

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Architecture, Arts, and Design

School of Performing Arts

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts

Major: Theatre Arts

Option: General Theatre Option

For students entering under UG Catalog 2023-2024

I. Pathways to General Education	36 credits required
II. Bachelor of Theatre Arts Degree Core Courses	27 credits required
III. Major Required Courses	9 credits required
IV. General Theatre Option Required Courses	15 credits required
V. Free Electives	33 credits required
<b>Total Credit Hours for Degree</b>	<b>120 credits required</b>

**Departmental Policies**

**GPA / Grade Requirements**

A GPA of 2.0 or higher is required for graduation. All TA and CINE courses will be used to calculate the in-major GPA. A minimum in-major GPA of 2.0 is required for graduation. All major courses must be taken on an A-F basis, unless only offered as P/F.

**Satisfactory Progress Toward Degree**

Upon having passed 72 semester credits students must have an in-major GPA of 2.0 and must have completed the following 18 credits in major:

CINE 2054 - Introduction to Cinema or TA 2014 - Introduction to Theatre, TA 2104 - Fundamentals of Theatre and Production, TA 2114 - Script Analysis, TA 2134 - Acting Lab, TA 2164 - Scenic Design Lab or 2174 - Costume Design Lab, TA/CINE XXXX - TA/CINE Elective

**Prerequisites**

Some courses listed on this checksheet have prerequisites. Please consult the university course catalog, or check with an academic advisor for more information.

**Foreign Language Requirement**

In order to graduate, students must meet a foreign language requirement. Students who did not complete 3 units of a foreign language in high school must earn 6 credits of a college foreign language. These six credits do not count toward the total minimum hours of the degree program.

<b>I. Pathways to General Education</b>	<b>36 credits required</b>
<b>Concept 1 - Discourse</b>	<b>6 credits required</b>
<b>1f - Foundational (6 credits)</b>	
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
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<b>1a - Advanced/Applied (3 credits)</b>	
3 credits of Pathways 1a will be satisfied by taking ENGL 4164 as part of the major requirements.	
<b>Concept 2 - Critical Thinking in the Humanities</b>	<b>3 credits required</b>
3 credits of Pathways Concept 2 will be satisfied by taking CINE 2054 as part of the major requirements.	
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
<b>Concept 3 - Reasoning in the Social Sciences</b>	<b>6 credits required</b>
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
<b>Concept 4 - Reasoning in the Natural Sciences</b>	<b>6 credits required</b>
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
<b>Concept 5 - Quantitative and Computational Thinking</b>	<b>9 credits required</b>
<b>5f - Foundational (3 credits)</b>	
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
<b>5a - Advanced/Applied (3 credits)</b>	
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
<b>5f - Foundational OR 5a - Advanced/Applied (3 credits)</b>	
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required (students may choose to take a 5a or 5f class)
<b>Concept 6 - Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts</b>	<b>3 credits required</b>
6a 3 credits of Pathways 6a will be satisfied by taking TA 2014 as part of the major requirements.	
6d Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
<b>Concept 7 - Critical Analysis of Identity &amp; Equity in the US</b>	<b>3 credits required</b>
Pathways Course	_____ 3 credits required
<i>Concept 7 may be double counted with another pathways concept</i>	

<b>II. Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts Degree Core Courses</b>	<b>27 credits required</b>
<i>Note: Degree Core Courses May Not be Double Counted to Satisfy Another Area of the Degree (e.g. Pathways) , and Cannot be Substituted.</i>	
TA 1004 (MUS 1004) School of Performing Arts First Year Experience Course	_____ 1 credit
TA 2114 Script Analysis	_____ 3 credits
TA 2134 Acting Lab	_____ 3 credits
TA 2164 Scenic Design Lab	_____ 3 credits
TA 2174 Costume Design Lab	_____ 3 credits
TA 3014 Production Design Lab (repeatable course up to 9 credits)	_____ 5 credits (taken 5 times for 1 credit hour)
<i>3014 must be taken at least once under the topics of Scene Shop Lab, Costume Lab, and Production Run Crew Lab. The additional two credits may be earned under any topic.</i>	
TA 3105 History of Drama & Theatre (Pre: TA 2114)	_____ 3 credits
TA 3106 History of Drama & Theatre (Pre: TA 2114)	_____ 3 credits
TA 4315 Directing (Pre: TA 2114, 2134)	_____ 3 credits
<b>III. Major Required Courses</b>	<b>9 credits required</b>
TA 2014 Introduction to Theatre	_____ 3 credits
CINE 2054 Introduction to Cinema	_____ 3 credits
ENGL 4164 Studies in Shakespeare (Pre: 1106, 1204H, or COMM 1016)	_____ 3 credits
<b>IV. General Option Required Courses</b>	<b>15 credits required</b>
<b>Take both courses:</b>	
TA 2104 Fundamentals of Theatre and Production	_____ 3 credits
TA 2414 Stage and Lighting Technology	_____ 3 credits
<b>OR, Take</b>	
CINE 2064 Introduction to Cinema Production (Pre: CINE 2054)	_____ 3 credits
<b>AND one of the following courses</b>	
CINE 3214 Fiction Cinema Production (Pre: CINE 2054 & 2604 or 3005)	_____ 3 credits
CINE 3224 Documentary Cinema Production (Pre: CINE 2054 & 2064 or 3005)	_____ 3 credits
Take 9 credit hours of restricted electives from the list of approved electives attached to this checksheet.	_____ 3 credits _____ 3 credits _____ 3 credits
<b>V. Free Elective Courses</b>	<b>33 credits required</b>
COURSE xxxx Free Elective	_____ 33 credits required
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>120 credits required</b>

