

## School of Theatre and Dance MA/MS Program Plan of Study

### Master of Science

The Master of Science degree is awarded to a student who has completed a **minimum of 36 hours** in theatre or approved related courses, and has completed a thesis or passed a School of Theatre and Dance comprehensive examination. The Master's degree candidate must take a series of courses which includes the following: THE 497, included in 9 hours of history/theory- criticism with at least 3 in history and 3 in theory/criticism; 3 hours in acting; 3 hours in directing; 3 hours in design/technical theatre (costume, scenic or lighting design); 14 hours of approved electives; and 4 hours of THE 477.

### Master of Arts

The Master of Arts degree is awarded to a student who has completed the requirements outlined above. In addition, the student must have completed the following requirements: the student must have earned credit for a minimum of two years of a foreign language at the college level, or must demonstrate a reading knowledge of a foreign language. This latter requirement is met by passing an examination administered by the appropriate foreign language faculty or a reading language proficiency test.

### General University Requirements:

Master's Degree with Thesis: No more than 6 and no less than 4 semester hours for thesis research and writing may be counted toward satisfying the 30 semester hour minimum of graduate work for a master's degree with thesis. A minimum of 15 credits of 400 level courses, excluding thesis, are required for the thesis option.

Master's Degree without Thesis: Consists of at least 30 semester hours of graduate work and includes a Comprehensive Examination and/or a culminating requirement demonstrating a mature application of skills and knowledge (e.g., professional practice, project, colloquia, recital).

Requirement	Course Taken	Semester	Hours	Grade
<b>History/Theory/Criticism (9 hrs)</b>				
(theory/criticism - 3 hrs)	THE 497: Research Methods			
(history - 3 hrs)				
<b>Acting (3 hrs)</b>				
<b>Directing (3 hrs)</b>				
<b>Design (3 hrs)</b>				
<b>Professional Seminar (4 hrs)</b>	THE 477			
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Electives (14 hrs)				
<u>Thesis only</u>				
	THE 499 (4 - 6 hrs)			

Degree audit filed (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Thesis Option \_\_\_\_\_ Defense date: \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comp Option \_\_\_\_\_ Pass Fail Rewrite Results: \_\_\_\_\_ Comp date: \_\_\_\_\_

Students: You should keep one copy of this form in your own file, for reference purposes, and have it available at your committee meetings. Another copy of the form, regularly updated by you, the student, should be kept in your file in Valerie Dambold's office.