336 | 2D & 3D Computer Aided Design (CAD): Vectorworks & AutoCAD | | | |
| TA 337 | Scenic Painting Techniques | | | |
| TA 338 | Entertainment Lighting Technologies | | | |
| TA 346 | Stage Make-up | | | |
| TA 347 | Properties Design and Construction | | | |
| TA 372 | Introduction to Dramaturgy | | | |
| TA 430 | Costume Craft | | | |
| TA 543 | Scenographic Techniques (Sketching and Rendering) | | | |
| TA 545 | Topics: Costume Design (Sewing Techniques) | | | |
| Select three of the | e following: | 9 | | |
| TA 340 | Introduction to Scene Design | | | |
| TA 541 | Topics: Scene Design | | | |
| TA 345 | Introduction to Costume Design | | | |
| TA 545 | Topics: Costume Design | | | |
| TA 349 | Introduction to Lighting Design | | | |
| TA 549 | Topics: Lighting Design | | | |
| TA 455 | Independent Study (Technical Direction) | | | |
| TA 342 | Sound Design | | | |
| TA 376 | Introduction to Playwriting | | | |
| TA 440 | Digital Design | | | |
| TA 546 | Portfolio Design | 1 | | |
| TA 353 | Assistant Design Project | 2 | | |
| or TA 354 | Theatre Design Project | | | |
| General Electives ¹ | | | | |
| Minimum Total Ho | ours | 27 | | |

Track in Performance

Academic Plan Code: TA__BS_PT



| Code | Title H | ours | TA 322 | Acting the Black Experience - AH (https:// | |
|--------------------|--|-------|---|---|--|
| Performance Tra | ck | | | catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- | |
| TA 322 | Acting the Black Experience - AH (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/) (Whichever not taken as part of core requirement) | | | education-requirements/) (Whichever not taken as part of core requirement) | |
| | | | or TA 224 | Introduction to Acting as Communication - OC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/genera | |
| or TA 224 | Introduction to Acting as Communication - OC | | | education-requirements/) | |
| | (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/geneeducation-requirements/) | eral- | Select four of th TA 330 | e following: Directing | |
| TA 328 | The Art of Acting: Comedy | 3 | TA 357 | Introduction to Hip-Hop Theatre - AH (https:// | |
| TA 380 | Introduction to Voice & Movement | 3 | .,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- | |
| Select three of th | | 9 | | education-requirements/), WR (https:// | |
| TA 327 | Acting Fundamentals: The Craft of Imagination | | | catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- | |
| TA 330 | Directing | | | education-requirements/) | |
| TA 391 | Acting for the Camera | | TA 557 | Advanced Hip-Hop Theatre | |
| TA 555 | Special Topics in Theatre (Circus Performance) | | TA 363 | African-American Women in Theatre - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/ | |
| TA 352 | Special Topics in Theatre (Yoga and Wellness for Artists) | | | general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- | |
| TA 372 | Introduction to Dramaturgy | | | education-requirements/) | |
| TA 376 | Introduction to Playwriting | | TA 563 | Advanced African-American Women in Theatre | |
| TA 433 | Fundamentals of Stage & Production Management | t | TA 365 | Theatre of the African World - AH (https:// | |
| TA 520 | Acting Workshop | | | catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- | |
| TA 530 | Directing Workshop | | | education-requirements/) | |
| TA 351 | Theatre Performance Practicum | | TA 565 | Advanced Theatre of the African World | |
| or TA 353 | Assistant Design Project | | TA 372 | Introduction to Dramaturgy | |
| Select two of the | following: | 6 | TA 376 | Introduction to Playwriting | |
| TA 481 | Voice for the Actor | | TA 391 | Acting for the Camera | |
| TA 484 | Voice | | TA 423 | Directing the Black Experience | |
| TA 491 | Performance Concepts | | TA 562 | Advanced Black Dramatic Literature | |
| TA 492 | Individuality in Character Building | | TA 526 | Tools for a Global Theatre | |
| TA 533 | Advanced Stage Management | | TA 566 | Advanced History of African-American Theatre | |
| TA 555 | Special Topics in Theatre (Business of Acting) | | PAS 214 | African-American Music - AH (https:// | |
| General Electives | s ¹ | 3 | | catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/), D1 (https:// | |
| Minimum Total F | | 27 | | catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/) | |

