Drama

Students may select drama as a major through the Performing Arts Department. This major combines the historical, cultural, theoretical and literary study of theater and performance with a full array of theater arts courses, including acting, directing, performance art, design (set, costume, lighting), stage management 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 develops students' knowledge of theater by means of rigorous, immersive studio and lab courses, along with a strong and comprehensive grounding in theater history, dramatic literature, performance studies and dramatic theory.

The three-semester Theater Culture Studies sequence provides an expansive, global study of theater and performance, from pre-history to the 21st century; students take an additional two courses in theater and performance studies. Within the theater arts, students choose courses in acting, directing, playwriting or design. Our theater arts courses are based on a liberal arts model rather than a conservatory model. During the senior year, a capstone course is team-taught by a theater arts faculty member and a theater and performance studies faculty member.

We also offer a special study abroad program 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.

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**Majors**

**The Major in Drama**

**Total units required:** 36 (12 courses)

**Theater Arts (TA) Requirements**

- Three required courses:

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- One introductory design course chosen from the following list (effective beginning in fall 2019 with the incoming first-year class):

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- One additional upper-level (300 level or above) elective in Theater Arts

**Theater and Performance Studies (TPS) Requirements**

- Three required courses in the Theater Culture Studies sequence (it is strongly recommended that these courses be taken in order):

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- Two upper-level (300 level or above) electives in theater and performance studies courses on such subjects as theater history, dramatic theory, performance theory, performance studies, theater/performance and culture, and dramatic literature (e.g., Shakespeare); approved cross-listed courses may fulfill this requirement

**Two Additional Courses**

- One upper-level (300 level or above) course in either TA or TPS
- The senior drama capstone (Drama 4452), team-taught by one TA and one TPS faculty member, taken during the fall semester of the senior year

**Minors**

**The Minor in Drama**

**Units required:** 18

**Required courses:**

- The following course:

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- 6 units (two courses) from the three Theater Culture Studies courses:

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**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 [ webpage](http://bulletin.wustl.edu/undergrad/artsci/performingarts#minors).

**Courses**

Visit online course listings to view semester offerings for L15 Drama ([link](https://courses.wustl.edu/CourseInfo.aspx?sch=L&dept=L15&crslvl=1:4)).

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**L15 Drama 1100 Ampersand: Examining America: American Dreams: Art, Culture, Politics**

Rooted in the Jeffersonian ideals of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," the notion of the "American Dream" actually has a complicated history, and its meanings are diverse and contested. This Ampersand course investigates how perceptions, representations, and meanings of the American Dream have changed throughout history and how they live on in the contemporary United States. Rather than seeking definitive definitions or answers, we carefully and thoughtfully examine case studies of American culture and the arts — literature, theatre, film, and painting — as the lens for understanding images of nation and identity. Utilizing an intimate seminar format to facilitate close reading and discussion of works in various media, this Ampersand course emphasizes both critical thinking and writing, and it also requires students to execute a creative project of their own making. We will visit a variety of exciting performances and exhibits, both on and off campus. Our primary goal is to provide a compelling interdisciplinary perspective on the American Dream that synthesizes the arts, performance, and politics. This course is intended for first-year students; any seats remaining after first-year students enroll are open to other students. Same as L61 FYP 1100

Credit 3 units. A&S: AMP BU: HUM

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**L15 Drama 1151 First-Year Seminar: Transmediation**

A variety of topics in comparative literature, designed for first-year students — no special background is required — and to be conducive to the investigation and discussion format of a seminar. Same as L16 Comp Lit 115


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**L15 Drama 120 First-Year 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: FYS A&S IQ: HUM, SD BU: BA EN: H

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**L15 Drama 135 First-Year 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.


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**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 I50 INTER D 175
must stand before an audience with an objective to communicate something well. Both should be dedicated advocates for the message. They share the common ground of requiring a strong voice for a sure delivery of the material, and an expressive physicality willing to fully embody and serve the message. Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 223 Cross-Cultural Women Playwrights
This course provides an introductory survey of the work of African-American, Caribbean-American, Asian-American and Native American women playwrights. We explore the playwrights’ strategies for creating work that is by turns beautiful, fascinating, humorous, moving and occasionally terrifying as they chart for contemporary theater the intersection of race and gender in performative terms. Playwrights addressed include Adrienne Kennedy, Ntozake Shange, Suzan-Lori Parks, Anna Deavere Smith, Diana Son, Jessica Hagedorn, Cherrie Moraga, Wakako Yamauchi, Mgdalda Cruz, Spiderwoman Theatre, Marga Gomez and Velina Hasu Houston. Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, SD Art: HUM BU: BA

