Drama

Students may select drama as a major through the Performing Arts Department. This major combines the historical, cultural and literary study of theater and performance with a full array of courses regarding theatrical production, including acting, directing, performance art, design (set, costume, lighting, sound) and playwriting. The Performing Arts Department strongly believes in the mutually beneficial relationship between the study and the practice of theater. A major in drama provides an academically rigorous course of study — with a strong grounding in theater history, dramatic literature, performance studies and dramatic theory — that also develops students' knowledge of theater by means of practice.

The rigorous three-semester Theater Culture Studies sequence provides a solid background in history, literature and performance, and students take an additional three courses in theater and performance studies. Within theater arts, students with their advisers may design their own course of study or be guided by diverse "paths" of study in acting, directing, playwriting or design. Our theater arts courses, regularly drawing from playwrights such as Shakespeare, Chekhov and Beckett, are based on a liberal arts, rather than a conservatory, model.

We also offer two special programs that can be credited toward the major. Since 1991, we have been holding a national summer program at Shakespeare's Globe in London, which consists of a 3-unit course on acting Shakespeare and a 3-unit course on Shakespeare studies, in addition to several master classes taught by Globe personnel. We also offer an intensive semester-long playwriting program in New York City held at Primary Stages, one of Off-Broadway's leading producers of new works and home of the Einhorn School of Performing Arts.

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Faculty

For a list of affiliated faculty, please visit the Performing Arts faculty page.

Majors

The Major in Drama

Total units required: 39

The major requires six courses in Theater and Performance Studies and seven courses in Theater Arts.

Theater and Performance Studies Component

A minimum of six theater and performance studies courses must be taken for the major. The specific requirements are:

- Three courses, preferably taken in order, in the Theater Culture Studies sequence:
  - Drama 228C Theater Culture Studies I: Antiquity to Renaissance 3
  - Drama 229C Theater Culture Studies II: From Renaissance to Romanticism 3
  - Drama 365C Theater Culture Studies III: Melodrama to Modernism 3

- Two electives, 300-level or above, including courses in non-western/minority theater, theory and performance studies. It is strongly recommended that one of these two courses be a writing-intensive course taken in the junior year.

- The senior drama capstone, taken in the fall semester of the senior year: Drama 4452.

Theater Arts Component

A minimum of seven theater arts courses must be taken for the major. The specific requirements are:

- Drama 212E Introduction to Theater Production 3

All majors must take one of the following:

- Drama 240E Acting I: Fundamentals of Acting 3
- Drama 307 Stage Costumes: Prehistoric to 1800 3
- Drama 310 Stage Lighting 3
- Drama 311M Scenic Design 3

For the five remaining courses students may choose from four suggested paths or, with the help of an adviser, students may develop their own path within the major:

Directing Path

- Drama 227 Playwriting 3
  or Drama 307 Stage Costumes: Prehistoric to 1800
  or Drama 310 Stage Lighting
  or Drama 311M Scenic Design

AND

- Drama 341 Acting II 3
- Drama 343 Fundamentals of Directing 3
- Drama 403 Dramaturgical Workshop 3
- Drama 444 Directing II 3

Acting Path

- Drama 314 Voice-Speech Laboratory 3
  or Drama 340 Topics in Stage Movement
Drama 341  Acting II  3
Drama 342  Acting III  3
Drama 343  Fundamentals of Directing  3
Drama 440  Acting IV  3

Playwriting Path
Drama 227  Playwriting  3
(See also Writing 224 Playwriting)
Drama 343  Fundamentals of Directing  3
Drama 403  Dramaturgical Workshop  3
Drama 473  Advanced Playwriting  3
AND
Drama 4990  Independent Work  1-6
or Drama 4995  Literature, Theory, Criticism  1-3

Design Path
• One Introduction to Design course: Drama 307, Drama 310 or Drama 311M
• Two electives, 300-level or above, or an independent study in mainstage design (Drama 4993)
AND
Drama 343  Fundamentals of Directing  3
or Drama 460  The Creative Impulse  
AND
Drama 410  Advanced Stage Lighting  3
or Drama 416  Period Style and Design History  
or Drama 421  Costume Construction and Design  
or Drama 450  Advanced Scene Design  

Additional Information
Study Away: The Performing Arts Department offers an intensive semester-long playwriting program in New York City, called PS[NYC], held at Primary Stages, one of Off-Broadway’s leading producers of new works and home of the Einhorn School of Performing Arts. Six courses in playwriting, American dramatic literature and American theatre production are available through the PS[NYC] program.

Minors
The Minor in Drama
Units required: 18

Required courses:
Drama 212E  Introduction to Theater Production  3
6 units from the Theater Culture Studies Sequence:
Drama 228C  Theater Culture Studies I: Antiquity to Renaissance  3
Drama 229C  Theater Culture Studies II: From Renaissance to Romanticism  3
Drama 365C  Theater Culture Studies III: Melodrama to Modernism  3

Elective courses:
At least 9 credit units at the 300 level or above. No more than 3 units may be production credits.

The Minor in World Music, Dance and Theater
For the world music, dance and theater minor, visit the Performing Arts page.

Courses
Visit https://courses.wustl.edu to view semester offerings for L15 Drama.

L15 Drama 115 Freshman Seminar: What is Art?
Great works of literature, cinema, painting, drama, music and dance provide us with new, provocative and sometimes completely unexpected methods of perceiving reality. In this Freshman Seminar, we examine the meanings of art by looking at works that have radically altered or challenged the ways in which people saw the world around them — along with works that are doing the same today. In addition to analyzing texts in a classroom setting, this course also incorporates meetings with artists and directors practicing their crafts, and attendance at theatrical performances and museums both on and off campus. Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM Art: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 120 Freshman Seminar: Race and Performance
What does it mean to “act black”? What about “acting Jewish”? This course looks at performances of racial and ethnic identity, mostly in the United States, mostly in the 20th century. We examine novels (such as Nella Larsen’s Passing), plays (such
as Anna Deavere Smith's *Fires in the Mirror*, and performances of everyday life (such as "Cowboys and Indians") to investigate the performance of race in public. Once we begin to explore the social and cultural performance of race, will it all turn out to be "only" an act?
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH, SD A&S IQ: HUM, SD BU: BA EN: H

L15 Drama 135 Freshman Seminar Ideation: Idea Generation
Ideation exists at all phases of a creative process: brainstorming, idea generation, innovation, prototyping, development and actualization. But Ideation is less like a line and more like a loop from observing to reflecting to making — and back again. It is a rarely understood but essential part of any creative or design process. Through collaboration and conversations with classmates, readings on the topic and group exercises, Ideation is a course that strives to define and demystify what we mean by "creativity," help students identify their creative strengths and weaknesses, encourage artistic experimentation of new ideas, establish methods of design thinking and make it clear that collaboration among varied backgrounds and disciplines is the key to coming up with creative solutions for complex problems. Successful companies such as IDEO led by visionaries in the form of Tim Brown and David Kelley have pioneered the notion of Design Thinking. "Design thinking" is defined as "the ability to combine empathy for the context of a problem, creativity in the generation of insights and solutions, and rationality to analyze and fit solutions to the context." This course encourages students to explore their collaborative talents in new ways that they find apply to virtually any discipline and career path: from A to Z.
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH A&S IQ: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 175 Designing Creativity: Innovation Across Disciplines
Via a series of lectures from prominent thinkers and practitioners in the areas of medicine, neuroscience, law, engineering, architecture, human-centered design, business, stage design, and the performing arts, Designing Creativity is a course that covers the study and practice of the creative process across many disciplines. From "Ah-ha" epiphanies to slow-developing discoveries, the creative process is employed by innovators and artists in virtually every corner of the globe. In this course, we explore the study of those processes by hearing from creatives in many fields with practice of those techniques via a LAB component that allows students to explore the development of innovative ideas in collaborative teams followed by project presentations to core faculty and classmates.
Same as InterD 175
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM

L15 Drama 200 Theater Projects
Independent study. Students may contract with a faculty supervisor for credit for their work on theatrical productions or research. Contracts must be signed by the student, the faculty supervisor and the coordinator of Drama 200 before the student's work on the project commences. Credit and grade option are determined in each case.
Credit variable, maximum 3 units.