Track in African American Theatre

Academic Plan Code: TA__BS_AAT

| Code | Title | Hours |
|------------------|--|-------|
| African American | Theatre Track | |
| TA 365 | Theatre of the African World - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | 3 |
| TA 367 | Black Dramatic Literature - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | |
| PAS 319 | African-American History I | 3 |
| or PAS 329 | Slave Trade and Slavery | |
| or PAS 394 | African History Since 1800 - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SBH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | |

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|-------------|--|
| TA 376 | Introduction to Playwriting |
| TA 391 | Acting for the Camera |
| TA 423 | Directing the Black Experience |
| TA 562 | Advanced Black Dramatic Literature |
| TA 526 | Tools for a Global Theatre |
| TA 566 | Advanced History of African-American Theatre |
| PAS 214 | African-American Music - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/), D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/) |
| or MUH 214 | African-American Music - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) |
| PAS 218 | Survey of American Jazz - AH (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/), D1 (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/) |
| or MUH 218 | Survey of American Jazz - AH (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/) |
| PAS 342 | Black Women Novelists - AH (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/), WR (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/) |
| PAS 381 | African Art: A Survey |
| or ARTH 341 | African Art: A Survey |
| PAS 385 | Women in Africa: Historical and Literary Perspective |



| TA 351 Theatre Performance Practicum or TA 353 Assistant Design Project General Electives 1 3 | Minimum Total H | ours | 27 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------------|----|
| | General Electives | 1 | 3 |
| TA 351 Theatre Performance Practicum | or TA 353 | Assistant Design Project | |
| | TA 351 | Theatre Performance Practicum | |

Track in Dramaturgy and Playwriting

Academic Plan Code: TA__BS_DPW

| Code | Title | Hours | | | | |
|--------------------|--|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Dramaturgy and | Dramaturgy and Playwriting Track | | | | | |
| TA 372 | Introduction to Dramaturgy | 3 | | | | |
| TA 376 | Introduction to Playwriting | 3 | | | | |
| TA 571 | Playscript Interpretation - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/) | 3 | | | | |
| TA 360 | Theatre History & Script Analysis I: Classical- Medieval - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/ (Whichever not taken as part of core requirements/ | , | | | | |
| or TA 361 | Theatre History & Script Analysis II: Renaissance Romantic - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/ | | | | | |
| or TA 362 | Theatre History & Script Analysis III: Modern & Contemporary - WR (https://catalog.louisville.ed undergraduate/general-education-requirements/ | | | | | |
| Select four of the | e following: | 12 | | | | |
| TA 367 | Black Dramatic Literature - AH (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general- education-requirements/) | | | | | |
| TA 455 | Independent Study (Dramaturgy) | | | | | |
| TA 455 | Independent Study (Playwriting) | | | | | |
| TA 555 | Special Topics in Theatre (Script Development) | | | | | |
| TA 576 | Shakespearean Adaptation - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation-requirements/) | | | | | |
| TA 577 | Women in American Theatre and Drama - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | | | | | |
| ENGL 305 | Special Topics: Intermediate Creative Writing Workshop | | | | | |
| ENGL 333 | Shakespeare I | | | | | |
| ENGL 334 | Shakespeare II | | | | | |
| HUM 323 | Modern Drama | | | | | |
| HUM 368 | Theories of the Theatre | | | | | |
| HUM 369 | Asian Theatre | | | | | |
| General Electives | s ¹ | 3 | | | | |
| Minimum Total H | lours | 27 | | | | |

Students who satisfy General Education Requirements by courses defined by the program will require additional electives to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

