Communication and Theatre Arts

Web Site: http://www.odu.edu/commtheatre

Burton St. John, Interim Chair

The Department of Communication and Theatre Arts offers the following undergraduate degree programs.

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Communication with concentrations in the following areas:

- Cinema & TV Production
- Film Studies
- Intercultural/International Communication
- Lifespan Communication: Relationships and Groups
- Media Studies
- Public Relations, Advocacy, and Persuasion
- Communication Foundations
- Professional Communication (Bachelor of Science only)

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Dance with majors in the following areas:

- Cinema Production Major
- Dance Major
- Dance Education Major
- Design/Technology Major
- Performance Major
- Theatre Major
- Theatre Education Major

Minors are offered in Communication, Theatre, and Dance.

Students must receive a grade of C (2.00) or better in all courses that count toward these majors and minors. All majors must fulfill the requirements of the College of Arts and Letters.

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Communication

Carla Harrell, Chief Departmental Advisor for Communication

Lower Division General Education

Written Communication

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Human Behavior (COMM 200S may not be used) | 3 |

Total Hours | 38-53 |

* BA students must have competence through the 202 level (competence is not met by completion of the associate degree); BS students must have competence at the 102 level.

** COMM 270A/THEA 270A may not be used to satisfy this requirement.

Departmental Requirements

Majors must have a C or better in all courses counted toward the major.

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Total Hours | 9 |

Communication Core (B.S.)

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Total Hours | 18 |

Additional Communication Concentration Courses (B.A. & B.S.)

Students pursuing either the B.A. or the B.S. degree are required to take 10 Communication classes beyond the core course requirements listed above. Eight of those 10 courses (24 hours) must be in the student's selected concentration area (see concentration areas below). Two courses (6 hours) may be 100-200 level and/or from any concentration area.

Concentration Areas

Cinema & TV Production

Choose eight courses (24 hours): two courses (6 hours) from Foundations and six courses (18 hours) from Applied Theories.

Foundations (select two of the following) | 6 |

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**Film Studies**
Choose eight courses (24 hours): two courses (6 hours) from Foundations and six courses (18 hours) from Applied Theories.

**Foundations (select two of the following)** 6
- COMM 346 Screenwriting I
- COMM 471W International Film History
- COMM 479W American Film History

**Applied Theories (select six of the following)** 18
- COMM 330 The Short Script
- COMM 368 Internship
- COMM 371 History of Animation
- COMM 380 Documentary Production I
- COMM 388 Motion Picture Aesthetics
- COMM 443 Hispanic Film
- COMM 444 German Cinema I
- COMM 480 Documentary Production II
- COMM 481 The Documentary Tradition
- COMM 482 Screenwriting II
- COMM 483 Advanced Video Project
- COMM 485 Film and Television Genres

Total Hours 24

**Intercultural/International Communication**
Choose eight courses (24 hours): two courses (6 hours) from Foundations and six courses (18 hours) from Applied Theories.

**Foundations (select two of the following)** 6
- COMM 300 International Sojourning
- COMM 306 Diplomatic Communication
- COMM 314 Nonverbal Communication
- COMM 337 Model League of Arab States
- COMM 400W Intercultural Communication
- COMM 405 Communication and Culture in the Middle East
- COMM 407 Communication and Culture in Asia
- COMM 434 African-American Rhetoric Voices of Liberation

**Applied Theories (select six of the following)** 18
- COMM 307 Understanding European Film
- COMM 340 Media and Popular Culture
- COMM 366 Public Journalism in the Digital Age
- COMM 368 Internship
- COMM 382 Reporting News for Television and Digital Media
- COMM 443 Hispanic Film
- COMM 444 German Cinema I
- or WCS 445 German Cinema I
- COMM 447W Electronic Media Law and Policy
- COMM 448 Transnational Media Systems
- COMM 471W International Film History
- COMM 472 New Media Topics: Theories and Practices
- COMM 473 Television and Society

Total Hours 24

**Media Studies**
Choose eight courses (24 hours): two courses (6 hours) from Foundations and six courses (18 hours) from Applied Theories.