L15 Drama 2001 Acting
Independent study.
Credit variable, maximum 3 units.
L15 Drama 227 Playwriting
An introductory course in playwriting. Limited to eight students. Prerequisite: Writing 1 and permission of the instructor.
Same as Writing 224
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM; Art: HUM; BU: HUM

L15 Drama 228C Theater Culture Studies I: Antiquity to Renaissance
Required of the drama major. An examination of ancient, medieval, and Renaissance theater and performance. Close reading of dramatic texts written by such authors as Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, Aristophanes, Plautus, Marlowe, Shakespeare, and Jonson, with attention also given to the collaborative theaters of the medieval period (the Corpus Christi play) and the Italian Renaissance. In tandem with the close study of dramatic literature, we study theater history (playing spaces, costumes, actors, etc.) and performance (ritual, performances of everyday life, etc.) from antiquity to the Renaissance.
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH A&S IQ: HUM; Art: HUM; BU: HUM

L15 Drama 229C Theater Culture Studies II: From Renaissance to Romanticism
This course provides a survey of theater history from the early 17th through mid-19th centuries, covering plays, theories of drama and acting, and the material conditions of theatre production. We explore events in Asia, the Americas and Europe with particular attention to the Baroque era. Sentimentalism and Romanticism. The central objectives of the course are 1) to teach students to analyze plays in complex and creative ways, and 2) to cultivate understanding of the ways theater and performance practices reflect the philosophical ideas, aesthetic values, and sociopolitical realities of their historical context — even as these practices sustained and challenged such ideas, values and realities.
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH A&S IQ: HUM; Art: HUM; BU: HUM

L15 Drama 230 Topics in Theater
Explores a variety of special interest topics in theater not included in the Theater Culture Studies sequence. Consult the Course Listings.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA

L15 Drama 239 Performance and Culture
What are Lady Gaga & Beyoncé doing? How do young men and women in poverty use performance for survival? Why do we create performance and for whom? In this class we apply the vocabulary and concepts of Performance Studies to social and theatrical worlds, understanding performance broadly: from popular culture to everyday life to theatre. To understand performance, we look closely at ethnographies, plays and literature. Subjects span a range of topics: racial impersonation, drag/house balls, celebrity culture, reality television, black-latino theatre, and slam poetry. Key course questions: How does performance inform everyday culture? How does culture inform popular culture and theatrical performance? This course takes seriously the “doing” and the “undoing” of things — as culture shifts, transforms and adjusts as bodies engage in the art of performance.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM; BU: BA; EN: H

L15 Drama 240E Acting I: Fundamentals of Acting
This course offers an opportunity to investigate the nature of the theater by way of performance. Students study a variety of theatrical texts in the most direct and experiential way, by acting in them. The course is designed for those who want to understand the interpretive work of the actor. Students are introduced to the practical work of building a character for the stage, and they also gain an understanding of how dramatic texts work both on the page and on the stage. Textual analysis, movement work and vocal production skills are developed using monologues, scene work and exercises. These skills also should provide significant benefits outside the confines of the class itself, in the professional and personal lives of the students taking this class.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM; BU: HUM

L15 Drama 250 Topics in Stage Movement
This is a rotating topics course on movement for actors.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM

L15 Drama 253 Introduction to Performance Art
The focus of this course is on the history, theory and practice of performance art and performance theater. The class engages in exercises that generate text, movement, sound and performance scores. Students create original performances that incorporate contemporary critical concepts. Performance production is supplemented by readings and videos that introduce the history and theory of experimental performance and work by specific performance artists.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM; BU: HUM

L15 Drama 256 Contemporary Comedy: Stand-up, Sketch and Improv
The U.S. is in the midst of a second comedy boom. The first boom, during the 1980s, turned stand-up comedy into a major force in American entertainment, creating stars like Jerry Seinfeld, Eddie Murphy and Ellen DeGeneres. The second, defined in part by new social media, podcasting, and online digital video, is remaking the way comedians find their voices and their audiences. But even as Louis C.K., Natasha Leggero, Aziz Ansari, Rob Delaney and others chart new paths through a dynamic media landscape, live performance is still the heart of the modern comedy universe. This class is a detailed survey of the contemporary American comedy scene, in select historical context. Pioneering artists from vaudeville and the 1970s are introduced, the stand-up boom of the 1980s is presented as a formative force in today’s comedy business, and modern philosophical perspectives on comedy are read and discussed (though we studiously avoid explaining jokes). Topics include alt-comedy, “blue collar” comedy, anti-comedy, heckling, joke theft, twitter, podcasting, the “scenes” of New York, L.A., San Francisco, and major clubs and festivals. Sketch unit covers The State, Mr. Show, Tim and Eric, and Key & Peele; Improv unit covers Del Close, Groundlings and Upright Citizens Brigade.
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH A&S IQ: HUM; BU: HUM; EN: H

L15 Drama 257 Dance Theater Production
Experience in technical production. Required stage work includes two studio dance productions supervised by faculty. Prerequisite: Dance 212E.
Same as Dance 257
Credit 1 unit. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM; Art: HUM; BU: HUM
L15 Drama 272 Introduction to American Musical Theater
Students are taught basic interpretation of musical theater repertoire. The student learns to analyze and perform songs with regard to melody and musical form. Acting techniques are developed through lyric interpretation. Students also are introduced to basic audition practice and etiquette.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA & A&S IQ: HUM; BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 285 Theater Arts Workshop
The focus of this class is to give students a technical introduction to different theater arts disciplines including acting, directing and scenic design. During the 14-week course students apply these newly acquired skills in developing plays written by the student playwrights. General Theater Studies’ students occasionally meet in this workshop with the First Draft Playwriting Students.

L15 Drama 290 Exploring the Boundaries of Playwriting
The objective of this class is to teach writers the art of playwriting, including: character, relationships, conflict, scene structure, style, language and dramatic arc. Students analyze a variety of texts in class and at home as examples of the weekly lessons or discussion. In-class exercises are part of the lessons in order to develop a practical understanding of each week’s topic of discussion. The students present scenes in class on a bi-monthly basis: half of the class shares work for discussion on alternating weeks.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA & A&S IQ: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 295 Portfolio Review
This course is intended as a one-hour credit to meet every Friday for two contact hours. While the main focus of this course is to dedicate time to learning and preparing a solid professional portfolio, resume and web page, this class also trains the students how to interact and conduct themselves through the interview process. We review numerous résumés from industry professionals, develop our own, develop both physical and digital portfolios consisting of students’ academic and professional work, and culminate in building a strong and evocative web page. Upon completion, the student has a solid understanding of the theater job market and be ready to face the world.
Credit 1 unit. A&S: LA & A&S IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 296 Internship
Students may receive up to 3 units of credit for an approved internship with an organization where the primary objective is to obtain professional experience outside the classroom. Students must file a Learning Agreement with the Career Center, a faculty sponsor and the site supervisor. This must be approved by all three constituencies before proceeding. A final written project is agreed upon between the student and faculty sponsor before work begins, and is evaluated by the faculty sponsor at the end of the internship.
Credit variable, maximum 3 units.

