

Musical Theatre (THE)

Division of Visual and Performing Arts

- **Major: 55 credit hours**
- **Major GPA required for graduation: 2.25**

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- **Capstone: Senior Project in Theatre (THE 490)**
- **Practicum: Theatre Practicum (THE 215). All students pursuing the major or minor must enroll in THE 215 each semester. The course may be taken for zero or one credit in any given semester.**

Mission: The mission of the McKendree University theatre faculty is to develop engaged student artists who understand the importance of collaboration, problem-solving, and risk-taking. Through a combination of classroom-based and hands-on work, students develop their knowledge, skills, and unique creative viewpoint.

Description of Major: The major in musical theatre gives students a wide background in history, acting, singing, dancing, technical work, directing, and dramatic literature. Courses in the musical theater major build skills in critical thinking, analysis, interpretation, writing, design, production, and performance skills through a combination of theoretical and hands-on work. Via participation in departmental productions on campus, musical theatre students apply the skills gained in course-work and gain valuable experience.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Understand techniques in acting, directing, and design.
- Apply the above techniques in production.
- Identify the major historical periods and genres of world drama and discuss their contributions to contemporary theatre practice and technology.
- Discuss the development of musical theatre from its beginnings, the musical characteristics of the works and their historical importance.
- Analyze a script from both the performance and production perspective.
- Communicate effectively with an audience utilizing skills developed in movement, voice, interpretation, design, production, analysis, critical thinking, and writing.
- Work independently and as part of a group to meet deadlines, solve practical problems, and provide leadership for projects.

Preparation: A major in musical theatre prepares students for graduate school or work in professional, educational, or community theatre. The discipline, collaboration, creativity, and communication required for successful completion of a musical theatre major are assets in many fields in the arts, education, and business.

MUSICAL THEATRE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS 55 crs.

THE 111	ACTING I	(3)
THE 212	ACTING II	(3)
THE 215	THEATRE PRACTICUM (each semester)	(0)
THE 219	PLAY PRODUCTION – SET AND LIGHTS	(3)
<i>or</i>		
THE 221	PLAY PRODUCTION – COSTUME AND MAKE-UP	(3)
THE 250	DRAMATIC LITERATURE	(3)
THE 320	DIRECTING	(3)
THE 330	MOVEMENT IN PERFORMANCE	(3)
THE 340	STAGE SPEECH	(3)
THE 350	THEATRE HISTORY I (W)	(3)
THE 351	THEATRE HISTORY II (W)	(3)
DAN 110	BEGINNING MODERN DANCE	(3)
DAN 120	BEGINNING BALLET	(3)
DAN 230	MUSICAL THEATRE JAZZ I	(3)

MUE 154	CONCERT CHOIR (each semester)	(0)
MUL 101-2	APPLIED VOICE	(1,1)
MUL 198	FIRST YEAR GATE JURY	(0)
MUL 201-2	APPLIED VOICE	(1,1)
MUL 301-2	APPLIED VOICE	(1,1)
MUL 401-2	APPLIED VOICE	(1,1)
MUS 100	PERFORMANCE LAB (each semester)	(0)
MUS 255	MUSIC THEORY I	(3)
MUS 255L	AURAL SKILLS LAB I	(1)
MUS 256	MUSIC THEORY II	(3)
MUS 256L	AURAL SKILLS LAB II	(1)
MUS 375	HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN MUSICAL	(3)

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