L15 Drama 227 Playwriting
An introductory course in playwriting. Limited to eight students. Prerequisite: Writing 1 and permission of the instructor. Same as L13 Writing 224 Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM Arch: HUM Art: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 228C Theater Culture Studies I: Antiquity to Renaissance
A survey of ancient, medieval and Renaissance theater and performance, both in the west and in the east, both as it reflects and shapes culture. Coverage will include the following areas: ancient Greece, ancient Rome, classical Sanskrit theater, Yuan China, medieval Japan, medieval Europe, Renaissance Italy, and Renaissance England. Both scripted theater and performance practices will be examined through the lenses of dramatic literature, theater history, performance studies, and dramatic theory. A continual emphasis will be on marginal and underrepresented figures, as we will attempt to excavate forgotten histories from the theatrical past. Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM Arch: HUM Art: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

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 IQ: HUM Arch: HUM Art: HUM BU: HUM EN: H
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.

L15 Drama 239 Performance and Culture
What are Lady Gaga & Beyonce 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 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 IQ: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

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

L15 Drama 2503 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 IQ: HUM BU: HUM

L15 Drama 251 The Art of Storytelling
As one of the oldest forms of human communication, storytelling is part of both mundane interactions and carefully crafted events. For many of us, we tell stories regularly and in informal settings (e.g., when we tell a friend about an encounter we had in the cafeteria) as well as in professional settings (e.g., class or work presentations). But what, exactly, are the elements of a well-told story? How do we identify powerful storytellers? These questions ground this course, and we will explore stories as forms through which to present oneself and to explain an event to others. We will study storytelling from two perspectives. First, we will look at stories through rhetorical analysis: we will focus on various examples of storytelling from across different genres (e.g., cultural myths, fables, spoken word, speeches, hip-hop, R&B, rock lyrics) to understand stories as an artistic practice, a teaching method, a shaper of identity, and a conductor of history. Second, we will consider stories through embodied practice: we will perform and present stories in chosen genres to gain firsthand experience in the conventions and forms of the embodiments that complete the act of telling well-crafted stories. At the end of this course, students will have gained theoretical knowledge about storytelling as an art form, and they will also have gained the practical skills needed to become confident storytellers.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM Arch: HUM Art: CPSC, HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 256 Contemporary Comedy: Stand-up, Sketch and Improv
The United States 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, which is defined in part by new social media, podcasting, and online video, is remaking the way comedians find their voices and their audiences. However, even as young comedians 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. Pioneering artists from vaudeville through the 1970s are introduced, the stand-up boom of the 1980s is presented as a formative force in the comedy business, and alt-comedy is discussed as a stylistic watershed. Select modern theories of comedy are read and discussed, although we studiously avoid explaining jokes. Short units on improv and sketch comedy round out the syllabus. Assignments include practical exercises in performing comedy onstage, and students can choose to perform a short original stand-up set for their final assignment.
Credit 3 units. 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 L29 Dance 257
Credit 1 unit. A&S IQ: HUM Arch: HUM Art: 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 L29 Dance 257
Credit 1 unit. A&S IQ: HUM Arch: HUM Art: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 271 The American Musical Theater Songbook
From its birth in vaudeville and musical reviews to current future classics such as “Hamilton,” American musical theater has produced a voluminous catalogue of material referred to herein as the “American Musical Theater Songbook.” Part survey and part performance, this course will focus on those composers, lyricists, performers, and subject matter that have been instrumental in defining musical theater and its role in describing a continually evolving human psychology and sociology. The performance aspect of the course will develop students existing vocal skills and knowledge of style. Because both singing and non-singing students are welcome to participate in this course, adjustments for non-singing students will be
accommodated so that they may participate fully in the class. The format of the course will be a seminar of student-generated presentations, discussions, and workshop performances. A sampling of shows from which repertoire will be sourced includes the following: early song-and-dance shows ("Girl Crazy," "Anything Goes," "Kiss Me Kate"); Rodgers and Hammerstein ("Oklahoma!", "Carousel," "South Pacific"); Stephen Sondheim ("Gypsy," "Sweeney Todd," "Sunday in the Park With George"); modern era ("West Side Story," "A Chorus Line," "Cabaret," "Hair," "Pippin"); and contemporary ("In the Heights," "Caroline, or Change," "Kinky Boots," "Dear Evan Hansen," "Hamilton"). This course serves as a prerequisite for L15 372.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM Arch: HUM Art: 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, résumé and webpage, 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 webpage. 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 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 301A 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 minstrelsy; 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 L90 AFAS 301
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, SC, SD Arch: HUM Art: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 304 Makeup for the Stage
A hands-on introduction to the makeup techniques most commonly used for theater productions, including basic corrective, age, changing the shape of the face, and special effects, as well as the designing process. Students will apply makeup to their own faces and are required to purchase the makeup kit specified by the instructor.
Credit 2 units. A&S IQ: HUM EN: H