L15 Drama 300 Production Practicum
Practicum experience in technical theater. Available positions include stage manager; publicist; assistant designer for costumes, scenery or lighting; or crew head of props, sound and makeup design.
Credit variable, maximum 2 units.

L15 Drama 303 Sanctuaries and Spectacle in the Greek World
Study of selected topics in Classics. This is a Writing-Intensive Course.
Same as Classics 3003
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH, WI & A&S IQ: HUM, WI EN: H

L15 Drama 3011 History of African-American Theater
A survey of African-American theater from post-Civil War "coon" shows and reviews to movements for a national black theater, such as Krigwa, Lafayette and Lincoln, and the Black Arts Movement. Early black theater and minstrels; black theater movement and other ethnic theater movements in America. Critical readings of such plays as Amiri Baraka’s Dutchman, Lorraine Hansberry’s A Raisin in the Sun, Langston Hughes and Zora Neale Hurston’s Mulebone. Also works by August Wilson, Ed Bullins, Charles Fuller, Georgia Douglas Johnson. Same as AFAS 301
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH, SD & A&S IQ: HUM, SD Arch: HUM Art: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 304 Makeup for the Stage
Introduction to techniques for the alteration of the face through makeup to create convincing illusions of character. Individualized selection and personal application of makeup appropriate to the actor's face. Students are required to purchase a makeup kit.
Credit 2 units. A&S: LA & A&S IQ: HUM

L15 Drama 307 Stage Costumes: Prehistoric to 1800
Basic presentation of costume design from conception through final renderings, development of drawing and painting techniques for the costume plate, and the history of stage costume in the principal periods and styles of drama from prehistoric periods through 1800.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA & A&S IQ: HUM Art: HUM

L15 Drama 3071 19th- and 20th-Century Costume Design and History II
Basic presentation of costume design from initial conception through final renderings. Development of drawing and painting techniques on design projects taken from plays set in the 19th and 20th centuries. History of costume and fashion silhouette is illuminated through slide and video presentation of primary and secondary source materials.
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH A&S IQ: HUM Art: HUM

L15 Drama 3072 Designing for Theater and Fashion
One of the most thrilling things students learn in costume and fashion design is pattern making. It provides students with the tools to design garments without the restrictions of commercial patterns. It’s essential knowledge for any designer who wants to be able to create his or her art. Much of what students learn in this class is of special use for historic costume design.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA

L15 Drama 309 Stage Technology
Practical study of technical theater procedures and scene shop; production techniques. Course outline includes lectures, demonstrations of equipment, production assignments and research-oriented project work. Prerequisite: Drama 212E or permission of instructor.
L15 Drama 310 Stage Lighting
This course places an emphasis in the aesthetic practice of lighting design through the understanding of technology as it relates to time and space. Early on the student learns how to properly use and apply designer’s tools and then through reading, research and experimentation explore the limitless boundaries of color and texture. This culminates in a stage design in collaboration with directing or dance class. Upon completion of the course, the student is able to speak eloquently on design theory and be able to move on to further design study in Drama 410 Advanced Lighting Design.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 311M Scenic Design
An introduction to the process of scene design, as it relates to aesthetics, dramatic literature, collaboration and production. Projects involve design conceptualization, documentation, graphics and realization. Prerequisite: Drama 212E or permission of instructor.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM BU: HUM

L15 Drama 314 Voice-Speech Laboratory
Fundamentals of speech for the stage focusing on breath support, resonance, articulation and speech as an expression of an individual’s needs. The course includes an introduction to stage dialects. Preference given to majors.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM

L15 Drama 3201 Concepts in Theater Architecture and Performance Space
Can a cloakroom or a stairwell become a theater? How do site and placement affect the meaning potential of performance? How does contemporary environmental staging conjure a world different from that of the modern box set, the baroque perspective stage or Shakespeare’s Globe? We engage such questions by drawing on theory, history and hands-on creation to examine historical, actual and potential performance spaces. Readings in architectural and dramatic theory, theatre history, performance studies and philosophy provide both a critical descriptive vocabulary and a conceptual repertoire for use in creative class assignments — both informing students’ investigations of actual theaters or other performance — ready spaces and provoking their creation of experimental performance spaces. Readings cover semiotic, materialist and situationist approaches to space, as well as concepts including site specificity, space vs. place, framing, perspective, miniature, the door, the curtain, the cloakroom and the monument.
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH A&S IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 321 Topics in Theater
Explores a variety of special interest topics in theater. Consult the Course Listings.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 3212 Topics in Theater
Rotating topics course.
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH A&S IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 3221 Traditions of Italian Theater
Same as Ital 322

L15 Drama 323 Topics in American Drama
A rotating topics course on various subjects relating to the history and theatrical practice of modern American drama.
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH A&S IQ: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 3301 Performing Gender
This course investigates an array of contemporary performances to explore manifestations of and challenges to gender norms in American culture. An initial reading of crucial performance theories by Judith Butler, Jill Dolan and others help set the stage for our examination of a diverse collection of contemporary texts, including plays, solo performances, stand-up and pop culture phenomenon. We raise questions about feminist performance strategies, butch/femme performance, camp, cross-dressing, feminist spectatorship, multimedia performances and the representation of lesbian desire. Prerequisite: Any 100-level Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies course.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA, SD A&S IQ: HUM, SD BU: BA EN: H

L15 Drama 331C Tragedy
Same as Comp Lit 331C
An exploration of the theory and practice of comedy in the Greco-Roman world. Readings include examples of iambic (mocking) poetry, comic theater, satiric verse and prose fiction, as well as philosophical discussions of the relationship of humor and laughter to human behavior and values. As comedy in all contexts engages and shapes cultural values just as much as “serious” literature does, its history and reception raise major social and aesthetic issues. Critical topics include: how ancient thinkers imagined comedy’s historical “birth,” how public comic performances may have encouraged either social cohesion or disruption, how communities defined “beneficial” and “offensive” humor, and how ancient elite writers and readers felt about the often lowbrow and obscene content of “classic” comic literature. Combination of lectures and discussions.
Same as Classics 386
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH A&S IQ: HUM Art: HUM BU: HUM

L15 Drama 3323 Comedy
An exploration of the theory and practice of comedy in American culture. Readings include examples of iambic (mocking) poetry, comic theater, satiric verse and prose fiction, as well as philosophical discussions of the relationship of humor and laughter to human behavior and values. As comedy in all contexts engages and shapes cultural values just as much as “serious” literature does, its history and reception raise major social and aesthetic issues. Critical topics include: how ancient thinkers imagined comedy’s historical “birth,” how public comic performances may have encouraged either social cohesion or disruption, how communities defined “beneficial” and “offensive” humor, and how ancient elite writers and readers felt about the often lowbrow and obscene content of “classic” comic literature. Combination of lectures and discussions.
Same as Classics 386
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH A&S IQ: HUM Art: HUM BU: HUM

