Theatre Arts - Costume Design

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Caine College of the Arts

Theatre Admission Requirements

Utah State University’s Caine College of the Arts represents the broadest interpretation of the arts: art as personal expression, art for art's sake, art as communication, art as an important social and political force, art for personal enjoyment, and art as a contribution to what it means to be both an individual and a part of the larger cultures that connect us.

Are you planning on being a theatre major? If yes and you have already auditioned and/or interviewed, please continue to the First Semester Registration Guide for your program below. If you have not auditioned and/or interviewed, please take general education courses and continue to the exploratory guide to select classes for your first semester. Auditions are held each October and February.

Major Description

The Theatre Arts Department at USU believes that a well-trained theatre artist or educator must have a working knowledge of all areas and aspects of theatre in order to be truly successful. The department strives to help students acquire and develop the tools needed to succeed in their future pursuits by emphasizing general training, which provides students with a broad background of courses and practical experiences, plus advanced training in their emphases. A few of the areas in which students gain experience are design, technical work, stage management, acting, and directing. Each student in this program will receive the individual attention required to learn and grow within the theatre arts. Students must earn either a BFA or a BA degree. The BFA is a professional art degree requiring above-average accomplishment in art. Students must first apply and be accepted to the professional degree program. To receive a BA, students must gain proficiency in one or more foreign languages.

Admission Requirements

Freshmen: Admission to the BFA Design and Technology Program requires an interview and portfolio review. For additional requirement information, please visit us at theatre.usu.edu or email us at theatre@usu.edu. Minimum GPA for admission is 2.75.

If you have already auditioned and/or interviewed, please continue. If you have not auditioned and/or interviewed, please take general education courses this semester and continue to the exploratory guide to select classes for your first semester. Auditions are held each October and February.
How to Customize Your Own Class Schedule

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ACT/SAT Scores, AP, IBO, and Concurrent Enrollment/Transfer Credits

Gather your ACT/SAT and advanced placement (AP) scores, any concurrent enrollment, International Baccalaureate (IB), and transfer credits you have taken or are currently taking.

- Know your ACT/SAT scores so you can determine which prerequisites you have already met (particularly for math). Make sure these scores are all in Banner by clicking “Test Scores” in your student records, and double check when you took the test (math scores are only good as prereqs if taken after January 1, 2021).
- See how your AP credits will count at USU by viewing the AP table in the University Catalog. You can see if USU has received your AP scores by viewing your transcript by clicking on “View Transcript” in your student records.
- See how your IBO credits will count at USU by viewing the IBO table in the University Catalog.
- See if your transfer or concurrent enrollment credits are equivalent to any courses or requirements at USU by looking at the “Course by Course” page on the transfer page. Make sure your previous courses are on your USU transcript by clicking “View Transcript” in your student records.
- Go to the Finding Your Scores/Courses webpage if you need help getting current scores or credits transferred to USU.

If you have already satisfied some recommended first-semester courses listed on this guide, you may need additional credits to complete your schedule. Refer to the four-year plans in the University Catalog, register for the next courses listed in your plan, and then verify your course selections with your advisor after the date listed in the advising section below.

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Placement Tests

Math Placement

Every incoming student has access to the ALEKS math system for free. ALEKS is the software you will use to place into a math class, and brush up on math skills you lack. You can take up to five proctored exams for placement purposes, and you can work through customized learning modules for up to six months so you can place higher in math, or learn some basic skills so your math class isn’t as difficult once you get into it.

Go to ALEKS and take a proctored math exam to determine when you can place in math. After that, feel free to study in ALEKS before the semester begins, and take additional placement exams if you think you can place higher. This website has information about how to take a proctored exam in Logan, throughout Utah, and at an out-of-state location.

Note: some students with math ACT/SAT scores, AP scores, or college-credit math grades earned after January 1, 2021 are able to automatically register for a math class because they meet the pre-requisite for the course. If you think you can automatically qualify to register for a math class, click on a specific math class in the math path below to see the pre-requisite scores needed for that class.

Language Placement

If you have foreign language skills, take the language placement exam if you would like to earn inexpensive elective credits for previous knowledge, or place into a higher language course.

Call the freshman hotline at (435) 797-0283 if you have additional questions as you prepare.
Class Schedule

Use the results from steps one and two, along with the recommended courses below, to make a list of several classes you would like to take. Be sure to include a few extra courses as back-ups.