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.
Credit 3 units.

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 IQ: HUM Arch: HUM Art: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 311M Scenic Design
An introduction to the process of scenic design, as it relates to aesthetics, dramatic literature, collaboration and production. Projects involve design conceptualization, documentation, graphics and realization.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

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 IQ: HUM EN: H

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

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

L15 Drama 3227 Devising, Adaptation, Docudrama
This course explores three ways of theatre-making that have revolutionized the contemporary stage: devising (a collaborative process emphasizing physical techniques to realize ideas), adaptation (the transposition of a narrative from one mode to another), and docudrama (the self-conscious staging of history through the assemblage of documentary records). Beginning with a focus on the current "postdramatic theatre" and the prehistories of these contemporary practices, we will engage current scholarship on each form, learning the "how" and "why" from contemporary practitioners, while considering the rhetorical structure of each form in relation to the social meanings they generate for their audiences. Divided into three units, the course will combine the study of each method with hands-on practice, and will conclude with a showcase featuring an original performance created by the student collective. A theme (variable by semester) will unite the three sections of the course, helping students see how a single topic can be illuminated in different ways through these three methods of creating performance.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, LCD BU: HUM EN: H

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 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 IQ: HUM, SD BU: BA EN: H

L15 Drama 3302 Culture & Identity: Black Lives Matter: Art, Theory, and Practice
Topics course focusing on instances of identity and culture within the American scope. Varies by semester. Consult course listings for description of current semester's offering.
Same as L98 AMCS 330C
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, SD Arch: HUM Art: CPSC, HUM BU: BA EN: H

L15 Drama 332 Comedy, Ancient and Modern
In this course we will examine the nature of dramatic comedy and its role in society. We will read, discuss and write about comedies from ancient Greece and Rome and from various modern nations, paying particular attention to the following questions: Do comic plays reinforce or challenge the preconceptions of their audiences? How have comic playwrights responded to issues such as class, gender, religion, and politics? Why does comedy have such power both to unite and to divide people? This course has an extensive writing component, so much of our time will be spent writing about the comedies we will read, revising what we have written, and discussing how best to write about comedy.
Same as L08 Classics 385W
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, LCD, WI BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 336 Modern Drama
L15 Drama 3361 Modern Drama, 1945 to the Present
Course concentrates on the development of modern drama from 1945 to the present. Focus is on both literary and theatrical techniques as well as the examination of trends in the contemporary theatre from Samuel Beckett through Sam Shepard. Perspective is comparative and international in scope, with particular attention given to women and minority playwrights.
Same as L14 E Lit 3361
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM Art: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

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.

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.

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.
L15 Drama 3412 Acting II — Acting Styles in Theory and Practice: Modern
This 5-unit class fulfills both one theater studies and one theater arts requirement for the major. It combining fundamental actor training with dynamic, performance-oriented study of the stylistic foundations of modern acting. Text-based scene study that emphasizes the integration of voice and body and playing of actions is paired with units on contemporary and historical acting styles that give context to modern acting practice. Class units cover practical aesthetics and tactical choices for actors interpreting texts, as well as theories of the body in performance ranging from early modern notions of electric and vital passions, to oratorical gesture, Stanislavski, biomechanics, Brechtian alienation, and postmodern practices including documentary theater and cross-media mimesis. Since it fulfills both the Acting II requirement and a Theatre Studies requirement for the major, the class incorporates research, writing and critical thinking assignments. However, in keeping with the notion that performance constitutes a type of research outcome, student research projects involve kinetic elements. Acting styles are researched in archival sources and embodied in studio exercises and creative student projects.
Credit 5 units. 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 IQ: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 343 Fundamentals of Directing
Directing is the most liberal art of the creative theatre-making areas, drawing on analytical, critical thinking, communication, design, and actor-coaching skills. This course will explore fundamental lessons in some of those areas, including text analysis from a directorial perspective, stage composition, auditions/casting, actor communication, time management, and team leadership skills. Major course components will include two extensive script analysis papers and the direction of two scenes, which will require considerable outside-of-class rehearsal time. Prerequisites: Drama 212E, Drama 240E, Drama 229C or permission of instructor. Preference given to drama majors.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 347 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 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 media messages and images; how media help construct new identities and mark differences between groups; analysis of the globalization of the production and circulation of media culture; the rise of multimedia cultural industries; and the role of the audience. Required screenings. Same as L53 Film 349
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM BU: BA EN: H