L15 Drama 3372 Music and Performance
In his 1998 book, Musicking, Christopher Small asserts that music is not a thing but an activity — something that people do. Starting from this premise, this course explores musical performance as a live event, one in which additional aspects of
L15 Drama 338 Physical Theater: An Exploration of Viewpoints and Suzuki Training
In this course students study two very different but complementary styles of movement training. Developed by the Saratoga International Theatre Institute, this method of actor training combines the improvisational exploration of time and space through "Viewpoints" with the rigid structure and physical demands of the Suzuki method. This combined approach is designed to develop heightened awareness and acute focus in the performer. In addition, it fosters greater impulsiveness and freedom in the moment while maintaining discipline and control. Students gain flexibility and strength and enhance their creative potential by balancing these seemingly opposing methods. Prerequisite: Drama 341 Acting II Fundamentals of Movement or Dance 106E Introduction to Dance as a Contemporary Art Form. Credit 3 units. A&S: LA

L15 Drama 340 Topics in Stage Movement
Exploration of a variety of theatrical and movement concepts with emphasis on process rather than product. Concentrates on developing the expressive flexibility of the body and linking the imaginative impulse with physical movement. Preliminary work in relaxation and efficient self-use. Prerequisite: Drama 240E or permission of instructor. Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM BU: HUM

L15 Drama 341 Acting II
Fundamental scene study using texts with emphasis on integration of voice and body and the playing of actions. Students are encouraged to precede this course with Drama 207C. Prerequisite: Drama 240E. Preference given to majors. Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 342 Acting III
Emphasis on characterization while working with a diversity of playwriting styles. Prerequisites: Drama 341, either Drama 207C or 208C, and permission of instructor. Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM BU: HUM

L15 Drama 343 Fundamentals of Directing
The process of play directing from the selection of a script through production. Prerequisites: Drama 212E and 240E and permission of instructor. Preference given to Drama majors. Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM BU: HUM

L15 Drama 347 Shakespeare Globe Program: Acting
This Acting Shakespeare course is paired with Drama 3472 as part of a four-week summer intensive program held at the Shakespeare's Globe Education Centre in London. This course, as well as the companion Text and History course (Drama 3472), is taught by a Washington University faculty member, and the program also draws heavily on British theater professionals and educators from Globe Education, who teach a set of short courses on movement, voice, textual analysis, historical context, monologue performance and stage combat. Frequent access to the Globe stage allows actors to work in a spatial configuration very similar to that once used by Shakespeare's company itself. The course culminates with performances of scenes and monologues on the Globe stage. Application process must initiate through the Performing Arts Department office. Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 3473 Shakespeare and Early Modern Performance
Paired with Drama 347 Shakespeare Globe Program: Acting, this course uses the resources of London and the Globe Theatre as departure points for an examination of Shakespearean performance in its historical and cultural context. We pay close attention to the dramatic text: meter, style, metaphorical language, dramatic composition, rhetoric, genre, etc. We consider such topics as Shakespeare's playing spaces, the actor-audience relationship in the Globe Theatre, acting, movement, original rehearsal practices, the boy actor, costumes, sound, music, props and the culture of the Bankside (bear-baiting, taverns, violence, prostitution, etc.). Credit 3 units. A&S: TH A&S IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 3491 Media Cultures
This course is an introduction to the interdisciplinary field of cultural and media studies. Through a focus on television and new media, it analyzes current theoretical ideas and debates about culture. Main topics include the relationship between new technologies and everyday life and popular culture; analysis of...
L15 Drama 361 Stage Management
A practical approach to the study of theater stage management focusing on organizational and communication skills. Workshops, lectures and discussion; guest speakers and field trips covering the pre-production, rehearsal and performance periods; labor relations/performing arts unions; career opportunities; and supporting the vision of the artistic team. Prerequisites: Drama 212E and Drama 240E.
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH

L15 Drama 365C Theater Culture Studies III: Melodrama to Modernism
The third of three historical survey courses in theater and performance studies, this course traces the origins of the modern theater. Beginning with Romanticism's self-conscious break with the past, we study the rise of bourgeois melodrama with its intensely emotional rendering of character and spectacular visual effects. We consider how those effects were made possible by advances in industrial stage technology which reproduced the everyday world with unprecedented realism, and how playwrights responded to those technologies by calling for the theater to become either a "total work of art" which plunged its spectators into a mythical realm, or a petri dish which analytically presented the struggles of the modern individual within his or her modern milieu. Exploring a range of aesthetic modes (including melodrama, Realism, Naturalism, Aestheticism, Symbolism, Expressionism, the Epic theatre, and the Theatre of the Absurd), we read classic plays by modern playwrights such as Ibsen, Chekhov, Shaw, Pirandello, Brecht, and Beckett to consider how the modern theatre helped its audiences understand as well as adapt to the rapidly changing conditions of modernity.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA, WI

L15 Drama 367 Introduction to Drafting for the Theater
This course provides the student with a basic understanding of all of the various types of technical drawings needed to successfully execute a scenic design. Throughout the course the student masters all the technical and aesthetic skills needed to produce clean and effective draftings for the theater. In order to successfully complete this class, the student is required to purchase a drafting board and related drafting materials. Credit variable, maximum 3 units. A&S: LA

L15 Drama 372 Advanced American Musical Theater
This course focuses on developing the acting, singing and dancing techniques required for performing in musical theater. The student develops group pieces and participates in scenes that explore character within a musical theater context. The class culminates in a workshop performance. Prerequisites: Drama 221 and permission of instructor, by audition. Repeatable 1 time for credit.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA, WI

L15 Drama 373 Issues in Theater and Performance Studies
Explores a variety of special interest topics in theater and performance studies. Consult the Course Listings.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA, WI

L15 Drama 374 Theories of Modern Drama
What makes modern drama "modern?" How does it differ from the drama of other cultural movements? When does the modern period begin? This course takes up such fundamental questions in order to examine not only the influential plays that have come to define the "canon" of modern drama, but the various theories that have been proposed as a way of understanding them in relation to the history of Western culture. From Friedrich Nietzsche's The Birth of Tragedy to Walter Benjamin's thesis on the Trauerspiel to Emile Zola's Manifesto on Naturalism in the theater, we start by considering when modern drama begins and what constitutes its defining features. With such provisional definitions in place, we then engage the responses of fellow modernists such as Richard Wagner, William Archer, T.S. Eliot, Bertolt Brecht, Georg Lukacs and Theodor Adorno. We also consider whether so-called postmodern drama has broken with the modern period to introduce something altogether new, and how recent debates concerning interculturalism, the ideology of form and performance invite new ways of understanding the cultural function of modern drama and its legacy in our own historical moment.
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH

L15 Drama 379 Expressionism in Theater and Film
This course is designed as an advanced introduction to the aesthetic movement of Expressionism as it appeared in Germany and the United States in the media of theater and film. Characterized by stylized settings that "ex-press" the internal spiritual/emotional/psychological state of its central character, Expressionism is usually discussed as a reaction to Realism, given its overt symbolism, telegraphic diction and episodic action. Beginning with a brief general introduction to the movement (including its manifestation in the visual arts), we consider its cultural, political and critical history, while exploring more recent scholarly investigations into the significance of its performance dimensions.
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH

