Nebraska Wesleyan University

Musical Theatre (B.F.A.)

Catalog

2026-2027

Program Description

This BFA program develops skills as an actor, singer, and dancer in preparation for a professional career in the musical theatre industry. Through work in the classroom, private voice instruction, and the dance studio, students learn and practice skills that are then applied practically to rehearsal and performance experiences. Students draw experience from a season that includes full-produced musicals, cabarets, and other faculty and student directed productions.

Departments

1. Theatre

Musical Theatre major (B.F.A., 74 hours)

Theatre Arts Core	12 hours
THTRE 1020FYW/THTRE 1030 Script Analysis	3 hours
THTRE 1300 Acting I	3 hours
THTRE 2500 Directing I	3 hours
THTRE 2700 Introduction to Theatrical Design	3 hours
Musical Theatre BFA Courses	**36 hours**
THTRE 1060 Introduction to Musical Theatre	2 hours
THTRE 1310 Acting II	3 hours
THTRE 1650 Musical Theatre I	3 hours
THTRE 2300 Acting III	3 hours
THTRE 2340 Voice for the Stage	3 hours
THTRE 2420 Movement for the Stage	3 hours
THTRE 2650 Musical Theatre II	3 hours
THTRE 2670 Musical Theatre Theory and Musicianship I	4 hours
THTRE 3650 Musical Theatre III	3 hours
THTRE 3670 Musical Theatre Theory and Musicianship II	3 hours
THTRE 3680 Musical Theatre History	3 hours
THTRE 4450 Auditioning	3 hours
Technical Theatre	**3 hours**

- THTRE 1400 Stagecraft or
- THTRE 1410 Costume Construction

Dance	8 hours

8 semesters (at least 1 hour each semester). Courses may be repeated.

- THTRE 1610 Ballet I
- THTRE 1620 Introduction to Musical Theatre Dance
- THTRE 1630 Hip Hop 1
- THTRE 2600 Tap 2
- THTRE 2610 Ballet 2
- THTRE 2620 Jazz Dance Beginner/Intermediate
- THTRE 3600 Tap 3
- THTRE 3620 Jazz Dance Intermediate/Advanced
- THTRE 3860 Advanced Dance Techniques

Note: Students who transfer to NWU may have a reduced dance requirement.

Voice Lessons and Studio	8 hours

8 semesters (at least 1 hour each semester at appropriate level). Courses to be determined by Theatre faculty. Weekly half-hour lesson for first-year students, weekly 1 hour lesson plus studio for sophomores, weekly half-hour lesson plus studio for juniors and seniors.

- THTRE 1640 Musical Theatre Voice Lessons and Studio I
- THTRE 2640 Musical Theatre Voice Lessons and Studio II
- THTRE 3640 Musical Theatre Voice Lessons and Studio III
- THTRE 4640 Musical Theatre Voice Lessons and Studio IV

Note: Students who transfer to NWU may have a reduced voice lesson requirement.

Practicum	4 hours

At least one credit of Practicum must be completed each year.

Practicums should be selected from THTRE-1700-1800.

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Capstone	3 hours

THTRE 4890 Senior Showcase
THTRE 4970 Internship or
THTRE 4990 Senior Capstone