

MUSICAL THEATRE (B.F.A.)

The Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Musical Theatre provides rigorous training with a concentrated focus in acting, dance and music, preparing students to work in the musical theatre industry. Musical Theatre majors develop exceptional performance skills through a combination of intense classroom work and production opportunities.

The program is based in the Department of Theatre & Dance (<https://www.montclair.edu/arts/theatre-and-dance/>). For further information, go to: BFA Musical Theatre (<https://www.montclair.edu/arts/theatre-and-dance/academic-programs/undergraduate/bfa-musical-theatre/>). (Note: All Theatre & Dance majors must pass yearly juries/portfolio reviews and faculty evaluation for continuation in the programs.)

Degree Requirements Overview

Code	Title	Credits
	New Student Seminar	1
	SEEDS General Education Requirements	18-21
	Major Requirements	91
	Free Electives	10-7
	Total Credits	120

Major Requirements

Required Theatre Courses

Code	Title	Credits
THTR 115	Acting I - BFA	3
THTR 125	Voice and Speech I	2
THTR 130	Acting II - BFA	3
THTR 131	Somatics and Self-Care for Musical Theatre	1
THTR 139	Stage Make-Up	1
THTR 150	Introduction to Technical Theatre	1
THTR 200	Production Stagecraft	1
THTR 201	Production Operations	1
THTR 202	Production Costumes	1
THTR 204	Performance Production I	1
THTR 206	Performance: Production II	1
THTR 210	Theatre History: Early World	3
THTR 222	Acting III - B.F.A.: Scene Study I	3
THTR 223	Acting IV - B.F.A.: Scene Study II	3
THTR 315	Advanced Scene Study I for Musical Theatre	3
THTR 316	Advanced Scene Study II for Musical Theatre	3
THTR 238	Musical Theatre I	3
THTR 338	Musical Theatre II	3
THTR 425	Industry Showcase for Actors	3
	Total Credits	40

Required Music Courses

Code	Title	Credits
MSSN 101	Keyboard Musicianship I	1
MTTH 101	Applied Music Theory I for Musical Theatre	3
MTTH 102	Applied Music Theory II for Musical Theatre	3
MTTH 103	Aural Skills I for Musical Theatre	1

MTTH 104	Aural Skills II for Musical Theatre	1
MTTH 132	Acting for the Singer I	2
MTTH 133	Vocal Technique for Musical Theatre	2
MTTH 231	Acting for the Singer II	2
MTTH 331	Musical Theatre Repertoire and Audition Technique	1
MUCP 122	Advanced Music Theory and Aural Skills for Musical Theatre	2
MUGN 136	The History of Broadway	3
	Complete 6 times for a total of 3 credits:	3
MUPR 140	Performance Practicum for Performance Majors	
	Complete two courses for a total of 1 credit:	1
MUEN 100	Montclair State University Chorale	
	or MUEN 101 Montclair State University Singers	
	or MUEN 130 Opera Production	
	Complete six times for a total of 12 credits:	12
MUSI 499	Applied Music	
	Total Credits	37

Required Dance Courses

Code	Title	Credits
	Complete 6 credits from the following (to be repeated as necessary):	6
DNCE 100	Introduction to Ballet (Non-Major)	
DNCE 112	Dance Technique: Ballet I	
DNCE 200	Ballet for Musical Theatre	
DNCE 212	Dance Technique: Ballet II	
DNCE 312	Dance Technique: Ballet III	
DNCE 412	Dance Technique: Ballet IV	
	Complete 10 credits from the following (to be repeated as necessary):	
	<i>Tap</i>	5
DNCE 121	Musical Theatre Dance I - Tap	
	or DNCE 221 Musical Theatre Dance II - Tap	
	or DNCE 321 Musical Theatre Dance III - Tap	
	or DNCE 421 Musical Theatre Dance IV - Tap	
	<i>Jazz</i>	5
DNCE 122	Musical Theatre Dance I - Jazz	
	or DNCE 222 Musical Theatre Dance II - Jazz	
	or DNCE 324 Musical Theatre Dance III - Jazz	
	or DNCE 422 Musical Theatre Dance IV - Jazz	
	Total Credits	16

Suggested Additional Collateral Courses

To be chosen from within the College of the Arts, depending on General Education total.