L15 Drama 3801 Producing New American Plays
This class focuses on all aspects of the business of producing theater. Weekly lectures and discussion include visiting artists who currently work as producers, critics, actors, casting directors, press representatives and designers in New York productions.
Credit 2 units. A&S: LA
L15 Drama 3804 Modern American Plays and Playwrights
The objective of this course is to provide student playwrights with historical and aesthetic contexts regarding the development of New York (and national) playwriting in the latter half of the 20th century. The primary focus is on the burgeoning Off Broadway movement, which gathered momentum in the 1950s and led to significant achievements in new writing and in the growth of not-for-profit theater in New York and throughout the United States. Although study is focused on the years after 1950, texts (and contexts) that planted seeds for the Off Broadway movement are examined in the early work of the Susan Glaspell, Eugene O'Neill, Sophie Treadwell, and Clifford Odets and the Group Theatre. These early writers (and movements) reacted against then-pervasive stage realism to explore the possibilities of constructing alternative perspectives on consciousness and identity.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA & S IQ: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 3806 First Draft Playwriting
The primary focus of this class is the creation of a new first draft of a play. The class is modeled after our highly successful Dorothy Strelsin New American Writers’ Group. Students bring in 10 pages each week sequentially to be read aloud by other members of the class. Students have their material workshopped, and participate in the feedback process of their own work, and that of others. Students bring their work into the Theater Arts Lab at the end of the semester, so that they can see their plays performed and stages by student actors and directors.
Credit 4 units. A&S: LA & S IQ: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 381 MADE in France I: Old Paris/New Europe
Students are introduced to the city's rich artistic history as well as the world of contemporary movement arts in Europe through two weeks of dramaturgical field research in Paris. With a diversified sampling of performances, museum visits and discussions animated by program faculty, students experience hands-on the rich history Paris has on display. Museums visited include the Musée du Louvre, Musée de la Mode et du Costume, Musée d'Orsay, Centre Georges Pompidou, Musée des Arts et Métiers, Musée Cluny, and the Rodin Museum. Museums and live performances serve as our main "books" for this intensive hands-on course. Museum visits and performances are supplemented by readings and assignments on a chosen theme and performance history and regular seminars with the specific aim of investigating a variety of dramaturgical approaches that contemporary European directors employ when considering the use of objects, props, costume design, sound design, lighting design and movement. Additionally, students attend several contemporary dance theater performances.
Same as Dance 360
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA & S IQ: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 382 MADE in France II: Choreography and Construction Collaborations
Continuing upon the field research carried out in Paris, student work groups begin to concretize their creative projects at a rural retreat center for artists in Normandy, France. Beginning with a day of intensive introduction to design and construction principles in accordance with the program theme, the design faculty helps students prepare for the "Imagination Fair" presentations that mark the midway point and serve to launch each group's creative process collaboration. After these presentations, students get to work on realizing their choreography and construction projects: the collaborative creation of dances (solas, duos and trios) using a variety of found objects, props, costumes and/or instruments created by dancers and designers for the final production. Each year, in addition to the U.S. teaching faculty, a number of European artists active in their profession offer valuable master classes that coincide with the program theme and help prepare students for their final projects. Work hours are interspersed with French-language meals during which students are encouraged to speak French with the host family and with their peers and teachers. Additional field trips are organized to introduce students to the rich cultural and agricultural heritage of the Normandy region.
Prerequisites: L29 Dance 360 MADE in France I: Old Paris/New Europe.
Same as Dance 361
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA & S IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 392E Greek and Roman Drama
Same as Classics 392E
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH & A&S IQ: HUM Art: HUM BU: HUM

L15 Drama 393 The Tragic Muse
Intensive study of the major tragic playwrights of Ancient Greece (Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides) and some of their imitators and critics in the Western tradition. We consider tragedy's origins, its literary elements and theory, its performance and religious contexts, and its social functions. Lectures with discussions.
Same as Classics 393
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH & A&S IQ: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 3950 American Musical Film
Film musicals were crucial to the success of the American film industry from the dawn of sound film in the early 1920s to the demise of the studio system in the late 1950s. This course examines the American film musical from a variety of aesthetic, critical and historical perspectives, with particular attention to how the genre interacted with popular music and dance and the major political and social trends of the '30s, '40s and '50s. Required screening time: 2 p.m. Friday.
Same as Film 359
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA & S IQ: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 395C Shakespeare
Introductory course emphasizing critical interpretation. Representative plays are studied in detail. Required of all English majors and minors.
Same as E Lit 395C
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH & A&S IQ: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 3975 Wolves of Wall Street: American Business and Popular Culture
America's perceptions about Big Business and the Free Enterprise system have evolved and changed over time from the 1920s to the present. During the 1980s, for example, Oliver Stone's Wall Street seemed to endorse the notion that "greed is good." Today, however, the topic of rising income inequality has been connected with the collapse of prestigious Wall Street firms, the "housing bubble," a declining middle class, and widespread fear about the future of "The American Dream." This new course examines a variety of artistic, ethical and historical perceptions about American Business as depicted in popular culture and the arts over the past hundred years.
How have America’s foremost artists (among them F. Scott Fitzgerald, Eugene O’Neill, Arthur Miller, Martin Scorsese), dealt with questions of conspicuous consumption, the acquisition of capital for its own sake, and the disparity between rich and poor? We survey several artistic genres and artistic forms, including American tragic works like *The Great Gatsby* and *Death of a Salesman*, to popular musicals such as *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying* and *The Producers*.

L15 Drama 404 Topics for Writers: Beckett

This course is intended for writers with some experience of the dramatic form. Intending students MUST interview with instructor Nov. 12-14.

Same as E Lit 404
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA Art; HUM

L15 Drama 4081 Theater for Social Change

Drawing upon the principles and teachings of Brazilian director Augusto Boal, students explore ways of effecting positive social change in a theatrical context. Students study the aesthetic of Boal’s *Theatre of the Oppressed* and learn various games and exercises designed to mine issues of social (in)justice. Using Boal’s techniques of “image” and “forum” theater, students then create and perform plays focused on these issues. This public performance is an interactive event offered for and with the university community. No prior performance training or experience is required for this course.

Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 4082 Advanced Theater for Social Change

This course is a continuation of exploration begun in Drama 4081, *Theater for Social Change*. A prerequisite for this advanced course. Students expand from exploring their own experience with oppression to facilitating that exploration with others. Students are introduced to the “Joker” system, developed by Brazilian director Augusto Boal. The Joker is the director of a forum theater event. He leads both the exploration and playmaking phases of the process. In preparation for stepping into this role, students read Paulo Freire’s *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* which gives them a foundation in the power and efficacy of collaborative educational techniques. In addition, students read *Theatre for Living*, Canadian director David Diamond’s book detailing his application of Boalian techniques in a less overtly oppressive society. Students begin their practical exploration by first working with one another, learning how to lead exercises and games, followed by an exploration of playmaking and the facilitation of an interactive forum theater event. The course culminates in an outside project in which each student is placed with a St. Louis area school or social organization. The student applies skills he or she has acquired throughout the semester by serving as the “Joker” of the workshop. In this role, the student leads the entirety of the workshop process with a selected group exploring ways of effecting positive social change in a theatrical context. He or she facilitates exercises with the group that mine a chosen area of oppression with which the group is grappling. The student guides playmaking with the group that highlights this area of oppression. The resulting plays are presented then to the larger school or organization community. This culminating event is an interactive forum theater presentation that the student leads as “Joker.”

Credit 3 units. A&S: TH, SD A&S IQ: HUM, SD EN: H

L15 Drama 400 Theatrical Rendering for Scenery

An exploration of media and rendering techniques used for presentation of design ideas in scenery. A variety of stage sets, still lifes and figure drawing are rendered during a two-hour studio format with some additional studio time required. Materials are provided by students.