**Foundations (select two of the following)** 6
- COMM 303 Introduction to Public Relations
- COMM 307 Understanding European Film
- COMM 321 Production Management for Television and Stage
- COMM 330 The Short Script
- COMM 340 Media and Popular Culture
- COMM 346 Screenwriting I
- COMM 364 Radio
- COMM 365 Electronic News
- COMM 366 Public Journalism in the Digital Age
- COMM 371 History of Animation
- COMM 372T Introduction to New Media Technologies
- COMM 382 Reporting News for Television and Digital Media

**Applied Theories (select six of the following)** 18
- COMM 368 Internship
- COMM 387 TV News Production
- COMM 441 The Music Industry and Communication
- COMM 443 Hispanic Film
- COMM 444 German Cinema I
- or WCS 445 German Cinema I
- COMM 447W Electronic Media Law and Policy
- COMM 448 Transnational Media Systems
- COMM 455 Critical Analysis of Journalism
- COMM 465 Mass Media and the National Elections
- COMM 467 Media, Politics and Civic Engagement
- COMM 468 Communication and Political Symbolism
Students will take two courses in each of five of the six concentration areas listed above. Students cannot major in this concentration without making an application and gaining the approval of a departmental advisor.

### Communication Concentration

**Foundations (select two of the following)**
- COMM 303  Introduction to Public Relations
- COMM 304  Advanced Public Speaking
- COMM 308  Public Relations Writing
- COMM 314  Nonverbal Communication
- COMM 323  Leadership and Events Management
- COMM 326  Foundations of Group Communication
- COMM 333  Persuasion
- COMM 335W  Rhetorical Criticism
- COMM 351  Interpersonal Communication in Organizations
- COMM 355  Organizational Communication
- COMM 364  Radio
- COMM 365  Electronic News
- COMM 366  Public Journalism in the Digital Age
- COMM 382  Reporting News for Television and Digital Media
- COMM 387  TV News Production

**Applied Theories (select six of the following)**
- COMM 368  Internship
- COMM 400W  Intercultural Communication
- COMM 403  Public Relations and Crisis Communications
- COMM 412W  Interpersonal Communication Theory and Research
- COMM 421  Communication and Conflict Management
- COMM 426  Group Communication Theory and Research
- COMM 447W  Electronic Media Law and Policy
- COMM 448  Transnational Media Systems
- COMM 455  Critical Analysis of Journalism
- COMM 456  Organizations and Social Influence
- COMM 465  Mass Media and the National Elections
- COMM 467  Media, Politics and Civic Engagement
- COMM 468  Communication and Political Symbolism
- COMM 472  New Media Topics: Theories and Practices
- COMM 473  Television and Society
- COMM 478  Principles of Media Marketing and Promotion
- COMM 487  Advanced TV News Production

**Total Hours** 24

### Communication electives (students may choose two courses (6 hours) from options below to apply to their chosen concentration area)

- COMM 103R  Voice and Diction
- COMM 112R  Introduction to Interpersonal Communication
- COMM 302  Communication Research Methods I
- COMM 368  Internship
- COMM 369  Research Practicum
- COMM 401  Communication Theory
- COMM 469  Communication Education Practicum

Please note that COMM 305 will not count in any of the concentration areas in the B.A. or B.S. in communication except for the professional communication concentration. This course is a requirement in the professional communication concentration and is only for students in that concentration.

### Professional Communication (B.S. only)

Fran Hassencahl, Chief Departmental Advisor for Professional Communication Concentration

The Bachelor of Science in Professional Communication is also available through distance learning. Distant students who have completed a university parallel associate degree can complete two additional years of course work through the University's distance learning program in order to earn a B.S. in Communication with a concentration in Professional Communication. Distant students without a university parallel associate degree must complete the lower-division general education requirements.

**Professional Communication Core**
- COMM 200S  Introduction to Human Communication
- COMM 260  Understanding Media
- COMM 302  Communication Research Methods I
- COMM Writing Intensive (W) course (see Applied Theories listing below for appropriate selection)

**Additional six hours of 300/400-level social science courses**

**Foundations (select two from the following)**
- COMM 305  Professional Communication
- COMM 326  Foundations of Group Communication
- COMM 351  Interpersonal Communication in Organizations
- COMM 372T  Introduction to New Media Technologies

**Applied Theories (select six from the following)**
- COMM 303  Introduction to Public Relations
- COMM 305  Professional Communication
- COMM 314  Nonverbal Communication
- COMM 315W  Communication Between the Sexes
- COMM 333  Persuasion
- COMM 335W  Rhetorical Criticism
- COMM 368  Internship
- COMM 400W  Intercultural Communication
- COMM 401  Communication Theory
- COMM 403  Public Relations and Crisis Communications
- COMM 412W  Interpersonal Communication Theory and Research
- COMM 421  Communication and Conflict Management
- COMM 447W  Electronic Media Law and Policy

**Professional Communication Electives (select four from the following)**
- CS 300T  Computers in Society
- FIN 331  Legal Environment of Business
- MGMT 325  Contemporary Organizations and Management
Upper Division General Education credit hours.

