

**COMMUNICATIONS, CONCENTRATION—THEATRE-PERFORMANCE ACADEMIC MAP:
DEGREE BA/BS (120 CREDIT HOURS)**

This degree map is a semester-by-semester course schedule for students majoring in Communications with a concentration in Theatre-Performance. The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep a student on track to graduate in four years. The schedule serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each semester. Milestones are courses and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major. When one or more milestones are missed, a student should consult with an academic advisor to determine if another degree path would be more suitable.

The Theatre-Performance track program functions as a professional training ground within the educational framework of the department, as well as the university. Through a well-planned program, the department aims to develop among its students a broad understanding of the basic principles and values in the performing arts. As a Theatre-Performance major, you are expected to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00. Students who incur a probationary status are to repeat failed courses, or courses in which 'D's were earned. The university has a special program to assist students who are on probation. Please contact the Academic Coordinator for details.

For successful completion of this program student must meet the following requirements: (a) Major Communication Core (9 hours), Theatre Concentration Core (21 hours), Performance Track Requirements (9 hours), Communication/Theatre Electives "Cognates Courses" (9 hours) (b) General Education Core (42 hours) and (c) Electives Courses. The programs for the Bachelor of Science and the Bachelor of Arts degrees require a minimum of 120 semester hours with 42 of these hours being courses numbered on the 3000 and 4000 levels.

Mapping Note: The following Major Communication Core Courses must be completed: COMM 3150, COMM 3950 and COMM 4500. Also, THTR 1020 and COMM 2200 are counted in the General Education Core. THTR 1020 is required for THTR 3000 Play Production. Student must have at least 42 hours of upper level electives. Students should have his/her Theatre Advisement & Senior Standing Form from the first meeting with his/her advisor. Remember in all major courses a minimum grade of 'C' is required.

Tennessee State University recognizes that students have diverse learning, life, and professional experiences. The University provides opportunities for students to earn college credit toward the degree through a number of assessment options that evaluate their learning experiences. These paths are grouped under the category "Prior Learning Assessment" (PLA). Various means of earning PLA credit at TSU are the following: Advance Placement Program, American Council of Education (ACE) Military Credit, American Council on Education (ACE) other Assessed Credit, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), DSST Credit by Examination Program (includes DANES Examination), Institutional Course Challenge Exams (Departmental Exams), International Baccalaureate Credit, Other Military Service, Portfolio Assessment. To learn more about PLA contact your academic advisor or the Office of Student Support Services for Adult and Distance Learners (615) 963-7001.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 1	Hrs.	Semester 1
ENGL 1010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before ENGL 1020, and HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050, 2060 or HIST 2700; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
UNIV 1000*	1	
MATH 1013 or 1110	3	
Natural Science**	4	
Foreign Language I and/or Elective***	4	
Total Hours	15	

*An Orientation course taken at another University does NOT meet this requirement. Students with less than 60 credit hours must take UNIV 1000 at TSU.

**Natural Science- Students must have 8 semester hours which includes the appropriate lab. The recommended courses are: BIOL 1010/1011, CHEM 1030/1031, PHYS 2010/2011 or ASTR 1010.

***A single foreign language is required for the BA degree; for the BS degree select a lower division elective from ANY department.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
ENGL 1020	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050, 2060 or HIST 2700; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Natural Science*	4	
COMM 2200	3	
THTR 1020	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before THTR 4010
Foreign Language II or Elective**	3	
Total Hours	16	

* Natural Science- Students must have 8 semester hours which includes the appropriate lab. The recommended courses are: BIOL 1020/1021, CHEM 1040/1041, PHYS 2020/2021 or ASTR 1020.

**Four semesters of a single foreign language are required for the BA degree.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
ENGL LIT ENGL 2310*	3	
HIST 2010**	3	
Social Behavior Science***	3	
THTR 1110	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Foreign Language III or Elective****	3	
Total Hours	15	

*The Department recommends the courses cited above; however, courses within the range of ENGL 1012 through ENGL 2322 will meet this requirement.

