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Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (*including biology*)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language (*same language or two years of American Sign Language-ASL*)
- Academic electives (*to equal at least 17 total credits*)

To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.

Major Requirements

- 30 credits Theatre Core Requirements
- 12 credits Theatre Electives (*maximum of 18 Theatre Elective Credits*)
- 72-84 credits Electives (*outside major*)

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Distribution Requirement:

9 upper level credits (200 level or above). Must have a prerequisite and be outside of theatre.

Completion of two semesters or equivalent proficiency in a foreign second language.

120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation

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Program Description

The Division of Theatre/Dance, housed in the University of Maine's School of Performing Arts, offers students an opportunity to study and train within the disciplines of theatre and dance. Courses provide educational experiences related to acting/performance styles, directing, designing, stagecraft, costume construction and makeup, dance and choreography as well as the historical foundations of these important cultural art forms. Active participation in student and main stage productions is an essential part of the student's learning experience.

In addition to performing/acting, directing and designing on campus, theatre and dance students often participate in local and regional productions, including the Acadia Repertory Company, Seacoast Repertory Theatre, Ogunquit Playhouse, Penobscot Theatre Company, Portland Stage Company, and Theater at Monmouth.

Career Opportunities

Our graduates have found success in community, educational and professional theatre as teachers, actors, directors, set and lighting designers, costume designers, playwrights, stage managers, technicians and business agents. Some graduates are involved in teaching in high schools, colleges and major universities, as well as working in New York and regional theatre, television, and motion pictures. In addition, our graduates have used their theatre degrees in preparation for other careers in business and the arts.

Performing Arts Scholarship in Theatre or Dance

The division of Theatre/Dance offers scholarships to exceptional students in the performing arts. The awards for theatre and dance students are usually in the range of \$1,000 to \$2,000 annually, renewable up to a total of eight semesters. Students who are awarded must maintain a 3.0 GPA, be registered as a full-time student, and be involved in performing arts productions and courses, among other university and departmental requirements. Applicants must make an appointment for an audition or interview with the faculty. More information is available by contacting the division and application forms can be obtained online in the academic section of our website at: <http://www.umaine.edu/spa/>.

General Education Requirements*

- ENG 101 College Composition
- 18 credits Human Values & Social Context area (*a single course may satisfy more than 1 sub-category, but a total of 18 credits must be completed*)
 - Western Cultural Tradition
 - Social Context & Institutions
 - Cultural Diversity & International Perspectives
 - Population & the Environment
 - Artistic & Creative Expression
- 2 courses Designated Writing Intensive (*1 must be within the major*)
- 2 courses Biological or Physical Sciences (*must include at least 1 laboratory course*)
- 1 course Ethics (*emphasis on discussion of ethical issues in 1 course or series of courses*)
- 6 credits Mathematics (*including statistics & some computer science, only 3 credits in computer science can count toward this requirement*)
- 1 capstone An approved experience in which the student integrates the components of his or her undergraduate training to perform at a professional level. The capstone experience is usually completed during the senior year in consultation with the student's academic advisor.

**All UMaine students must complete these general education requirements, which are counted in the total credit hours required for graduation and may be contained in the Major Requirements previously listed.*

Specialized Information

The Division of Theatre/Dance also offers a minor in Theatre and a minor in Dance. Both minors are open to all University of Maine students seeking an undergraduate degree. The Theatre minor and the Dance minor require the completion of 18 credit hours.

Academic Programs 2008-2009

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