

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 theater 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, theater, 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/MUS/DANC 247: Applied Musical Theatre Performance Techniques 4 credits

MUSIC REQUIREMENTS (5 or 6 credits)

MUS 107: Private Study - Voice (1 cr) 2 credits

2 semesters (CRE)

MUS 111: Concert Choir (1 cr) (any choral ensemble) 2 credits

2 semesters (CRE)

MUS 101: Private Study - Beginning Class Piano 1 credit

OR

MUS 129: Introduction to Sight and Ear Training 2 credits

(may be substituted for 2 credits if student already has sufficient piano skills)

THEATRE REQUIREMENTS (4 credits)

THEA 161: Acting Dynamics (CRE) 4 credits

Plus optional additional theatre credit(s)

DANCE REQUIREMENTS (6 credits)

THEA/MUS/DANC 150: Musical Theatre Dance Styles 2 credits

Plus choose one course from the following list:

DANC 125: Movement Studio I (CRE) 4 credits

DANC 225: Movement Studio II (CRE) 4 credits

DANC 250: Special Topic - Jazz Dance 4 credits

DANC 250: Special Topic - Ballet 4 credits

DANC 250: Special Topic - Beating Drums & Moving Bodies 4 credits

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS (1 credit)

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 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.