Flight Plan

| Year 1 | | |
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| Fall | | Hours |
| ENGL 101 | Introduction to College Writing - WC (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education- requirements/) | 3 |
| GEN 100 or GEN 101 | Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience | 1 |
| TA 224 | Introduction to Acting as Communication - OC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | 3 |
| General Education | : Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR | 3 |
| Foreign Language | 1 | 4 |
| Gen Education: Ar | ts and Humanities - AH | 3 |
| | Hours | 17 |
| Spring | | |
| ENGL 102 | Intermediate College Writing - WC (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education- requirements/) | 3 |
| TA 240 | Stagecraft | 3 |
| General Education | : Cardinal Core Social and Behavioral Sciences-SB | 3 |
| Foreign Language | 2 | 4 |
| General Education | : Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S | 3 |
| | Hours | 16 |
| Year 2 | | |
| Fall | | |
| TA 327 | Acting Fundamentals: The Craft of Imagination | 3 |
| TA 243 | Design Aesthetics - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | 3 |
| TA 326 | Cultural Diversity in Performance - AH (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education- requirements/) | 3 |
| TA 350 | Theatre Production Practicum | 1 |
| TA 360 or TA 361 or TA 362 | Theatre History & Script Analysis I: Classical-Medieval - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) or Theatre History & Script Analysis II: Renaissance-Romantic - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) or Theatre History & Script Analysis III: Modern & Contemporary - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | 3 |
| General Education | : Cardinal Core Natural Science with Lab-B or S/SL | 4 |
| | Hours | 17 |
| Spring | | |
| TA 245 | Costume Construction | 3 |
| TA 361 or TA 360 or TA 362 | Theatre History & Script Analysis II: Renaissance-Romantic - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) or Theatre History & Script Analysis I: Classical- Medieval - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) or Theatre History & Script Analysis III: Modern & Contemporary - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) | 3 |
| TA 350 | Theatre Production Practicum | 1 |
| General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH, P2 | | |
| Humanities electiv | ve (non-Theatre Arts) (300 level or above) | 3 |
| General Elective | | |

Hours

All performance courses must be unique courses from the core curriculum.

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Year 3 Fall TA 362 Theatre History & Script Analysis III: Modern & or TA 360 Contemporary - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ or TA 361 undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) or Theatre History & Script Analysis I: Classical-Medieval - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) or Theatre History & Script Analysis II: Renaissance Romantic - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) TA 433 Fundamentals of Stage & Production Management TA 350 Theatre Production Practicum Humanities elective (non-Theatre Arts) (300 level or above) 3 Theatre Arts Elective 3 Theatre Arts Flective 3 16 Spring TA 366 3 History of the African-American Theatre - AH (https:// catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-educationrequirements/), WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/ undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) TA 460 Black Diasporic Conversations Seminar TA 350 Theatre Production Practicum Theatre Arts elective Social Science or Natural Science elective (300 level or above) 3 Humanities elective (non-Theatre Arts) (300 level or above) 3 14 Year 4 Fall TA 350 Theatre Production Practicum Theatre Arts elective 3 Social Science or Natural Science elective (300 level or above) 3 Humanities elective (non-Theatre Arts) (300 level or above) 3

The Flight Plan outlined above is intended to demonstrate one possible path to completing the degree within four years. Course selection and placement within the program may vary depending on course offerings and schedule, elective preferences, and other factors (study abroad, internship availability, etc.). Please consult your advisor for additional information about building a flight plan that works for you.

Culminating Undergraduate Experience Practicum - CUE

(https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-

Degree Audit Report

General elective

Theatre Arts elective

Theatre Arts elective

Spring TA 550

General elective (if necessary)

Hours

Hours

education-requirements/)

Humanities elective (non-Theatre Arts) (300 level or above)

Minimum Total Hours

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan, and which requirements are still outstanding. Degree audits also take transfer credits and test credits into account. "What-if" reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

Flight Planner

The Flight Planner tool is available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan to graduation. Advisors have access to review your Flight Planner and can help you adjust it to ensure you remain on track to graduate in a timely manner.

To create these reports:

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- 1. Log into your ULink account.
- 2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
- 3. Select the appropriate report.
 - a. To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
 - b. To create a What-if report, click on "What-if Advisement Report."
 - c. To run a Flight Planner report, click on "Use My Flight Planner."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, create a What-if report, or run a Flight Planner report. (https://ulink.louisville.edu)