Musical Theatre Option

Act! Sing! Dance! The BFA in Musical Theatre is a professional degree designed to prepare students for a career in theatre, film, TV and the entertainment industry. The Jeanine Larson Dobbs Conservatory of Theatre & Dance is a public conservatory training program with a threefold mission:

1. Advanced Technique & Training (Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced)
2. Professional Quality Productions
3. Career Preparation
4. Liberal Arts Education

Our goal is to provide Musical Theatre majors with top-notch artistic training, experiences, and knowledge of the industry, while learning and living in the beautiful River Campus facilities. Imagine, conservatory training at an affordable price! We did!

Beginning in the freshman year, Musical Theatre majors have the opportunity to perform in six main stage productions each year, two second stage productions, the Fault Line Film Festival, Big Band Christmas Jukebox, BFA Extravaganza, River Campus Summer Arts Festival, as well as concerts, cabarets and student directed projects. Musical Theatre majors also audition for employment at regional and national theatre festivals.

The rigorous training provides an excellent foundation for careers in performance, while the varied experiences serve to help graduates secure related positions in the industry.

**Becoming Career Ready...**

*THE HOLLAND COLLEGE OF ARTS AND MEDIA PREPARES YOU TO EARN A LIVING “DOING WHAT YOU LOVE TO DO.”*

- Students train with experienced faculty and staff in the areas of acting, singing, voice, and dance.
- Faculty work closely with students to prepare for rewarding career as a professional capable of performing in a variety of styles. Examples of job titles include actor/actress, scenic designer, technical director, costume designer, production assistant, theatre manager and booking manager.
- Musical Theatre majors study and train in the beautiful River Campus, a multimillion dollar facility devoted to the visual and performing arts.
- 100% of Southeast programs offer a real-world experience. Musical Theatre students benefit from an established program of collaboration with professional guest actors, directors, and designers while working on conservatory productions. Professional relationships are established through internships, auditions, summer interviews, master classes, theatre festivals and a NYC showcase through Actors Connections.
- Southeast Musical Theatre graduates are employed as professionals in cities such as New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia and St. Louis.
- The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests and skills in the arts to jobs and opportunities in the industry. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities and more.

**Internships and Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates**

- The MUNY, St. Louis
- Glimmerglass Opera House
- Lucille Lortel Theatre in NYC
- Georgia Shakespeare Festival
- Upright Citizens Brigade in NYC
- Shakespeare Festival of St. Louis
- Actor’s Theatre of Louisville
- Neighborhood Playhouse in NYC
- Stella Adler School of Acting in NYC
- Steppenwolf Theatre in Chicago
- Disney Internships
- Nebraska Theatre Caravan
- Olney Theatre in Washington, DC
- STAGES, St. Louis
- Bailiwick Theatre, Chicago
- Film and Television

**Admission Requirements**

- Audition and Interview.
- Minimum 3.0 GPA within the theatre and dance major and a minimum overall 2.5 GPA.
- Have earned a “B” or better in TH105 Rehearsal & Production class.
- Submit an application petitioning for admittance into the program.
- Participate in Annual BFA Reviews.

**Transfer and Dual Credit Students**

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.

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**To learn more**

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the Holland College of Arts and Media online, visit
semo.edu/arts-media

**For advising**

Center for Academic Advising
semo.edu/advising
### CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

#### Theatre: Musical Theatre Option – 83 hours

A minimum grade of ‘C’ is required in each core course. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA in the major and a 2.5 overall GPA. No minor is required.

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**General Education Requirements**

- Humanities & Fine Arts
- Oral Communication
- Written Communication
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Civic examination

*4 hours must be 300-400 level

**Additional Requirements**

- UI431 Shakespeare’s Tragedies and the Human Condition (3)
- UI384 History of the Musical (3)

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- UI401 Theory Skills & Analysis for Musical Theatre (3)
- UI423 Class Voice for Musical Theatre II (3)
- UI251 Make-up (3)
- UI161 Script Analysis (3)
- UI201 Private Voice for Musical Theatre I (1+1)
- UI181 Acting I (6)
- UI219 Auditioning I (1)
- UI221 Auditioning II (2)
- UI251 Costume Construction (3)
- UI301 Private Voice for Musical Theatre II (1+1)
- UI305 Rehearsal and Production II (6)
- UI307 Musical Theatre Score Study (3)
- UI316 Acting II (6)
- UI318 Musical Theatre Performance I (3)
- UI385 Directing I (3)
- UI401 Private Voice for Musical Theatre III (1+1)
- UI418 Musical Theatre Performance II (3)
- UI488 Senior Portfolio (3)
- UI495 Theatre History II (3)
- UI498 BFA Project (2)
- UI499 Internship (2)

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**Degree requirements for all students:**

- A minimum of 120 credit hours
- Completion of the General Education program
- Completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599)
- Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003)
- Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

A minimum 3.0 GPA in the major and overall 2.0 are required to graduate with a BFA-Dance degree.