L15 Drama 351 Intro to Playwriting
Same as L13 Writing 351
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

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.

L15 Drama 365C Theater Culture Studies III: Melodrama to Modernism
The third in the department's three-course history sequence, TCS III surveys the dramatic literature and cultural history of the modern theater. Beginning with Romanticism's self-conscious break with the past, we'll study the rise of bourgeois melodrama with its intensely emotional rendering of character and spectacular effects. We'll consider how those effects were made possible by advances in industrial stage technology which reproduced the everyday world with unprecedented verisimilitude, and how playwrights responded to those technologies by calling for the theatre to become either a "total work of art" — plunging its spectators into a mythical realm — or a petri dish — analyzing the struggles of the modern individual within their modern milieu. Exploring a range of aesthetic modes — including Realism, Naturalism, Symbolism, Expressionism, the Epic Theatre, and the Theatre of the Absurd — we will read classic plays by modern playwrights to consider how the modern theatre helped its audiences understand as well as adapt to the rapidly changing conditions of the modern world.
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 drafting for the theater. In order to successfully complete this class, the student is required to purchase a drafting board and related drafting materials.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, WI Art: HUM BU: ETH, HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 368 Black Theater Workshop III
A performance-oriented course that explores the black experience through acting, directing and playwriting. Students develop through classroom improvisation short performance pieces during the semester. They also are required to attend three to five plays. Each student must participate in a final performance which is in lieu of a written final examination.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, SD Art: HUM EN: H

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 one time for credit.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM Arch: HUM Art: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

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 and more recent scholarly investigations into the significance of its aesthetic movement of Expressionism, its overt symbolism, telegraphic diction and episodic action. Beginning with a brief general introduction 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 IQ: HUM Art: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 375 Methods & Visions: Audiences, Spectators, and Fans
Required course for AMCS majors. Refer to semester listing for current topic. As a Writing Intensive course, this course serves as an occasion for students to think about matters of argument and presentation, and to develop ideas and models for future research. This course is intended for students at the junior level or higher; it fulfills the "multidisciplinary" (MD) requirement for AMCS minors and the "Methods Seminar" requirements for AMCS majors. Same as L98 AMCS 375A
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, WI Arch: HUM Art: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 376 Contemporary American Theater
This course is a focused investigation of the aesthetic, political, and urban landscapes of the contemporary American theatre. We will read published and unpublished plays, familiarize ourselves with the country’s most important companies, festivals, and institutions, and discuss issues facing the American theatre now. We will explore the role of the arts in urban planning and development, and address the relationship between higher education and arts institutions, paying particular attention to ideas of community engagement and social justice work undertaken by both. Artists to be studied may include Tony Kushner, Suzan-Lori Parks, Caryl Churchill, Branden Jacobs-Jenkins, Lynn Nottage, Young Jean Lee, and Lin-Manuel Miranda. This course will include a mandatory class trip at the end of March to the Humana Festival of New American Plays in Louisville, Kentucky. Students will prepare for this trip by reading the works of featured playwrights and establishing a research project that will be carried out on-site. Findings from the research project will be presented upon the return to St. Louis. Admission to the course is by instructor permission only; an application form will be sent to all registered students at the conclusion of the registration period. In consultation with and with the permission of the instructor, this course may fulfill the Fieldwork requirement for American Culture Studies majors.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM Arch: HUM Art: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

