

# THEATER AND DANCE

## Theater Education

College of Arts and Sciences • Department of Theater and Dance

### Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Dance
- Bachelor of Science in Theatre and Dance
- Drama/Theatre Arts Certification

### Why Theater Education?

Those students wishing to share their knowledge with others and who are organized and social are suited to become teachers. Classes in teacher education and pedagogy, coupled with a variety of theater and dance classes, prepare students to be classroom teachers. Students who enter theater education like creative problem solving, thinking outside the box, and having a point of view about life.

### Theater Education at SIUE

SIUE has an intense theater and dance curriculum that prepares students for a career in the classroom. It allows students the opportunities to act, direct, design, dance or in other ways to prepare themselves for a variety of experiences. Each year, the department offers: four theater productions, a dance concert, two student theater productions, a one-act festival, summer stock theater productions, the Black Theater Workshop, and an annual dance festival. In June, the department hosts a four-day experimental theater festival (Xfest) with companies from around the nation. Each event is a chance for students to get hands-on experiences.

### Career Outlook

Theater Education majors are certified to teach theater arts in grades 6-12. The State of Illinois reciprocates teaching certifications with 37 other states allowing graduates of the program a wide geographic job search. Theater Education majors are also qualified to hold positions in outreach and education programs at theater companies.

### Admission Requirements

Students may declare Theater Education as a major upon entry to the University. In order to be admitted to the Teacher Certification Program, students must have:

- Received a grade of C or better in **ENG 101** and **ENG 102**
- Completed 43 semester hours of course credit and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher (including coursework at other institutions)
- Successfully completed the introductory course **CI200**
- **Passed the ICTS Basic Skills Test**  
(information available at [www.icts.nesinc.com](http://www.icts.nesinc.com))

### Exit Requirements

- Complete all specific program requirements.
- Complete all University requirements including:
  - all general education requirements
  - a minimum of 124 credit hours
    - at least 30 of which must be completed at SIUE
    - at least 60 of which must be completed at a regionally accredited 4-year institution
  - A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0
  - Bachelor of Arts only: one year of the same foreign language
- File an Application for Graduation by the first day of the term in which you plan to graduate.



### Faculty (Education Faculty in Red)

#### Professors

**J. Calvin Jarrell, M.F.A.**

1980, University of Oklahoma

#### Associate Professors

**Peter Cocuzza, (Chair), M.F.A.**

1986, Ohio University

**Laura M. Hanson, Ph.D.**

2001, New York University

**Chuck Harper, M.F.A.**

1997, University of Washington

**Johanna Schmitz, Ph.D.**

2001, University of California, Davis

**Kerry Shaul, M.F.A.**

1973, Southern Methodist University

**James Wulfson, M.F.A.**

1998, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

#### Assistant Professors

**Kathryn Bentley, M.F.A.**

2006, Lindenwood University

**Diane Sol, Ph.D.**

1994, University of California, Davis

**Alex Van Blommestein, M.F.A.**

2008, Wayne State University

#### Instructors

**Kristin Best-Kincherff, M.F.A.**

2006, University of Iowa

**Kim Bozark, M.A.**

2006, Webster University

**Valerie Goldston, M.F.A.**

1984, University of Wisconsin, Madison

**Lana Hagan, M.A.**

1996, Roosevelt University

**Nina Reed, B.F.A.**

1989, Webster University

**Roger Speidel, M.F.A.**

2000, University of South Dakota

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## Sample Four-Year Curriculum - BS

	FALL	SPRING
YEAR 1	<b>THEA 114a</b> Forms of Dramatic Action (3)+ <b>THEA 150</b> Scene Design & Construction (3) + THEA 265 Theater Makeup (2) ENG 101 English Composition I S (3) SPC 103, 104, or 105 Speech Communication^ (3) Total 14	<b>THEA 112a</b> Introduction to Acting (3)+ <b>THEA 114b</b> Forms of Dramatic Action (3) + <b>THEA 170</b> Lighting and Sound (3) + ENG 102 English Composition II (3) PHIL 106, FL 106, or MATH 106 (3) Total 15
YEAR 2	<b>THEA 201a</b> History of the Theater (3)+ <b>DANC 114</b> Movement Fundamentals (3) + <b>CI 200</b> Introduction to Education (2) Intro Fine Arts & Humanities (3) Intro Natural Sciences and Mathematics (3) CMIS 108 Computer Concepts or STAT 107 Concepts of Statistics^ (3) Total 17	<b>THEA 112b</b> Creating a Role (3)+ <b>THEA 160</b> Costume Design (3)+ <b>THEA 201b</b> History of the Theater (3)+ PSYC 111 Foundations of Psychology (recom) (3) Intro GENERAL EDUCATION (3) Total 15 <b>Complete ICTS Basic Skills Test for Admission to the Teacher Cert. Program</b>
YEAR 3	THEA 298 Intro to Theater Ed in Secondary Sch (3) EPFR 320 Found of Ed in a Multicultural Society (3) Dist Natural Sciences and Mathematics (3) Internat'l Issues/Internat'l Culture (II/IC)* (3) Intro GENERAL EDUCATION (3) Total 15	<b>THEA 220</b> Directing for the Stage (3) THEA 398 Theater Ed in Secondary Sch (3) IS 386 Cyberarts (recom) (3) SPE 400 The Exceptional Child (3) Dist Social Sciences (3) Total 15
YEAR 4	THEA 312 Multicultural Theater (IGR) (3) CI 315a Methods of Teaching in Sec Schools (2) CI 440 Teaching Reading in the Sec Schools (3) <b>EPFR 315</b> Educational Psychology (3) Dist Fine Arts & Humanities (3) ELECTIVE (4) Total 18	THEA 499d Capstone Project (3) CI 315b Methods for Teaching in Sec Schools (2) CI 352 Student Teaching - Secondary (10) Total 15

**TRANSFER STUDENTS** Maximize your transfer experience - complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer **AND** satisfy the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS, or AAT (early childhood, special ed, or math) degree from an IAI community college. If 'Minor' requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Transfer Credit Equivalency Guides are located at [siue.edu/transfer/](http://siue.edu/transfer/)

BA degree requires two semesters of same foreign language.

AN ADDITIONAL MAJOR OR MINOR CONCENTRATION IN ANOTHER DISCIPLINE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

+ Core Courses: Must be completed within the first two years in order to make progress toward degree completion in a timely fashion. Students cannot enroll in any 300 or 400-level THEA courses until the core is complete. ^ A student who wishes to earn a B.A. degree in Theater will complete two semesters of a foreign language and one of the following: FL 106, MATH 106, PHIL 106, CMIS 108, CS 108, or STAT 107. \*Course taken to fulfill this requirement may also satisfy another General Education requirement. Refer to the SIUE Undergraduate catalog for a list of approved courses.

### Application Deadline

Please refer to SIUE's undergraduate application deadlines.

### Academic Advising Information

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 Campus Box 1609  
 SIUE, Edwardsville, IL 62026-1609  
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### Contact Info

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