

Monmouth College Department of Communications and Theatre Arts

Overview of the Theatre Major Requirements and Options

The Department of Communication and Theater Arts (CATA) offers a Theatre major that provides a broad background in both the performing and technical elements of theatre. The THEA major includes the skills necessary to produce excellent theatre (acting, directing, design, management) along with experiences relevant to life long learning (creativity, working in a collaborative environment, achieving self-expression, increasing self-confidence). Theatre is both a profession and an art and, whether it is graduate study or using theatre in other endeavors (including teaching, public relations, media, law), Theatre majors will offer creative solutions to life's challenges.

A major in Theatre consists of

40 semester hours of work in THEA courses, including:

- THEA 274 Theatre History (*6 semester hours; students must take the course twice*)
- THEA 278 Theatre Repertory Company
- THEA 376 Theatre Performance (*6 semester hours; students must take the course twice*)
- THEA 377 Principles of Directing

One of the following two courses:

- THEA 277 Children's Theatre
- THEA 279 Creative Dramatics

Two of the following three courses:

- THEA 370 Voice, Movement and Modern Styles
- THEA 371 Period Styles in Acting—Greek to Restoration
- THEA 372 Auditioning, Improvisation and Career Management

One of the following two courses:

- THEA 490 Independent Study
- THEA 497 Internship
- 9 semester hours of additional course work from outside THEA to be approved by the Director of Theatre.
- A passing evaluation on the THEA Senior Portfolio.

Teacher Certification

Those majors working toward secondary teacher certification should confer as early as possible with the Director of Theatre and the chair of the Education Department to ensure that their program will meet state standards. (Note: Secondary certification in a "primary teaching field" requires a minimum of 32 semester hours.) A second teaching field in a related area of study is recommended.

NOTE CAREFULLY: Some required courses have pre-requisites that must be taken in advance. Plan for that!! Students are strongly encouraged to discuss their future plans with a faculty member in the CATA department and consider taking additional elective courses that will further their career plans.