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 IQ: HUM Art: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 392E Greek and Roman Drama
Survey of the tragic and comic dramas produced in Ancient Greece and Rome. Study of the plays’ religious and civic performance contexts, responses of the ancient audiences, and literary interpretations. Same as L08 Classics 392E
Credit 3 units. 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 L08 Classics 393
Credit 3 units. 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 late 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 Thirties, Forties, and Fifties. Required screenings. Same as L53 Film 350
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 396 History of Western Costume
Of particular interest to fashion, history, anthropology, and performing arts majors, this course is an exploration of the clothing worn by predominantly Western cultures, from Ancient Greece through the 1890s. Lectures incorporating images of extant garments, sculpture, art, and photographs will inspire discussion regarding the influences on fashion evolution and the cyclical nature of fashion. Assessment is by exam, the first of which will be during the fourth class meeting, so this is not a recommended course to "shop." Please note that this class is a prerequisite for History of Western Costume in the 20th Century, which is offered during the spring semester.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM Arch: HUM Art: HUM, VC 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. Same as L98 AMCS 3975
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM BU: HUM 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.

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 IQ: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

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 IQ: HUM Arch: HUM Art: 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 L14 E Lit 403
Credit 3 units. 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 of the dramatic form. Intending students must interview with instructor Nov. 12-14.
Same as L14 E Lit 404
Credit 3 units. 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 IQ: HUM, SC, SD Art: CPSC 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 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 IQ: HUM, SC, SD Art: CPSC EN: H
L15 Drama 409 The Modernist Revolution in the Arts
What is/was Modernism? How did this worldwide phenomenon impact the arts in every genre and medium from the turn of the 20th century to the present? Do we still live in the age of Modernism, or should we consider ours a new, Postmodern age? This course examines these and other questions as they relate to the theater, prose, poetry and the visual arts. Our investigation focuses on most of the major literary and artistic movements, including Naturalism, Impressionism, Symbolism, Surrealism and Expressionism. We examine literary manifestoes that help to illuminate the periods under discussion, as well as look at individual works themselves. Central to our approach in the course is an interdisciplinary perspective. Among the luminaries whose work is considered are Ibsen, Strindberg, Chekhov, Hemingway, Dali, Picasso, Stravinsky, Artaud, Kafka and Beckett.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM Art: HUM EN: H

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 IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 4101 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. Prerequisites: Drama 212 and Drama 310.
Credit 3 units. A&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 variable, maximum 3 units.

L15 Drama 4121 Advanced Practicum in Technical Theater: Scene Painting
Independent Study. Intensive practical experience in scenic design building and painting; lighting design and installation; costume design, coordination and construction; makeup; and audio production. Prerequisites: Drama 212E, credits on at least two productions, and permission of staff.
Credit variable, maximum 3 units.

L15 Drama 416 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 IQ: HUM Art: HUM

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 stars 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 L53 Film 422.
Credit 3 units. A&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.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 4261 Performing the Political in American Dance
This course is an exploration of the politics of performance and the performance of politics through the lens of American dance in the 20th and 21st centuries. Through readings, screenings and discussion, we will examine the ways in which American dance developed against and alongside political movements in the United States, particularly ones concerning nationalism, race, gender and human rights. We will also investigate how the lens of dance and choreography offers an expansive means to conceptualize political questions of citizenship and social protest, broadening our understanding of embodied performance. Guided by several key philosophical texts, our class will focus on concepts necessary to examining the convergence of performance and politics (such as representation, ritual, spectacle, body, mimesis, propaganda, etc.) while also paying special attention to the politics of funding and censorship that has governed the creation and presentation of dance in the United States. No dance experience is necessary. Same as L29 Dance 426
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, LCD, SC, SD, WI Art: CPSC BU: BA EN: H

L15 Drama 431 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 theatres. Same as L14 E Lit 431
Credit 3 units. 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 L14 E Lit 432
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM Arch: HUM Art: HUM BU: HUM EN: H

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 blau Reiter and Die Brucke, such independents as Kokoschka; in cinema, such figures as Pabst, Murnau, Von Sternberg and Lang. Prerequisite: Drama 208E, Drama 336 or permission of instructor.
Credit 3 units. 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, Corneille, 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 L16 Comp Lit 436
Credit 3 units. Art: HUM