**The Department recommends HIST 2010; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2050, HIST 2060 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement

*** The following courses can meet the Social Science elective AFAS 2010, ANTH 2300, ECON, 2010, GEOG 1010, HPSS 1510, POLI 1010 PSYC 2010, WMST 2000, and URBS 2010

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Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
HUMANITIES*	3	
HIST 2020**	3	
Social Behavior Science***	3	
THTR 2400	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Foreign Language IIII or Elective	3	
Total Hours		

* Students may take a 3 credit hour course from the following list of approved general education Humanities courses: AREN 2310, ART, 1010, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, HIST 1000 or RELS 2010.

**The Department recommends HIST 2010; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2050, HIST 2060 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement

*** The following courses can meet the Social Science elective AFAS 2010, ANTH 2300, ECON, 2010, GEOG 1010, HPSS 1510, POLI 1010 PSYC 2010, WMST 2000, and URBS 2010. Students should remember, not to duplicate courses.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 5
		Start Junior review of the Senior Standing Form
THTR 3000	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
THTR 3040	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
THTR 3520	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
THTR 4010	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Any Elective	3	
Total Hours	15	

*Students may select a lower or upper division course from ANY discipline

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
		2ND review of the Senior Standing Form
THTR 4000	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
SPTH 3050	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
COMM 3540	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Elective*	3	
Elective	3	
Total Hours	15	

*Students may select a lower or upper division course from ANY discipline.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 7	Hrs.	Semester 7
		Review degree requirements with the advisor and Department head. Complete the Senior Standing Form
THTR 4020	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
THTR 4030	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
COMM 4500*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required; Completion of Prerequisite.
3000-4000 Level Electives**	6	
Total Hours	15	

*Senior Theater majors are required to produce a creative work, have an oral defense, and develop and write of a formal research paper for submission to the Department in the specified bound format. The performance is Supervised by a Department committee and at least one other (out of the department) TSU Faculty member. Schedule the performance date.

**Completion of all prerequisite: THTR 3030, THTR 4900, THTR 4040, COMM 3150 and COMM 3950

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 8	Hrs.	Semester 8
		Take Senior Exit Exam and Apply for Graduation
THTR 3030	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
THTR 4900	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
THTR 4040 or Elective*	9	Prerequisites: THTR 1110, 2050, 3050.
COMM 3150 or Elective*		
COMM 4950 or Elective*		
Total Hours	15	

*Chosen in consultation with advisor from all available 3000-4000-level Communications courses. Course prerequisites apply.

Employment Information:

Students with this degree will have the necessary educational requirements for preparing to pursue graduate school and/or a career in the performing arts industry. Also, the student is prepared to pursue a variety of performance, production, or teaching careers.

Representative Job Titles Related to this Major:

Actor, Producers, Theatre Critic, Director, Costume Designer, Artistic Director, Radio Broadcasting, Lighting Designer, Props Master, Stage Manager, Professors, Teachers, Creative Dramatics, Agent, Choreographer, Scenic Designer, Sound Engineer, Technical Director Production Coordinator, Engineers, Casting Director Screenplay Writer, Theatre Manager and Consultants

Representative Employers: Theatre Management Companies, Educational Institutions, Administration, Government Performing Arts Programs i.e. local and state organizations

International study is available for all TSU students and may include opportunities for internships or taking course work towards various minors. International study may have an impact on the MAP; therefore, it is important to consult with the academic advisor for this major before participating in an international Program opportunity. Students interested in study abroad opportunities should contact the Office of International Programs and consult with their academic advisor.

This map is not intended to be a contract; either expressed or implied, between the University and the students, but represents a flexible program of the current curriculum which may be altered from time to time to carry out the academic objectives of the University. TSU specifically reserves the right to change, delete or add to any MAP at any time within the student's period of study at the University.