Elective credit will be needed to meet the minimum requirement of 120 credit hours.

Special Topics in Communication Courses and Communication Tutorials

Communications majors must complete at least one writing intensive course in the major from the following courses:

- COMM 315W Communication Between the Sexes
- COMM 335W Rhetorical Criticism
- COMM 400W Intercultural Communication
- COMM 412W Interpersonal Communication Theory and Research
- COMM 447W Electronic Media Law and Policy
- COMM 471W International Film History
- COMM 479W American Film History

**Writing Intensive Requirement**

Select one of the following:

- COMM 315W Communication Between the Sexes 3
- COMM 335W Rhetorical Criticism 3
- COMM 400W Intercultural Communication 3
- COMM 412W Interpersonal Communication Theory and Research 3
- COMM 447W Electronic Media Law and Policy 3
- COMM 471W International Film History 3
- COMM 479W American Film History 3

Total Hours: 54

* Meets the upper-division general education requirement

**Internships, Practica, and Special Topics Classes**

Students may apply only three credit hours of COMM 368 Internship toward the major in communication. In addition, students may apply only six credits total from the following classes toward the major:

- COMM 368 Internship
- COMM 369 Research Practicum
- COMM 469 Communication Education Practicum

**Special Topics in Communication Courses and Communication Tutorials**

Special Topics in Communication courses and Communication Tutorials courses may be included in a given concentration when and where appropriate and as approved by the student’s communication advisor:

- COMM 395 Topics in Communication
- COMM 396 Topics in Communication
- COMM 495 Topics in Communication
- COMM 496 Topics in Communication
- COMM 497 Tutorial Work in Special Topics in Communication

**Elective Credit**

Elective credit will be needed to meet the minimum requirement of 120 credit hours.

**Upper Division General Education**

- Option A. Approved Minor, 12-24 hours; also second degree or second major

**Requirements for Graduation**

Requirements for graduation include a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall and in the major, 120 credit hours, which must include both a minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University, completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better, and completion of Senior Assessment.

**Linked B.A./B.S. in Communication and M.A. in Lifespan and Digital Communication**

The linked bachelor’s/master’s degree in communication/lifespan and digital communication is administered by the Communication and Theatre Arts Department. The purpose of this option is to allow exceptional majors in communication to count up to 12 hours of 500-level graduate coursework towards both the B.A. or B.S. in communication and, if accepted, the M.A. in lifespan and digital communication. Students in the linked program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 for the undergraduate degree and 30 for the graduate degree).

**Linked B.A./B.S. in Communication and M.A. in Humanities**

Please refer to the Humanities section of this Catalog (p. 128) for information on the linked program leading to a B.A. or B.S. in communication and an M.A. in humanities.

**Minor in Communication**

COMM 101R or COMM 103R and COMM 200S are prerequisite courses for the minor and are not included in the calculation of the GPA for the minor. The requirements for a minor in communication are twelve hours of communication courses at the 300- and 400-level excluding the following courses: COMM 305, COMM 367, COMM 375, and COMM 368.

For completion of a minor, a student must have a grade of C (2.00) or better in all 300- and 400-level courses taken for the minor. Students must complete a minimum of six hours in upper-level courses in the minor requirement through courses offered by Old Dominion University.

**Bachelor of Arts - Theatre and Dance**

David Mallin, Chief Departmental Advisor for Cinema Production
Marilyn Marloff, Chief Departmental Advisor for Dance and Dance Education
Jim Lyden, Chief Departmental Advisor for Design/Technology, Performance, Theatre, and Theatre Education

**Lower-Division General Education Credits**

- Written Communication 6
- Oral Communication (met in the major) 0
- Mathematics 3
- Language and Culture 0-12
- Information Literacy and Research 3
- Human Creativity 3
- Interpreting the Past 3
- Literature 3
- Philosophy and Ethics 3
- The Nature of Science 8

Total Credits: 54
Majors must have a grade of C or better in all courses required for the major.