Restricted Electives

Course			Credits	Pre-requisites and Co-requisites
DANC	2004	Anatomy for Performers*	(3)	
TA	2044	Contemporary African Amer Theatre* (Cross-Listed w/ AFST 2044 and ENGL 2044)	(3)	
CINE	2064	Introduction to Cinema Production	(3)	<i>pre-req. OR co-req. CINE 2054</i>
TA	2144	Foundations of Movement and Voice	(3)	<i>pre-req. TA 2134</i>
TA	2204	Creative Dance*	(3)	
TA	2224	Intermediate Performance Intensive	(3)	<i>pre-req. TA 2134 &amp; 2144</i>
TA	2404	Intro to Applied Collaborative Techniques*	(3)	
DANC	2024	Introduction to Dance Techniques* ( <i>may be repeated 3 times with different content</i> )	(3)	
TA	2604	Introduction to Arts Marketing (Cross-Listed w/ MUS 2604)	(3)	
TA	2964	Field Study	(variable credit)	
TA	2974	Independent Study	(variable credit)	
DANC	3024	Intermediate/Advanced Dance Techniques* ( <i>may be repeated 3 times with different content</i> )	(3)	<i>pre-req. DANC 2024</i>
TA	3104	Sound Technology Topics ( <i>9 credits max.</i> )	(variable credit)	<i>pre-req. TA 2414</i>
TA	3114	Scenography Topics ( <i>9 credits max.</i> )	(variable credit)	<i>pre-req. TA 2164</i>
TA	3124	Costume Design/Technology Topics ( <i>9 credits max.</i> )	(variable credit)	<i>pre-req. TA 2174</i>
TA	3134	Lighting Topics ( <i>9 credits max.</i> )	(variable credit)	<i>pre-req. TA 2414</i>
TA	3144	Theatre Technology Topics ( <i>9 credits max.</i> )	(variable credit)	<i>pre-req. TA 2414</i>
TA	3154	Acting Topics ( <i>9 credits max.</i> )	(variable credit)	<i>pre-req. TA 2144 &amp; 2224</i>
TA	3164	Voice & Speech Topics ( <i>9 credits max.</i> )	(variable credit)	<i>pre-req. TA 2144 &amp; 2224</i>
TA	3174	Movement Topics ( <i>9 credits max.</i> )	(variable credit)	<i>pre-req. TA 2144 &amp; 2224</i>
CINE	3184	Cinema Production Topics ( <i>9 credits max.</i> )	(variable credit)	<i>pre-req. CINE 3214 or CINE 3224</i>
CINE	3214	Fiction Cinema Production	(3)	<i>pre-req. CINE 2054 &amp; (2064 or 3005)</i>
CINE	3224	Documentary Cinema Production	(3)	<i>pre-req. CINE 2054 &amp; (2064 or 3005)</i>
TA	3315	Playwriting (Cross-Listed w/ ENGL 3315)	(3)	<i>pre-req. ENGL 1106, 1204H, or COMM 1016</i>

TA	3316	Playwriting (Cross-Listed w/ ENGL 3316)	(3)	<i>pre-req. TA 3315/ENGL 3315</i>
CINE	3444	African American Images in Film (Cross-Listed w/AFST 3444 and SOC 3444)	(3)	<i>pre-req. AFST 1714</i>
CINE	3514	American Cinema Genres	(3)	<i>pre-req. CINE 2054</i>
CINE	3524	The Cinema Director	(3)	<i>pre-req. CINE 2054</i>
CINE	3534	Avant-Garde Cinema	(3)	<i>pre-req. CINE 2054</i>
CINE	3544	Literature and Cinema (Cross-Listed w/ ENGL 3544)	(3)	
TA	3604	Arts Management	(3)	<i>pre-req. junior standing required</i>
TA	3624	Stage Management	(3)	<i>pre-req. TA 2104</i>
TA	3954	Study Abroad	(variable credit)	
TA	4014	Contemporary Theatre Seminar	(3)	<i>pre-req. junior standing required</i>
CINE	4084	Cinema History	(3)	<i>pre-req. CINE 2054</i>
CINE	4144	Cinema Studies Topics* (9 credits max.)	(3)	<i>pre-req. CINE 2054</i>
TA	4304	Theatre Outreach	(variable credit)	<i>pre-req. junior standing required</i>
TA	4316	Directing	(3)	<i>pre-req. TA 4315</i>
CINE	4534	Underground Cinema & Culture	(3)	<i>pre-req. CINE 2054</i>
TA	4704	Prof. Theatre and Cinema Internship (9 credits min., 15 credits max)	(variable credit)	
TA	4964	Field Study	(variable credit)	
TA	4974	Independent Study	(variable credit)	
TA	4994	Undergraduate Research	(variable credit)	

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\* Pathways Course