Recommended First Semester Courses

Theatre students who have auditioned and have been admitted to the Theatre Arts Costume Design Program, should meet with Bruce Duerden for their theatre classes and Angela Neff for their general education classes.

We recommend you take 15 to 16 credits your first semester.

If a class is full, add yourself to a waitlist. If the class doesn’t have a waitlist option, check back frequently to look for openings. You’ll be surprised how quickly waitlists turn over, and remember you can add yourself to multiple waitlists for the same course. (Don’t forget to check your email daily so you see any waitlist notifications before they expire.)

Prerequisites and Course Descriptions

The classes marked with an asterisk(*) have prerequisites. For course descriptions and prerequisite information, click on the the course in this guide or see the University Catalog and click on “Course Numbers and Descriptions.”

If you have met a class prerequisite via AP or IBO scores or college credits, but have not yet transferred them to USU, you can request a temporary prerequisite override. Only do this if you have already met the prerequisite and are certain you can get your test scores/credits to USU and into Banner well before December 1, 2021. This is the day that your temporary override will expire and your class will be dropped unless you meet the prerequisite in Banner. After you submit a temporary override request, allow for up to 3-4 business days for the request to be processed. Once processed, the Registrar’s office will reach out to you via email.

Math prerequisites typically only last 1 year, math prerequisites the Spring 2022 semester are valid if they were earned after January 1, 2021.

English 1010 (CL1) and English 2010 (CL2)

The Communications Literacy 1 requirement (CL1) is typically fulfilled by ENGL 1010. You have already satisfied the CL1 requirement if you have any of the following:

- ACT English Test: Score of 29 or higher
- RSAT Reading Test (if taken after March 2016): Score of 34 or higher
- SAT Critical Reading Test (if taken before March 2016): Score of 640 or higher
- AP English Language Test: Score of 3 or higher (for CL1 only)
- CLEP College Composition Test: Score of 50 or higher (for CL1 only)
- IBO English A: Language & Literature Test: Higher-level Score of 5 or higher (for CL1 only)

If you have already met the CL1 requirement, you should take English 2010 (CL2).
When Can You Register?

Students register according to the number of earned hours on their USU transcript. You can see the number of “EARNED” hours on your transcript by clicking “View Transcript” in your student records. Remember that credits that have not yet been received or applied to your USU transcript DO NOT COUNT toward earned hours until they are officially on your USU transcript (USU cannot override this and give you an earlier registration time, even if you have credits en route to USU).

The following information is the registration calendar for the Spring 2022 semester:

Wednesday, November 10th at 8:00 p.m.—students with 50 or more earned hours on their transcript

Wednesday, November 10th at 9:00 p.m.—students with 40 or more earned hours on their transcript

Wednesday, November 10th at 10:00 p.m.—students with 30 or more earned hours on their transcript

Thursday, November 11th at 8:00 p.m.—students with 20 or more earned hours on their transcript

Thursday, November 11th at 9:00 p.m.—students with 10 or more earned hours on their transcript

Thursday, November 11th at 10:00 p.m. —students with 0-9 earned hours on their transcript

Again, the system looks at earned hours that are already on the USU transcript when determining when a student can register. This cannot be overridden, even if the student has additional credits that are not yet on their USU transcript.

Advising for First-Year Students in this Major

You can find more information about the theatre arts degree on the degree finder website or at the department website.

For general registration questions, please use our chat feature (click the "Ask Us" on the right-hand side of the orientation page) from 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or during special hours November 11 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. You can also email the hotline at orientation@usu.edu.

Theatre students have two advisors, a faculty advisor and a general education advisor. We encourage you to meet with both advisors each semester.

Angela Neff set aside advising hours on Friday November 12th from 1:30-4:30pm, to answer questions for incoming first-year students via phone or email. Please email Angela Neff, angela.neff@usu.edu, with questions during that day. If you wish to schedule a one-on-one appointment, you can make a appointment at https://ccaam.usu.edu/ramonline/BookAppt?AG=134 starting November 15th.

We expect students to carefully review Module 2 before contacting us.

Your faculty mentor is:

Your general education advisor is Angela Neff. Angela has set aside November 12th from 1:30 PM - 4:30 pm to answer general questions.

Schedule appointment at: cca.usu.edu/contact/cca-advising/index