BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEATRE
PERFORMANCE

LONELY PLANET

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With an emphasis in Performance, EIU Theatre students are given ongoing opportunities to perform in the classroom and in our production season. Unlike larger programs, first year and transfer students are eligible to audition immediately and are regularly cast their first year. EIU Theatre is undergraduate-focused, relying on students in every facet of the production. The department regularly brings guest artists to direct and design, giving EIU Theatre students access to a wealth of knowledge and experiences. Upon completion of their degree, EIU Theatre students will be primed to enter the professional world or continue their studies in an advanced degree program.

PRODUCTION OPPORTUNITIES

- *Actor*
- *Scenic Artist*
- *Choreographer*
- *Stage Manager*
- *Dramaturg*
- *Stitcher*
- *Director*
- *Master Electrician*
- *Scenic Carpenter*
- *Designer*
- *Crew Head*
- *Board Operator*

FACILITIES

- *Broadway-Style Proscenium Theatre*
- *Flexible Black Box Theatre*
- *Flexible Acting Classroom*
- *Student Acting Lab*
- *Scene and Costume Shops*
- *Design Lab*

- **STRONG, DIVERSE FACULTY**
- **MULTIPLE PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES**
- **BROAD-BASED GENERALIST CURRICULUM**
- **STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES**

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THEATRE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS: 55 HRS

CORE COURSEWORK: 25 HRS

THA 2140G - Intro. to Theatre
THA 2258 - Script Analysis
THA 4220 - Senior Thesis Project

PERFORMANCE CORE

THA 1134 - Stage Movement
THA 2244 - Acting I

TECHNICAL/DESIGN CORE

THA 2210 - Intro. to Costuming
THA 2211 - Stagecraft

HISTORY/LITERATURE CORE

THA 3751G - Origins of Theatre
THA 3752G - Theatre from the 17th Century to the Present

EMPHASIS COURSEWORK: 30 HRS

THA 3334 - Performing Voice
THA 3344 - Scene and Character Study

DESIGNATED PERFORMANCE ELECTIVES: 6 HRS

Two electives must be taken from the list below:

THA 3335 - Musical Theatre Performance
THA 3336 - Musical Theatre Dance
THA 3338 - Topics in Musical Theatre
THA 3343 - Devised Theatre
THA 33451 - Topics in Acting
THA 3348 - Auditioning
THA 3349 - Classical Acting Styles
THA 3431 - Children's Theatre Tour
THA 3432 - Creative Drama
THA 3445 - Directing

DESIGNATED HISTORY/LITERATURE ELECTIVES: 3 HRS

One elective must be taken from the list below:

THA 2801 - Musical Theatre on Film
THA 3754G - Theatre and Film
THA 3755G - African-American Theatre
THA 3757G - Contemporary World Theatre
THA 3758G - Topics in World Theatre
THA 3759G - History of Musical Theatre
THA 3800 - Dramaturgy
EIU 4161G - Social Justice and the Stage
EIU 4162G - Women's Voices: Women in Theatre

DESIGNATED TECHNICAL/DESIGN ELECTIVES: 3 HRS

One elective must be taken from the list below:

THA 2005 - Stage Makeup
THA 3257 - Digital Theatrical Design
THA 3350 - Stage Management
THA 3257 - Scene Design
THA 3258 - Costume Design
THA 3260 - Stage Lighting
CMN 2500 - Production I

DESIGNATED LABS: 6 HRS

Six production lab credits must be earned and four of the six areas must be represented.

ADDITIONAL 3000+ ELECTIVES: 6 HRS

Six additional credits must be taken that are at or above 3000 credit level. May include approved non-THA courses.

THESE SHINING LIVES

Recommended Schedule of Classes

FIRST SEMESTER		SECOND SEMESTER	
YEAR 1			
COURSE	HRS	COURSE	HRS
THA 1134	3	THA 2001	1
THA 2002	1	THA 2210	3
THA 2140G	3	THA 2244	3
THA 2211	3	ENG 1002G	3
ENG 1001G	3	GEN ED Math	3
Total	13	Total	13
YEAR 2			
COURSE	HRS	COURSE	HRS
THA 2007	1	THA 2008	1
THA 2258	3	THA 3334	3
THA 3335	3	THA 3336	3
CMN 1310G	3	GEN ED Soc/Behav.	3
GEN ED Soc/Behav.	3	GEN ED Biolog	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
	16	Total	16
YEAR 3			
COURSE	HRS	COURSE	HRS
THA 2006	1	THA 3344	3
THA 3751G	3	THA 3752G	3
THA Tech. Elective	3	THA Tech. Elective	3
THA Hist. Elective	3	GEN ED Earth Sci.	3
Elective	3	GEN ED Sci. Lab	1
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	16	Total	16
YEAR 4			
COURSE	HRS	COURSE	HRS
THA 3002	1	THA 4220	1
THA Perf. Elective	3	THA Tech. Elective	3
GEN ED Senior Sem.	3	THA Elective 3000+	3
GEN ED Humanity	3	GEN ED Soc/Behav.	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	16	Total	16

The four-year sequence assumes high school foreign language requirements have been met.

All data accurate to 2021 catalog