David Mallin, Chief Departmental Advisor for Cinema Production

Cinema Production Major

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All students pursuing a B.A. degree in Theatre and Dance must complete the core requirements listed below.

THEA/DANC Electives

Minimum of 24 credits of technique to include 12 credits of ballet and 12 credits of modern dance required.

As part of the Core Requirements, a minimum of 4 credits of practicum experience to include at least 2 credits of THEA/DANC Production/Performance Lab as performance (remaining 2 credits can be production or performance) required.

Minimum of 4 credits of THEA/DANC electives required.

As a requirement to graduate, dance majors must achieve 400-level proficiency in ballet technique and modern technique. (Specifically, dance majors must achieve a C or better in DANC 404 or higher and DANC 414 or higher.) The continued maintenance of technical proficiency is required.

Upper-Division General Education

• Option A. Approved Minor, 12-24 hours; also second degree or second major

• Option B. Interdisciplinary Minor, 12 hours specified by the department, 3 of which may be in the major area of study

• Option C. International business and regional courses or an approved certification program, such as teaching licensure

• Option D. Two Upper-Division Courses from outside the College of Arts and Letters or from the Social Science Component within the College of Arts and Letters that are not required by the major (6 hours).

Requirements for Graduation

Requirements for graduation include a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall and in the major, a minimum of 120 credit hours, which must include both a minimum of 30 credit hours overall and a minimum of 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University, completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better, and completion of Senior Assessment.

ODU offers a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Theatre and Dance with seven majors: Cinema Production, Dance, Dance Education, Design/Technology, Performance, Theatre, and Theatre Education. All students pursuing the B.A. in Theatre and Dance must fulfill the core requirements and the requirements of a particular major. Majors must have a C or better in all courses required for the major.

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Dance Education Major

Admission
All students must apply for and be admitted into the approved dance education program. Students must meet the required criteria for admission by passing the Virginia Board of Education prescribed assessments and earn the minimum required grade point averages (GPA).

Prescribed Virginia Board of Education Assessment for Admission to an Approved Teacher Education Program
Old Dominion University students seeking admission to an approved teacher education program must satisfy the Virginia Board of Education Required Assessment for Admission to an Approved Teacher Education Program. This requirement can be satisfied by meeting a passing score in one of the selected criteria below:

- A passing Praxis I composite score of 532 by December 31, 2013; or
- Passing Praxis Core Academic Skills Tests beginning January 1, 2014: Reading Score of 156, Writing Score of 162, and Mathematics Score of 150; or
- Approved substitute test scores:
  1. SAT score of 1000 with at least 450 verbal and 510 mathematics taken prior to April 1, 1995; or
  2. SAT score of 1100 with at least 530 verbal and 530 mathematics taken after April 1, 1995 and before March 2016; or
  3. ACT composite score of 21 with ACT mathematics score of at least 21, and ACT English plus Reading score of at least 37, taken prior to April 1, 1995; or
  4. ACT composite score of 24 with ACT mathematics score of at least 22, and ACT English plus Reading score of at least 46, taken after April 1, 1995; or
  5. Praxis I Math test score of 178 by December 31, 2013 and a composite Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (hereafter referred to as the VCLA) score of 470; or
  6. Praxis Core Academic Skills Mathematics test score of 150 beginning January 1, 2014 and a VCLA score of 470; or
  7. SAT Mathematics test score of at least 510 taken prior to April 1, 1995 and a VCLA score of 470; or
  8. SAT Mathematics test score of at least 530 taken after April 1, 1995 and a composite VCLA score of 470; or
  9. ACT Mathematics test score of at least 21 taken prior to April 1, 1995 and a composite VCLA score of 470; or
  10. ACT Mathematics test score of at least 22 taken after April 1, 1995 and a composite VCLA score of 470.

Note: ACT scores taken prior to 1989 are not valid.

* A new SAT test was released in March 2016. Praxis Core substitute scores for the new SAT have not been determined.

For the most current information on the prescribed Virginia Board of Education admission assessment, visit the Teacher Education Services website, http://www.odu.edu/tes and review the Teacher Education Handbook.

