

THEATER & PERFORMANCE STUDIES MAJOR

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2023–2024

Declaring the Major

You may declare the major in Theater and Performance Studies after passing two required lower-division courses: one practice course and one performance studies course. Refer to guide.berkeley.edu for details about the major.

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Lower-Division Requirements

Performance Practice (2 Courses)

- 10** Fundamentals of Acting I (3)
- OR **14** Performance Workshop (3)
- 60** Intro. to Technical Theater and Production (3)

Performance Studies (2 Courses)

- 26** Intro. to Performance Studies (4/Fall Only)
- 25AC** The Drama of American Cultures (4/Spring Only)
- OR **52AC** Dance in American Cultures (4/Fall Only)

Upper-Division Requirements

Performance Studies (Choose 2 Courses)

May repeat same-numbered course with different topics.

- 114** Performance Research Workshop (4)
- 117AC** California Stories (4/Summer Only/Online)
- 118AC** Performance, Television, and Social Media (4/Summer Only/Online)
- 119** Performance Theory (4)
- 121** Performance and Culture (4)
- 125** Performance and History (4)
- 126** Performance Literatures (4)

Technical Theater (2 Courses)

- 167** Technical Theater: Performance Practice (1)
- 168** Technical Theater: Shop Practice (1)

Production & Design (Choose 1 Course)

- 172** Stage Management (3)
- 173** Scenic Design for Performance (3)
- 174** Costume Design for Performance (3)
- 175A** Lighting Design for Performance (4)
- 177** Sound Design for Performance (4)

Histories of Performance (1 Course)

- 151** Histories of Performance (4/Spring Only)

Elective Requirements

Majors must take at least 24 upper-division units in TDPS (including the above requirements). Usually, three elective courses are enough to meet this requirement. Majors are encouraged to create a focus for elective courses. See the other side of this sheet for details.

ENHANCING YOUR TDPS ELECTIVE EXPERIENCE

Develop a Focus in Upper-Division Elective Courses

Students may develop a focus as they select upper-division elective courses. Below are examples of how to gain depth in one area. A focus is not required, and some students choose to take a variety of courses for breadth in their experience.

Acting Technique / Performance

- 105 Movement for Actors
- 109 Fundamentals of Acting II
- 110A Intermediate Acting: Scene Study and Style
- 110B Intermediate Acting: The Power of Language
- 111 Advanced Acting Studio
- 112 Voice and Speech
- 114 Performance Research Workshop
- 171 Theater Performance
(Participation in student-directed theater piece)
- 181 Theatrical Realization of Dramatic Texts
(Participation in a TDPS theater production)

Dance Technique / Performance

- 141 Intermediate Modern Dance Technique
- 142 Advanced Modern Dance Technique
- 144 Sources of Movement
(If you took 148 to fulfill required course)
- 145 Intermediate African Dance in Hip Hop
- 146A Choreography: Solo/Duet Showcase
- 146B Choreography: Compositional Study
(Only offered Spring of odd years)
- 148 Movement Improvisation
(If you took 144 to fulfill required course)
- 171 Theater Performance
(Participation in student-directed dance piece)
- 180 Theatrical Realization of Dance
(Participation in a TDPS dance production)

Integrate Your Studies with Capstone Experiences

Students can further deepen their studies by applying for Capstone Experiences. These are self-initiated learning opportunities to expand research and teaching experiences with the guidance of faculty advisors. Speak with the Undergraduate Academic Advisor about how to design one of these experiences, and refer to the [Capstones page](#) on the TDPS website for details and applications.

Performance Studies

- 114 Performance Research Workshop
- 117AC California Stories (Summer Only)
- 118AC Performance, Television & Social Media (Summer Only)
- 119 Performance Theory
- 121 Performance and Culture
- 125 Performance and History
- 126 Performance Literatures
- 151 Histories of Performance (Spring Only)

Design & Technical Theater

Foundational Courses

- 160 Design for Performance
- 167 Technical Theater: Performance Practice
- 168 Technical Theater: Shop Practice

Stage Management

- 172.1 Stage Management
- 172.2 Advanced Stage Management

Costume Design

- 169 Advanced Technical Theater Practice (Costumes)
- 174 Costume Design for Performance
- 179 Supervised Theatrical Design (Costumes)

Lighting Design

- 169 Advanced Technical Theater Practice (Lighting)
- 175A Lighting Design for Performance
- 175B Advanced Lighting Design for Performance
- 176 Applied Theatrical Design (Lighting)

Sample Capstones

- 195A Honors Thesis
- 195B Honors Essay and Production
- 196 University Theater Workshop
- 197 Field Studies in Theater (Internship)
- 198 Directed Group Study (Facilitating a DeCal course)
- 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research