

Musical Theatre Performance

CERTIFICATE

The Musical Theatre Certificate allows the student to accumulate and apply the skills necessary to participate in the world of the musical Theatre stage. It provides each participant with the fundamentals necessary to audition and perform at the academic, amateur, and/or professional levels based on proficiency and talent. Through applied learning, the student will be able to function in an audition, rehearsal and performance situation with a basic understanding of the music, acting and dance skills required to succeed.

The curriculum consists of courses from the departments of Music, Theatre, and Dance, with the requirements of auditioning for university musicals. It culminates with the capstone experience of an 'audition intensive' conducted by members of the Hollins faculty and musical theatre professionals. All of the required courses can fit into a student's curriculum by satisfying Perspective requirements, major or minor requirements and/or elective choices.*

REQUIRED COURSE (4 Credits)

THEA 247: Applied Musical Theatre Performance Techniques 4 credits

MUSIC REQUIREMENTS (5 or 6 credits)

MUS 107: Private Study – voice (1) 2 credits

2 semesters

MUS 111, 211, or 311: Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, or Talmadge Singers (1) 2 credits

2 semesters

MUS 101: Beginning Class Piano (1) 1 credit

(If student has sufficient piano skills, MUS 129 (2 credits) may be substituted for MUS 101, *with music department approval.*)

THEATRE REQUIREMENTS (4 credits)

THEA 161: Acting Dynamics 4 credits

Plus optional additional theatre credit(s)

DANCE REQUIREMENTS (6 credits)

DANC/MUS/THEA 165: Musical Theatre Dance Styles 2 credits

Plus choose one 4-credit course from the following list: 4 credits

DANC 125: Movement Studio I

DANC 225: Movement Studio II

DANC 250: SPECIAL TOPICS – Jazz Dance

DANC 250: SPECIAL TOPICS – Ballet

DANC 250: SPECIAL TOPICS – Beating Drums & Moving Bodies

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS (2 credits)

- Applied Capstone Experience: Musical Theatre Audition Intensive-Academic/Professional Workshop (registered as an independent study in Music, Theatre, or Dance) 2 credits

Course applies and synthesizes voice, movement and acting techniques, culminating in a professional musical theatre audition that meets professional standards. Includes assembling an audition book with minimum of two polished songs, two polished monologues, photo and resume.

- Audition for university musicals (2x)

Total 21-22 credits

*Substitutions may be made at the discretion of the Music, Theatre, and Dance departments.

It is important to note that this does not require 20-23 extra credits for a performance major, all certificate requirements can apply to the specific major.