



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

Theatre Requirements

All Communication students must take:

- CO 1003 Fundamentals of Public Speaking
- CO 1223 Introduction to Communication Theory
- CO 1403 Introduction to Mass Media
- CO 1503 Introduction to Theatre **Theatre students should take this course in their first semester at MSU.*

Additionally, the following classes are required for Theatre students:

- CO 15X3 Practicum **The third number in the course number changes each semester.*
- CO 2013 Voice & Articulation
- CO 2503 Acting
- CO 2524 Stagecraft & Lighting
- CO 2544 Makeup & Costuming
- CO 3563 Voice & Movement*
- CO 4504 History of Theatre
- CO 4524 Directing
- CO 4533 Advanced Acting
- CO 4573 Theatre Management
- CO 4583 Playwriting

**CO 3563 Voice & Movement is offered in place of CO 2613 Oral Interpretation.*

General Electives:

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To graduate, a student must earn 124 hours overall. Most of these hours are met with required Arts & Sciences and Communication courses. However, to reach 124 hours total, Theatre students typically must earn 15-18 hours of general elective credit. The first two levels of a foreign language will count as six of these hours. Additional hours may come from Science labs. See your advisor for more information.

Upper Division Hours:

Upper Division classes are labeled at the 3000-4000 level. Students are required to take 31 upper division hours in the College of Arts & Sciences. The Theatre curriculum provides 17 hours of upper division credit. The additional 14 hours needed may be earned by taking A&S upper division courses as Humanities electives, Social Science electives, and/or general electives.

Prerequisites and Class Order:

CO 1503 Introduction to Theatre must be completed before the majority of the remaining courses in the Theatre curriculum. Introduction to Theatre, Practicum, Voice & Articulation, and Acting are typically taught every semester, and the remaining courses are taught on a rotating basis. As such, students should plan to take CO 1503 Introduction to Theatre in their first semester at MSU and enroll in subsequent Theatre courses in the semesters in which they are available.