



July 23, 2024

Dear College of Arts and Sciences, Office of Academic Affairs:

I write to request a change in the curriculum for the MA and PhD programs in Theatre. We would like to reduce the required 8995 Proseminar class from 1 credit/semester, repeated 2 times to 1 credit/semester, taken only once. Based on student feedback on the courses, and petitions to be excused from the second semester, we realize that a single semester of Proseminar provides students with adequate base preparation to fulfill the professional requirements of a career in Theatre Studies. Further preparation is best pursued at the individual level, with guidance from the academic advisor.

We intend for this change to take effect immediately. Current students who have not yet completed the second Proseminar credit hour will be able to choose between completing the course a second time or opting for another elective. Total credit hours required for the MA and PhD in Theatre will remain the same.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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ADVISING SHEET: MA in THEATRE **CURRENT**

	CREDITS	SEMESTER	NOTE
REQUIRED COURSEWORK: 15 credits total			
6701 Research Methods	4	Autumn Year 1	Offered every autumn.
7710 Method: Historiography	3	Autumn Year 1 or 2	Offered every other autumn.
7720 Method: Performance Studies	3	Autumn Year 1 or 2	Offered every other autumn.
7730 Method: Practice As Research	3	Spring Year 1 or 2	Offered every other spring.
8995 Proseminar (1 credit/semester, repeated 2x)	2	Spring Year 1, 2	Offered every spring.
ELECTIVES: at least 9 credits			
<i>Students choose electives from the Department of Theatre, Film, and Media Arts and other departments across campus as their research agenda indicates.</i>		As needed.	The Department of Theatre, Film, and Media Arts will offer at least one graduate-level elective in autumn and one in spring semester. Coursework from other departments may have prerequisites. Please discuss with your advisor in advance of enrolling.
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 0-3 credits total			
Pass language exam or successfully complete one course on graduate level.		Complete by Autumn Year 2	Satisfying this requirement requires advance planning. Please discuss with your advisor in Autumn of Year 1.
THESIS: 4-9 credits total			
6999 Thesis Research (1-3 credits repeatable per enrollment to a max of 9)		Autumn Year 2 Spring Year 2	There are specific thesis defense and submission deadlines required by the Graduate School. See gradsch.osu.edu for details.
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR THE PhD IN THEATRE		32	

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8995 Proseminar	1	Spring Year 1	Offered every spring.
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6701 Research Methods	4	Autumn Year 1	Offered every autumn.
6702 Theatre Pedagogy	3	Spring Year 1 or 2	Offered every other spring.
7710 Method: Historiography	3	Autumn Year 1 or 2	Offered every other autumn.
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PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE: at least 3 credits			
A supporting program of experience in acting, design, directing, devising, dramaturgy, playwriting, or theatre management is developed by each student in conjunction with their advisor.		Spring Year 1 or Autumn Year 2	See Production Experience Course Menu for a list of courses that can satisfy this requirement.
CANDIDACY EXAM: 9 credits total			
8700.01 Exam Prep: Specialization	3	Autumn Year 3	Students should begin planning for exams during their second year in the program. Exams are taken in Autumn of Year 3.
8700.02 Exam Prep: Cognate 1	3	Autumn Year 3	
8700.03 Exam Prep: Cognate 2	3	Autumn Year 3	
DISSERTATION: 6-18 credits total			
8999 Dissertation Research (1-3 credits repeatable per enrollment to a max of 18)		Spring Year 3 Autumn Year 4 Spring Year 4	Spring of Year 3 enrollment for prospectus development and defense.
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR THE PhD IN THEATRE		55	

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