

# Culture, Media, and Performance

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## B.A. in Theatre: Musical Theatre

### Program Description

The Musical Theatre concentration of the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre degree hones students' performance skills, in acting, voice and dance.

### Delivery Mode

Traditional (on campus)

### Accreditation and Affiliation

This program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre.

It has also earned Educational Affiliate status with Estill Voice International®. Students can elect to pursue their Certificate of Proficiency in EVT prior to graduation.

### Curriculum

The following eight-semester schedule of courses provides a recommended framework for completing this program of study in four years.

Course	Credits
<b>Freshman Year</b>	
<b>First Semester</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>DAN 131</b> Foundations of Dance	3
<b>ENG 101</b> English Composition I	3
<b>MUS 104</b> Voice Class (recommended Fine Arts Gen Ed)	3
<b>THE 140</b> Script Analysis (recommended EMEL Gen Ed)	3
<b>THE 141</b> Stagecraft I	3
<b>UNI 100</b> First-Year Seminar	1
<b>Second Semester</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>THE 131</b> Fundamentals of Acting	3
<b>THE 150</b> Introduction to Theatrical Design	3
<b>THE 401</b> Finding Your Voice (recommended elective)	3
General Education, Minor OR Elective Courses	6
<b>Sophomore Year</b>	
<b>Third Semester</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>THE 302</b> History of Theatre I	3
Musical Theatre Core Course(s)	3

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Course	Credits
General Education, Minor OR Elective Courses	9
<b>Fourth Semester</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>THE 312</b> History of Theatre II	3
<b>THE 431</b> Acting in Musical Theatre (recommended elective)	3
Musical Theatre Core Course(s)	3
General Education, Minor OR Elective Courses	6
<b>Junior Year</b>	
<b>Fifth Semester</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>CMD 221</b> Speech Science (recommended Natural Science Gen Ed)	3
<b>THE 304</b> World Drama OR <b>ENG 425</b> Shakespeare OR <b>THE 306</b> Modern Drama	3
<b>THE 320</b> Fundamentals of Directing	3
Musical Theatre Core Course(s)	3
General Education, Minor OR Elective Courses	3
<b>Sixth Semester</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>MUS 211</b> Keyboard Class (recommended elective)	3
Musical Theatre Core Course(s)	3
General Education, Minor OR Elective Courses	9
<b>Senior Year</b>	
<b>Seventh Semester</b>	<b>15</b>
Musical Theatre Core Course(s)	3
General Education, Minor OR Elective Courses	12
<b>Eighth Semester</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>THE 450</b> Senior Thesis	3
General Education, Minor OR Elective Courses	12

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Course	Credits
Total	120

## Program Requirements

### Theatre Core Courses (27 credits)

- **DAN 131** Foundations of Dance
- **THE 131** Fundamentals of Acting
- **THE 141** Stagecraft I
- **THE 150** Introduction to Theatrical Design
- **THE 302** History of Theatre I
- **THE 304** World Drama OR **ENG 425** Shakespeare OR **THE 306** Modern Drama
- **THE 312** Theatre History II
- **THE 320** Fundamentals of Directing
- **THE 450** Senior Thesis

### Required Musical Theatre Core (15 credits)

Select from the following:

- **DAN 132** Ballet Technique
- **DAN 134** Tap Technique I
- **DAN 133** Jazz Technique I
- **DAN 233** Jazz Technique II
- **DAN 260** Modern Dance
- **DAN 301** Theatre Dance I
- **DAN 302** Theatre Dance II
- **MUS 215** Comprehensive Musicianship I
- **THE 126** Makeup I
- **THE 145-445** Private Instruction (4 credits)
- **THE 203** Musical Theatre Performance I
- **THE 255** Puppetry
- **THE 303** Musical Theatre Performance II
- **THE 403** Musical Theatre Performance III
- **THE 356** Practicum: Technical Practicum (3 to 6 credits)

### Additional Electives/Minor (38 credits)

Recommended:

- **MUS 211** Keyboard Class
- **THE 401** Finding Your Voice
- **THE 431** Acting in Musical Theatre

### Recommended General Education Courses

- **CDC 201** Argumentation and Advocacy (Public Speaking)
- **CMD 221** Speech Science (Natural Sciences)
- **HSC 315** First Aid and Personal Safety (Health and Wellness)
- **MUS 104** Voice Class (Fine Arts)
- **PSY 100** General Psychology OR **PSY 211** Social Psychology (Social Sciences)
- **THE 140** Script Analysis (Ethics and Multicultural Awareness)
- **THE 480** Digital Performance (Technological Literacy)

### Special Recommendations

A minor in art, arts administration, event planning, music, psychology, sociology or social work is recommended for those majoring in theatre.

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**Program Webpage**

<https://www.calu.edu/academics/undergraduate/bachelors/musical-theater/>