Required grade point averages (GPA):
- A cumulative GPA of 2.75 is required.
- A major/content GPA of 2.75 is required – all Dance courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher.
- A professional education GPA of 2.75 is required – all professional education courses must be passed with a grade of C- or higher.

Although students may enroll in a limited number of education courses, students must be admitted into the approved dance education program prior to enrolling in any instructional strategies practicum education course. Students must also meet with an education advisor in the Office of Teacher Education Services.

Continuance
Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75, a major/content GPA of 2.75 and a professional education GPA of 2.75. Dance courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher. The professional education core must be completed with a grade of C- or higher for continuance. A professional education GPA of 2.75 is required for continuance. Students must take and pass the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA). There is not currently a Praxis Subject Assessment (formerly PRAXIS II) for Dance content knowledge. If a Dance Praxis Subject Assessment is established prior to the student applying for the teaching license, it will be required. All assessments must be passed prior to the start of the Teacher Candidate Internship Orientation session.

Background Clearance Requirement
Old Dominion University requires a background clearance check of candidates interested in many of the professional education programs. Professional education programs have several field experiences that are required for continuance and graduation from the program. The background clearance must be successfully completed prior to a field experience placement. Candidates will be provided a field experience placement when the background check process is completed with resolution of any issues. The process to complete the ODU clearance background check is located at: http://www.odu.edu/success/academic/teacher-education/placement/background-checks. The ODU clearance process includes: an FBI fingerprint, a child protective service/social service review, and a Virginia State Police sex offender registry review. Candidates interested in the professional education programs are advised to complete this clearance process immediately upon entry into the program since the clearance process takes a minimum of eight weeks to complete.

Virginia Board of Education prescribed assessments:
- Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) – a passing composite score of 470 is required on this reading and writing assessment.

To review more information on the Virginia Board of Education prescribed assessments, visit the Teacher Education Services website, www.odu.edu/tes.

Graduation
Requirements for graduation include completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better; completion of the Senior Assessment; a minimum cumulative 2.75 GPA in the major area and in the professional education core with no grade less than a C in the major/content and with no grade less than a C- in the professional education core; successful completion of the Teacher Candidate Internship, and a minimum of 120 credit hours, which must include both 30 credits overall and a minimum of 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University.

Due to changing University requirements, national accreditation standards, and the Virginia Board of Education licensure regulations, the teacher education programs in the College of Arts and Letters are under constant revision. Any changes resulting from these factors supersede the program requirements described in this Catalog. Students are encouraged to obtain current program information from their advisors and from the Teacher Education Services website at www.odu.edu/tes.

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DANC 313  Modern Dance Technique 3  
DANC 414  Modern Dance Technique 4  
DANC 415  Modern Dance Technique 5  
DANC 416  Modern Dance Technique 6  

Select one credit from the following:  
1. DANC 321 Jazz Dance 1  
2. DANC 322 Jazz Dance 2  
3. DANC 423 Jazz Dance 3  
4. DANC 424 Jazz Dance 4  

DANC 360  Rhythmic Analysis  
DANC 370  Dance Composition 1  
DANC 389W Dance History from 1900 until the Present  
DANC 393  Anatomy and Kinesiology for Dance  
DANC 490  Pedagogy for Dance Educators  

Two additional hours of Ballet, Modern, or Jazz  
Core Requirements  13

Total Hours  48

As a requirement to graduate, dance majors must achieve 400-level proficiency in ballet technique and modern technique. (Specifically, dance majors must achieve a C or better in DANC 404 or higher and DANC 414 or higher.) The continued maintenance of technical proficiency is required.

Professional Education Core

TLED 301  Foundations and Introduction to Assessment of Education  
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Total Hours  29

Dance Education Post-Baccalaureate Endorsement Program

Candidates who have already earned an undergraduate degree in dance may seek a post-baccalaureate endorsement. Information on applying for this endorsement can be obtained from the Darden College of Education or the dance education program advisor. Students must have completed or must complete equivalencies for all course work required for the dance major, as well as complete all Professional Education core classes required for undergraduate dance education majors. The dance advisor will determine which transferable courses will meet the cognate program requirements and which dance and professional courses must be completed for the endorsement. All content area courses must be completed with a grade of C or better, and all professional education courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 overall, in the major and in the professional education core is required for continuance and endorsement. Although students may enroll in a limited number of education courses, passing the Virginia Board of Education prescribed assessment for admission must be completed and on file with the Office of Teacher Education Services prior to enrollment in any education practicum course or courses in developing instructional strategies. It is recommended that students take the Virginia Board of Education prescribed assessment for admission prior to, or during, enrollment in TLED 301.