L15 Drama 437 Performing Ghosts: Blackness, Performance, and Archival Erasure
Taking ghost as apparition, metaphor, an imaginary, and type of possession, this course focuses on the intersections between performance, affect theory, and archival practice to investigate how scholars and artists contend with the psychic and affective terrors against blackness. Part of these terrors, the course asserts, happened and is happening in the realm of the affective, ephemeral and archival. Moving across theoretical works, literature and theater, our readings differentially query: How can performance enable us to recuperate the lives of those violently erased from the archive? How to imagine embodiment for subjects “tracked” by history, such as black folks whose bodies suggest other forms of pathology, like sexual deviancy, mentally “insanity,” and other forms of criminalization? How have attachments to ghosts been used as a methodology to stage and reperform blackness in the past and in the present? And lastly, how can we capture embodiment (or en-fleshment) without live bodies? By rethinking “liveness,” “absence,” “loss” and “remains,” the readings and discussions will offer performance as a methodological and analytical infrastructure to conduct historical and/or archival research.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, SD Art: CPSC EN: H

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 and attachments to ghosts been used as a methodology to stage and reperform blackness in the past and in the present? And lastly, how can we capture embodiment (or en-fleshment) without live bodies? By rethinking “liveness,” “absence,” “loss” and “remains,” the readings and discussions will offer performance as a methodological and analytical infrastructure to conduct historical and/or archival research.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, SD Art: CPSC 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 IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 444 Directed II
Further study in the fundamentals of directing. Emphasis on the director’s work with actors, designers and a realized metaphorical concept. Prerequisites: Drama 343 and permission of instructor.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 445 Seminar
Rotating upper-level seminar. Senior seminar normally offered each semester and meant to satisfy the 400-level requirement for the drama major.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 4452 Senior Drama Capstone
This course, which is required for seniors completing the drama major, is team-taught by one PAD faculty member in Theater Arts and one in Theater and Performance Studies. In order to remain responsive to each senior class as well as the particular expertise of the faculty pair, the course is built on a flexible curricular model. Components will include an exploration of contemporary theater literature and theatre-making, individual and ensemble-based activities, research and critical writing projects. A culminating project that synthesizes the semester’s study will be part of the course.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM Arch: HUM Art: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 446 Japanese Theater
An investigation, using English materials, of the major developments and forms of the Japanese theater, from Noh and its antecedents to the rise of a modern drama. In this course we are less concerned with the performative aspects of theatrical arts (though these will be introduced via videos) than with the ways in which dramatic texts influenced and borrowed from the literary tradition. Readings from major theatrical texts, secondary studies on Japanese theater, and literary sources. Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor.
Same as L05 Japan 446
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, LCD, SD Art: HUM EN: H

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 discussed in relation to the history of the stage as it developed over the course of time. Prerequisites: Drama 207C or Drama 208C, and Drama 212E.
Credit 3 units. 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. A&S IQ: SSC: S

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

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

L15 Drama 452 Advanced Period Style: Baroque Opera and Neoclassical Style
An investigation, using English materials, of the major developments and forms of the Baroque period in 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.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: SSC: S

L15 Drama 453 American Drama
Topics in American Drama.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM Arch: HUM Art: HUM EN: H

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
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.

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 creatively exercises, comprehensive forms of text analysis, exploration of other art forms, cooperative conceptual projects, and field trips to area productions and museums. Students are 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 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 L04 Chinese 467 Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, LCD, SD Arch: HUM Art: HUM EN: H

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 IQ: HUM EN: H

L15 Drama 4691 Shakespeare and Early Modern Performance
Credit 3 units.
it invades the body and isolates us from our fellow man, illness may offer opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal, serving as an apt metaphor for human survival in times of extremis. In her brilliant essay, "Illness as Metaphor" (1978), Susan Sontag takes issue with how illnesses like tuberculosis were misunderstood or even romanticized during the 19th century in works like Dumas’s "Camille" and Puccini’s "La Boheme." During the AIDS crisis in the 1980s and 1990s, American artists — particularly theatre artists, whose communities were decimated by the disease — were forced to consider how this global pandemic impacted their lives, especially at a time when the term AIDS was not even mentioned by the President of the United States. In conjunction with the Performing Arts Department’s 25th anniversary production of Tony Kushner’s extraordinary play, "Angels in America, Part One: Millennium Approaches," this new course examines how disease has been a focal point of artistic inquiry over the course of centuries. By examining works that are focused on illness throughout history, this seminar offers both a deeper understanding and context for Kushner’s masterpiece and the AIDS crisis, and it considers how illness has always been an important subject for the investigation of what it means to be fully human. Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM Arch: HUM Art: CPSC, HUM BU: 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 multidisciplinary 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 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.