Code	Title	Credits
DNCE 435	Special Topics in Dance Arts	1-3
MSSN 102	Keyboard Musicianship II	1
MUCP 241	Musical Composition	2
FMTV 251	Acting for the Screen	3
THTR 330	Play Direction I	3

New Student Seminar

Code	Title	Credits
Students in the Adult Learner program must take GNED 100.		
Complete one course from the following. Some courses may be restricted by major. Consult with an academic advisor.		1
ADVS 198	Pathways to Success	
CHEM 190	Freshman Seminar in Chemistry	
FYS 100	First Year Seminar	
GNED 100	Adult Academic Success Seminar	
GNED 199	New Student Seminar	
HPEM 199	Freshman Seminar in Health and Physical Education	
IDS 155	Pathways to Adult Learning	
JUST 199	New Student Seminar	
MATH 102	New Student Experience for Mathematical Sciences	
MUGN 199	Freshman Seminar for Music Majors	
NURS 199	Introduction to Nursing	
POLS 199	Freshman Seminar in Political Science and Law	

SEEDS General Education Requirements

Click here for a list of courses that fulfill the SEEDS requirements. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/seeds-general-education-requirements/>)

Code	Title	Credits
Foundations		
<i>Effective Writing I</i>		
Complete one Effective Writing I course.		3
<i>Effective Writing II</i>		
Complete one Effective Writing II course.		3
<i>Interactive Communication</i>		
Fulfilled by THTR 125 in the major.		
<i>Quantitative Reasoning</i>		
Complete one Quantitative Reasoning course.		3
<i>Political and Civic Life</i>		
Complete one Political and Civic Life course.		3
<i>World Language</i>		
Complete two sequential classes in one World Language when starting at the Beginner I or Beginner II level. Complete one class when starting at the Intermediate/Advanced Level.		3-6
Exploration		
Complete one course from four different Exploration categories:		3
<i>Analyzing Cultures and Societies</i>		
<i>Creative Expression</i>		
Fulfilled by THTR 115 in the major.		
<i>Ethical Inquiry</i>		
<i>Historical Thinking</i>		
<i>Literary and Artistic Analysis</i>		
Fulfilled by MUGN 136 in the major.		
<i>Scientific Reasoning</i>		
Fulfilled by DNCE 130 in the major.		
Total Credits		18-21

Recommended Roadmap to Degree Completion

This recommended degree plan is provided as an outline for students to follow in order to complete their degree requirements within four years and 120 credits. This plan is a recommendation and **MUST** be used in consultation with their academic advisor. Important note: Students should be aware this plan assumes no pre-requisite coursework is required. If pre-requisite coursework is needed, students may have additional requirements to fulfill which do not appear on the plan.

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
New Student Seminar		1 SEEDS: Effective Writing II	3
SEEDS: Effective Writing I		3 THTR 130	3
THTR 115 (Fulfills SEEDS: Exploration - Creative Expression)		3 THTR 150	1
DNCE 200		2 MUCP 102	3
MTTH 101		3 MUCP 104	1
MTTH 103		1 MUSI 499 (Voice)	2
MTTH 134		1 MUPR 140	0.5
MTTH 133		2 THTR 202	1
THTR 201		1 DNCE 200	2
	17		16.5

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
THTR 125 (Fulfills SEEDS: Interactive Communication)		3 SEEDS: Quantitative Reasoning	3
Musical Theatre Dance course		2 MTTH 132	0.5-2
THTR 204		1 MUSI 499 (Voice)	2
THTR 222		3 THTR 200	1
MUSI 499 (Voice)		2 THTR 223	3
MUPR 140		0.5 MUCP 122	2
MSSN 101		1 MUPR 140	0.5
MUEN 100, 101, or 130		0.5 MUEN 100, 101, or 130	0.5
THTR 131		1 Ballet course	2
	14		14.5-16

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SEEDS: World Language 1		3 Musical Theatre Dance course	2
Musical Theatre Dance course		2 THTR 238	3
MUGN 136 (Fulfills SEEDS: Exploration - Literary and Artistic Analysis)		3 DNCE 130 (Fulfills SEEDS: Exploration - Scientific Reasoning)	3
THTR 315		3 THTR 316	3
THTR 207		1 MUSI 499 (Voice)	2
MTTH 231		2 MUPR 140	0.5
MUSI 499 (Voice)		2	

MUPR 140	0.5		
	16.5		13.5
Fourth Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SEEDS: World Language 2 or Free Elective		3 SEEDS: Exploration 4	3
THTR 338		3 Musical Theatre Dance course	2
MUSI 499 (Voice)		2 THTR 425	3
MUPR 140		0.5 Ballet course	2
MTTH 331		1 Free Elective	3
SEEDS: Political and Civic Life		3 Free Elective	2.5-1
	12.5		15.5-14
Total Credits 120			