Credit 3 units. A&S: LA

L15 Drama 4001 Computer-Assisted Design for the Theater

This course is an in-depth study of how computers can assist designers in drafting and rendering processes. Primary study is focused on the program Vectorworks. We fully explore the use of this program in development of scenic and lighting design projects from basic line drawings to fully rendered 3D images. Other programs covered are Autocad, Google Sketch Up, AG132, Photoshop CS3 and some lighting design previsualization software. Projects are centered on theatrical applications and based on students’ imaginations.

Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 4010 Israeli Drama

Same as HBRW 4010
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA, WI A&S IQ: LCD, WI BU: HUM, IS

L15 Drama 403 Dramaturgical Workshop

A laboratory course that investigates dramaturgy from four vantage points: New Play Dramaturgy, Institutional Dramaturgy, Dramaturgy of Classics and Dramaturgical Approaches to Nontraditional and Devised Theater. This is a “hands-on” course where student dramaturges not only pursue the study of dramaturgy, but work actively and collaboratively with playwrights, actors and each other. Prerequisite: Drama 343.

Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM

L15 Drama 4031 Black and White in American Drama

This course addresses the complex issue of race in America through the 19th and 20th centuries as dramatized by American playwrights, black and white. Authors include Countee Cullen, Lillian Hellman, Eugene O’Neill, Jean Toomer, Langston Hughes and Arthur Miller. Prerequisites: junior standing, two 300-level courses or better.

Same as E Lit 403
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH Art; HUM

L15 Drama 404 Topics for Writers: Beckett

*Waiting for Godot*, *Happy Days*, Krapp’s Last Tape: These are but three of Samuel Beckett’s revolutionary texts for theater. The complete canon of plays are examined for structure and compositional elements. Students undertake exercises in dramatic composition and perform a chamber presentation of *Endgame*. Course is intended for writers with some experience
L15 Drama 410 Advanced Stage Lighting
An advanced-level continuation of Drama 310. Emphasis is placed on design aesthetics and their application in a laboratory setting. Students explore color theory, lightboard programming and design analyses as well as execute a variety of finished projects. These projects cover a wide range of production styles and performance venues. Prerequisite: permission of instructor. Credit 3 units. A&S: LA & S IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 411 Lighting Technology
Lighting Technology is an extremely hands-on approach to learning how the top industry designers create major shows and concerts with the most state-of-the-art equipment. We spend a considerable amount of time learning how to use and program robotic/moving lights, LED fixtures and video integration for use in drama, dance, musical and concert settings. The student gains intensive training in the use and programming of the ETC Express, ETC Ion and GrandMA 2 Light consoles with a full range of Vari*Lite robotic fixtures. In addition, the student receives training in Isadora, a very powerful video design program. Due to the amount of programming time required outside of class, this is a 4-credit lab course. Prerequisites: Drama 212 and Drama 310. Credit 3 units. A&S: LA & S IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 412 Advanced Practicum in Technical Theater: Scene Painting
Exploration of the skills and traditions of theatrical scene painting in a laboratory setting. Projects involve color theory, basic surface treatment techniques, representational depiction and advanced problems. Realized paint work on Performing Arts production is part of the course. Prerequisite: permission of instructor. Credit 3 units. A&S: LA EN: H

L15 Drama 413 Costume Rendering and Design
An exploration of media and rendering techniques used in producing an effective costume design. Basic figure drawing, proportion, color, concepts, exaggeration and period style. Drawing and painting materials are provided by student. Credit 3 units. A&S: LA & S IQ: HUM

L15 Drama 414 Period Style and Design History
Examination of period styles as they relate to theatrical design and history. Study of architecture, furniture and props from Greek to contemporary periods. Prerequisite: Drama 212E. Credit 3 units. A&S: TH & S IQ: HUM Art: HUM

L15 Drama 421 Costume Construction and Design
Practical techniques in theatrical costume construction, including patternmaking, cutting and draping, and execution of design concepts. Research and design projects culminate in finished period garments and related accessories. Topics explored include corsetry and foundation garments, millinery, mask making, and dyeing and painting. Prerequisite: Drama 307 or permission of instructor. Credit 3 units. A&S: LA & S IQ: HUM Art: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 422A Film Stardom, Performance and Fan Culture
This course focuses on the Hollywood star system. We explore stars in relation to celebrity and consumerism, especially how "stardom" is created by a system that seeks to create effects in film viewers whether conceived as audiences, fans or spectators. We examine the performance element of stardom and its relationship to genre, style and changing film technology. Also of concern is how stardom and the discursive construction of stardom intersect with gender representation, race, ideology, sexuality, age, disability, nationality and other points of theoretical interest to and historical inquiry in contemporary film studies. While emphasis is placed on mainstream commercial U.S. cinema, students are encouraged to pursue questions beyond this framework within their own research. Required screenings. Same as Film 422. Credit 3 units. A&S: LA & S IQ: HUM BU: BA EN: H

L15 Drama 4234 Performing Knowledge: Arts Integration Pedagogy in Theory and Practice
This course invites students interested in the performing arts to apply their talents to the K-12 classroom through a service-learning component that allows them to develop and implement an arts-integrated curriculum grounded in current research in the cognitive sciences. Divided into four units, the course begins with a survey of recent research in cognitive science that traces the effects of arts-related activities on brain development. The second unit builds upon that theoretical grounding, focusing on a model of arts-integrated pedagogy developed through Harvard University's Project Zero. The third and fourth units are practice-based, with students developing a lesson plan in a core subject area that incorporates the performing arts. Then — in consultation and collaboration with an Interchange artist-in-residence and a master teacher in the St. Louis or Normandy Public Schools — students implement their curriculum in a K-12 classroom, testing its efficacy as well as the theoretical assumptions upon which it is based. This course is open to all students across campus who have a strong interest and/or background in the arts, and who wish to explore opportunities in service learning.

L15 Drama 4241 English Drama Exclusive of Shakespeare to 1642
Studies of selected major plays against a background of change and tradition in English drama from its beginnings to the closing of the theaters. Same as E Lit 431. Credit 3 units. A&S: TH Art: HUM

L15 Drama 432 Topics in Renaissance Drama
A study of Elizabethan and Jacobean theatrical culture — the plays, players, playwrights and audiences of public theaters,
private theaters and banqueting halls. Study includes the plays of Lyly, Kyd, Marlowe, Jonson, Chapman, Ford, Beaumont, Fletcher, Marston, Middleton, Webster and Shakespeare. Same as E Lit 432
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH Art; HUM

L15 Drama 435 Expressionism in the Arts
A close study of expressionism as an international phenomenon in the arts, from the anti-naturalist movements of the 1890s to Hitler's condemnation of expressionism as decadent. The evolution of expressionist theater from Wedekind to Toller and Kaiser and such composers as Schoenberg and Berg; in the visual arts, such groups as Der blaae Reiter and Die Brucke, such independents as Koskocha; in cinema, such figures as Pabst, Murnau, Von Sternberg and Lang. Prerequisite: Drama 208E, Drama 336 or permission of instructor.
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH Art; HUM

L15 Drama 436 Seminar in Comparative Drama
The course begins with Plato's critique of mimesis and Aristotle's defense, as we read The Poetics as a response to Plato. We take some of Aristotle's basic concepts, such as mimesis, plot, character and thought, and attempt to apply them to drama up to the present day. We also consider fundamental elements of both the dramatic text and the dramatic production, such as space, time, dialogue, narrative devices and perspective. Brecht's theory of "epic drama" form the other conceptual pole in the course, opposing Aristotle. Besides these two theorists, other figures include Ben Jonson, Cornelle, Dryden, Diderot, Schiller, Hegel, Zola, Artaud and Grotowski. The course, then, has both chronological and thematic axes. Three papers and one oral presentation.
Same as Comp Lit 436
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH Art; HUM

