

**EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Department of Communication and Theatre**

**Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Theatre -- 70 HOURS TOTAL (59 required; 11 elective)**

The Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a major in Theatre provides intense preparation for students desiring to become competent craftpersons and knowledgeable in all areas of theatre. General education requirements are those of LAS majors (non-teaching) and are printed in the undergraduate catalogue. Majors are required to audition for productions and contribute to all productions, either as cast members or as production crew members; they will normally be enrolled in TA 296 or TA 496 for each production on which they work. To be eligible for production assignments, students must meet academic eligibility standards as established by the department. The Department Chair gives final approval to all BFA programs. See the core general education requirements in the General Education section of the catalogue.

**REQUIRED COURSES (59 hours):**

**Introductory Courses (6 hours)**

TA 126	Play Production	3 hours
TA 136	Introduction to Theatrical Design	3 hours

**Performance Courses (15 hours)**

TA 110	Stage Movement	3 hours
TA 128	Acting I	3 hours
TA 213	Voice and Diction	3 hours
TA 235	Acting II*	3 hours (*prerequisite: TA 128)
TA 426	Play Directing*	3 hours (*prereq: TA 235,jr/sr status)

**Production Courses (11 hours)**

TA 236	Stagecraft*	4 hours (*prerequisite: TA136)
TA 254	Stage Costuming	2 hours
TA 266	Stage Makeup	2 hours
TA 381	Costume Practicum*	1 hour (*prerequisites: TA 254, soph/jr/sr status)
TA 382	Scenery Practicum*	1 hour (*prerequisites: TA 236, soph/jr/sr status)
TA 381* OR TA 382*		1 hour (either may be repeated for credit)

**Design Courses (9 hours)**

TA 326	Stage Lighting*	3 hours (*prerequisite: TA 236)
TA 356	Scene Design*	3 hours (*prerequisite: TA 236)
TA 454	Costume Design*	3 hours (*prerequisites: TA 354, TA 356)

**History/Literature Courses (18 hours):**

TA 305	Script Analysis	3 hours
TA 315	Survey of Dramatic Literature	3 hours
TA 354	Stage Costume History*	3 hours (*prerequisite: TA 254)
TA 390	Theatre History I	3 hours
TA 391	Theatre History II	3 hours
TA 350	Shakespeare –OR—	3 hours
TA 385:	American Musical Theatre	3 hours

\*These courses have the prerequisites listed. Please check the catalogue for more information.

**ELECTIVE COURSES (11 hours)** BFA majors will work with their advisor to select an additional 11 hours from courses in theatre, music, art, communication, and/or dance. Recommended elective courses in theatre include: Acting III, Acting in Period Styles, Stage Management, Advanced Stage Movement, Scene Painting, Advanced Play Directing, Advanced Theatre Design, Professional Seminar.

For more information about this program, contact Stephen E. Catt, Chair, Division of Communication and Theatre; Jim Bartruff, Director of Theatre; or any academic advisor in theatre; at (620) 341-5256.

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