L15 Drama 4370 Music and Performance
In his 1998 book, Musicking, Christopher Small asserts that music is not a thing but an activity — something that people do. Starting from this premise, this course explores musical performance as a live event, one in which additional aspects of performance — dramatic enactments, costume, choreography and stage design — also come into play. While recorded music plays an important role in our investigations, we focus on musical events that take place before and with live audiences. Exploring the choices of performers and the expectations of audience members in settings from gospel churches to Radio City Music Hall, this course moves through a wide variety of musical genres, including cabaret, blues, opera, protest song, musical theater and rock. We examine artists whose work blurs the line between "music" and "theater," including George Clinton, Taylor Mac and Gertrude Stein, as well as everyday people, such as the singers of the Civil Rights Movement, who used the power of live musical performance to change the course of human history. We also attend performances around St. Louis, guided by the interests of the class. Students with an interest in music, theater, dance, cultural history, American studies, and African-American studies are especially welcome.
Same as AMCS 4370
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM Arch; A&S, Art; HUM Art; HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 440 Acting IV
Acting IV synthesizes the student's performance training; creative and scholarly writing skills; and knowledge of dramatic literature. The advanced acting student is encouraged to develop and articulate his/her own aesthetic convictions. The course includes intensive solo performance projects, including writing and performing original monologues. Also, significant emphasis is placed on preparing the student for the work of professional acting, including workshops on audition monologues, head shots, résumés and economic issues. In addition, the students become familiar with various American theater cities, the regional theater system, and prominent working theater artists. The course closes with a public performance of the original, scripted and audition material developed over the semester. Prerequisite: Drama 342.
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM

L15 Drama 442 Meta-Theatre: Theatre Which Reflects Itself
The notion that works may be self-relection is a familiar one to the student of the postmodern in the arts. Nevertheless, the concept is not a new one and may be found frequently in the history of the theatre in the Elizabethan to the present day. In this course we identify and examine the history and significance of the term "meta-theatre" in a number of important dramatic works from Shakespeare to Tom Stoppard. Along the way we consider examples of the "play-within-the-play" such as Hamlet and A Midsummer Night's Dream, works that use the theatre itself and the art of the stage as a focal point (Pirandello's Six Characters, Stoppard's Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead, Michael Frayn's Noises Off, Ronald Harwood's The Dresser, David Mamet's A Life in the Theatre), and plays which focus their energies on the act of scripting one's life such as Shepard's True West or Shaffer's Gift of the Gorgon. In addition to the above, our investigation also considers examples from other literary genres and especially the visual arts which are explicitly self-referential in nature. Prerequisite: one 300-level drama literature course or permission of the instructor.
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH Art; HUM
L15 Drama 448 The History of Theater Design
Survey course covering the history of the performance space and the scenic design elements contained within that space. The visual elements and theater architecture of each period are examined in relationship to the art and technology of the time. Prerequisites: Drama 207C or Drama 208C, and Drama 212E. Credit 3 units. A&S: TH Art: HUM

L15 Drama 449 Seminar in Dramatic Theory
This course is an in-depth exploration of core works of dramatic theory from the ancient world to the present, and studies texts that enunciate what theater is, has been, and should be. We study authors’ expressions of theater’s role in society, their articulations of and responses to anti-theatrical prejudice, and their negotiations of the contradiction of putting “the real” on stage. Other significant themes include: accounting for the aesthetic pleasures of drama and theater; theater as a means of educating the citizen; and the relationship between dramatic form and social and political revolution. Moving chronologically, we begin with foundational documents of the ancient world, including Aristotle’s Poetics, Bharata’s Natyasastra, and Horace’s Ars Poetica. The course then progresses through the Middle Ages, the Neoclassical and Romantic eras, and the explosion of fin de siècle avant-gardes. We also read key texts from beyond the European tradition, including works of dramatic theory written in medieval Japan (Zeami), postcolonial Nigeria (Soyinka), and the millennial, multicultural U.S. (Parks). Along these same lines, we also are attuned to transnational exchange and influence, particularly as it appears in the 20th-century theories of Bertolt Brecht, Antonin Artaud, and Konstantin Stanislavsky. Though focused on efforts to describe and prescribe theories of drama, dramatic genre, and theatrical pleasure, the course also positions play scripts alongside the theoretical treatises that guide or are guided by them. Credit 3 units.

L15 Drama 450 Advanced Scene Design
Advanced projects in scene design including drafting, rendering, model building and conception. Prerequisite: Drama 311M or permission of instructor. Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 4505 Playwright’s Workshop
This course offers an organized independent study for advanced students in playwriting. The class is structured by the participants. Prerequisites: Drama 227 Playwriting, Drama 473 Advanced Playwriting and permission of instructor. Credit 3 units.

L15 Drama 451 Topics in Period Style: Baroque Opera and Neoclassical Style
An exploration of the dynamic interplay between high Baroque culture and the perceived style of the ancient Greeks and Romans. Primary sources used are paintings, sculpture and renderings for Baroque operas, as well as rare artifacts which exist from that time as these sources relate to classical evidence extant in that period. Secondary sources are journal articles and records of fully staged productions of intervening years. Primary interest is retracing the thought processes of the designers of Baroque opera. Focus is on Purcell’s Dido and Aeneas, looking at the libretto and its relationship to source texts, both ancient and contemporary, and also its place within the cultural history of the theatre. Projects include: in-class presentations and a research paper or fully realized design project.

L15 Drama 452 American Drama

L15 Drama 455 Practicum in Arts Management
Assigned work and projects under faculty supervision in Washington University's Edison Theatre or off-campus cooperating institutions. Prerequisite: permission of instructor. Credit variable, maximum 3 units.

L15 Drama 456 A Madman in the Theater: The History of Insanity on Stage from Sophocles to Shaffer
The image of the madman and the theme of insanity have been extraordinarily captivating to theater artists from the Greeks to the present. In this course we consider some of the most remarkable examples from the classical period, including Sophocles’ Ajax and Euripides’ Medea and The Bacchae, and the Renaissance (Hamlet, Othello, The Spanish Tragedy, The Duchess of Malfi, Life is a Dream). We investigate these works both for what they tell us about the image of the madman in the historical period and culture in which they were written as well as in order to closely examine the texts themselves. We also examine plays from the 19th and 20th centuries, including Buchner’s Woyzeck, O’Neill’s Emperor Jones, Anouilh’s The Madwoman of Chaillot, Miller’s Death of a Salesman and Shaffer’s Equus. Finally, the course makes extensive use of the Performing Arts Department’s production of Peter Weiss’ extraordinary work Marat/Sade and incorporate theoretical writings such as Michael Foucault’s Madness and Civilization into discussions. Credit 3 units. A&S: TH A&S IQ: HUM Art: HUM BU: HUM

L15 Drama 459 The Filmed Stage Play
Close textual analyses of stage plays and their film adaptations, examining structural parameters such as space, time point of view, spectator position and performance in the two art forms. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor. Credit 3 units. A&S: TH

L15 Drama 460 The Creative Impulse
Developed with the director and designer in mind, this course encourages imaginative theater making by developing the student’s own sense of creative confidence and ability, by expanding the source options for artistic inspiration, by recognizing and valuing the synergistic properties of transcendent theater making, and by strengthening the collaborative skills essential to the art. The course includes creativity exercises, comprehensive forms of text analysis, exploration of other art forms, cooperative conceptual projects, and field trips to area productions and museums. Students is expected to complete several individual projects, presentations and research papers, as well as intensive small-group projects. Prerequisite: one of the following courses: Drama 307, 310, 311 or 343. Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM

L15 Drama 465 The Chinese Theater
Survey of the performance and literary traditions of the Chinese theater from their pre-Tang origins to the present day. The course focuses on three forms: 14th-century zaju plays, 16th-
and 17th-century chuanqi plays, and recent films from China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. Background in either China studies or theater in other cultures recommended. 
Same as Chinese 467 
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH, CD, SD A&S IQ: HUM, LCD, SD

L15 Drama 469 Topics in Shakespearean Production 
This course examines Shakespeare's comedies in performance. Combining scene work and production history, students gain access to the world of the comedies from a hands-on, theoretical and historical perspective. Prerequisites: Drama 395C or permission of instructor. 
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 4691 Shakespeare and Early Modern Performance 
Credit 3 units.

L15 Drama 471 Millinery Design and Construction 
A practical course exploring the basic techniques and different methods of constructing hats and accessories. Students work with a variety of materials including buckram, straw, felt and wire that they purchase. Research and design projects culminate in the construction of several projects in class. Prerequisite: Drama 307 or 421 or permission of instructor. 
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 473 Advanced Playwriting 
This course explores the tendencies and relationship between each individual student writer and the page. Exercises dispel any lingering doctrine that presupposes a certain style of writing. A large part of the class centers around collaborations. The writers write scenes as a final project for an acting class, and also work with two professional actors in an extended writing project that culminates in a script-in-hand presentation. The informal moments between collaborations look at the process beyond the first draft — i.e., the playground of language, nonverbal options, and the maintaining of "the work" through rewrites, readings, workshops and productions. Prerequisite: Drama 227. 
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM

L15 Drama 474 Acting Theories 
This course explores in depth the major theoretical texts on acting and performance theory. Pertinent philosophical texts, dramatic theories, acting systems and methodologies are studied. The survey operates chronologically from early documents on acting (Greek, Roman, Italian Renaissance) through to modern and contemporary documents that inform acting and acting training today (Stanislavsky, Brecht, Grotowski, Meisner, Spolin, Suzuki). Methodologies and practices of select major stage actors are explored as well. In some cases, directing theories that have had major influence on acting theory are examined. 
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH A&S IQ: HUM

L15 Drama 478 The Eye of the Mask: A Multicultural History of the Theater through Mask Making and Design 
An exploration of the history of masks used in the theater. Topics include drama of ancient Greece, the ancient No Theater of Japan, the Italian theater of commedia dell'arte, the dance drama of Bali, the Venetian and Mardi Gras Carnival celebrations, and ritual and ceremonial masks of other cultures: Africa, Latin America and Asia, using the instructor's extensive collection of masks as primary research subjects. Projects include: an in-class presentation and research paper with three to five fully realized mask designs are constructed within class and at an additional lab time discussed on the first day. 
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH A&S IQ: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 479 Fundamentals of Sound Design 
Encompassing both creative and technical aspects of sound in the performing arts, the course gives theoretical knowledge of and practical experience in the following areas: fundamental rules of physics and electronics related to sound, use of standard digital recording studio equipment, "training" of the ear, and basic techniques of sound montage. Students are expected to participate in a variety of conceptual and research-oriented exercises as well as complete several lab projects. Sound-related work on Performing Arts Department productions may be required. Prerequisites: Drama 212 and permission of instructor. 
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 487 Theater Culture Studies Seminar 
Rotating upper-level topics course. Topics come from Theater Culture Studies sequence. 
Credit 3 units. A&S: TH, WI A&S IQ: HUM, WI

L15 Drama 492 Performing and Fine Arts in Progress 
The objective of this course is to provide a total immersion into the live theater and arts experience in New York City, offering students the opportunity to see at least two fully produced plays per week over the course of the 14-week semester. Students attend professionally presented readings in the New York theater community, providing an insider's look at the development of plays. Students attend group retreats to MOMA, the Guggenheim, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and galleries. They attend weekly forums to discuss different aspects of the production, focusing on design, concept, direction, performance, execution and the text/material. They also examine how they might do things differently, putting their own artistic vision to use. Students also discuss current events in the arts community at the weekly meetings and occasionally, there are guest artists from the shows and readings we have seen. Students are required to keep a journal filled with their experiences and reflections that are graded monthly by instructors. Students attend performance at theaters including but not limited to: BAM, St. Ann's Warehouse, Manhattan Class Company, the New Group, Lincoln Center, La Mama, Classic Stage Company, Manhattan Theatre Club, Roundabout, on Broadway, Playwright's Horizons, Second Stage, Cherry Lane, PS122, the Vineyard, American Ballet Theatre, the Metropolitan Opera and others. 
Credit 2 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 493 Senior Project 
Specialized study in a selected area in drama. Required of all drama majors not taking Drama 499. Prerequisite: 15 units of advanced work in drama at the 300 or 400 level. 
Credit 3 units.

L15 Drama 497 Performance Theory 
This course introduces students to contemporary theories of performance, with "performance" understood as both metaphor and event. From a multi-disciplinary perspective, students consider how cultures produce meanings — and, indeed,
perform those meanings — to create and/or disrupt their own social coherence. Theories likely to be studied include: J.L. Austin's speech-act theory and its engagement by John Searle and Jacques Derrida; Victor Turner's analysis of ritual as social process and Richard Schechner's use of it to transform "theater studies" into "performance studies;" Erving Goffman's sociology of the self and its relation to a post-structuralist model of subjectivity; Michael Fried's screed against minimalist art and its relation to Happenings, Body Art, Fluxus, and other mid- to late-20th century examples of "performance art;" and Judith Butler's influential revision of Austin's performative in her theory of queer "performativity."
Credit 3 units. A&S: LA A&S IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 499 Study for Honors
Prerequisites: senior standing, a cumulative and a major GPA of 3.5, and permission of the chair of the Performing Arts Department.
Credit variable, maximum 6 units.

L15 Drama 4990 Independent Work
Students may contract with a faculty supervisor for credit for their work on theatrical productions or research. Contracts must be signed by the student and the coordinator of Drama 500 before the student's work on the project commences. Credit and grade option to be determined in each case. In order to enroll for this course, students must complete a contract and submit it to the Performing Arts Department office.
Credit variable, maximum 6 units.

L15 Drama 4991 Acting
Independent study. In order to enroll for this course, students must complete a contract and submit it to the Performing Arts Department office.
Credit variable, maximum 3 units.

L15 Drama 4992 Directing
Independent study. In order to enroll for this course, students must complete a contract and submit it to the Performing Arts Department office.
Credit variable, maximum 3 units.

L15 Drama 4993 Technical Theater
Independent study. In order to enroll for this course, students must complete a contract and submit it to the Performing Arts Department office.
Credit variable, maximum 3 units.

L15 Drama 4994 Voice, Speech
Independent study.
Credit variable, maximum 3 units.

L15 Drama 4995 Literature, Theory, Criticism
Independent study. In order to enroll for this course, students must complete a contract and submit it to the Performing Arts Department office.
Credit variable, maximum 3 units.