Minor in Dance

For a minor in dance, the student must complete 15 DANC hours AND the prerequisite course DANC 185A (which must be completed with a grade of C or better before declaring the minor). Courses must include:

1. DANC 185A, which is a prerequisite course for the minor and is not included in the calculation of the GPA for the minor.
2. Minimum of 12 hours at the 300 and 400 levels, with prior agreement by the department.
3. Three additional DANC hours at any level; 100/200-level courses selected will not be included in the calculation of the GPA for the minor.

Students must have a grade of C (2.00) or better in all courses taken for the minor, including the prerequisite course DANC 185A, and complete a minimum of six hours in upper-level courses in the minor requirement through courses offered by Old Dominion University.

Theatre Major

Jim Lyden, Chief Departmental Advisor for Theatre

Majors must have a grade of C or better in all courses required for the major.

THEA 225  Introduction to Production Technology  3
THEA 230  Drama for Production *  3
THEA 244  Introduction to Production Design  3
THEA 248  Introduction to Stage Makeup  3
THEA 252  Acting Two  3
THEA 343  History of Theatre: Beginnings to the Renaissance  3
THEA 344  History of Theatre: Classic Baroque to the Present  3
THEA 442  Principles of Directing  3
THEA 449W  Script and Performance Analysis  3
THEA/DANC Electives  12
Core Requirements  13

Total Hours  52

* Meets oral communication requirement.

As part of the Core Requirements, a minimum of 4 credits of practicum experience to include at least 2 credits of THEA/DANC Production/Performance Lab as production (remaining credits can be production or performance) required.

Performance Major

Jim Lyden, Chief Departmental Advisor for Performance

Admission

The performance major is intended for students who wish to pursue performance as a career. Students will be admitted to the performance major through an audition and interview process administered by the faculty each spring. No student is guaranteed admittance or continuance in the performance major. Students may return to the theatre major at any time.

Continuance

Students must pass a proficiency audition administered by the faculty every spring. Students must abide by the theatre student handbook regulations for the performance major.

Requirements

Majors must have a grade of C or better in all courses required for the major

THEA 225  Introduction to Production Technology  3
THEA 230  Drama for Production *  3
THEA 252  Acting Two  3
THEA 320  Auditioning Technique  3
**Theatre Education Major**

Jim Lyden, Chief Departmental Advisor for Theatre Education

All students must apply for and be admitted into the approved teacher education program. Students must meet the required criteria for admission by passing the Virginia Board of Education prescribed assessments and earn the minimum required grade point averages (GPA).

**Prescribed Virginia Board of Education Assessment for Admission to an Approved Teacher Education Program**

Old Dominion University students seeking admission to an approved teacher education program must satisfy the Virginia Board of Education Required Assessment for Admission to an Approved Teacher Education Program. This requirement can be satisfied by meeting a passing score in one of the selected criteria below:

- A passing Praxis I composite score of 532 by December 31, 2013; or
- Passing Praxis Core Academic Skills Tests beginning January 1, 2014: Reading Score of 156, Writing Score of 162, and Mathematics Score of 150; or
- Approved substitute test scores:
  1. SAT score of 1000 with at least 450 verbal and 510 mathematics taken prior to April 1, 1995; or
  2. SAT score of 1100 with at least 530 verbal and 530 mathematics taken after April 1, 1995 and before March 2016; or
  3. ACT composite score of 21 with ACT mathematics score of at least 21, and ACT English plus Reading score of at least 37, taken prior to April 1, 1995; or
  4. ACT composite score of 24 with ACT mathematics score of at least 22, and ACT English plus Reading score of at least 46, taken after April 1, 1995; or
  5. Praxis I Math test score of 178 by December 31, 2013 and a composite Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (hereafter referred to as the VCLA) score of 470; or
  6. Praxis Core Academic Skills Mathematics test score of 150 beginning January 1, 2014 and a VCLA score of 470; or
  7. SAT Mathematics test score of at least 510 taken prior to April 1, 1995 and a VCLA score of 470; or
  8. SAT Mathematics test score of at least 510 taken prior to April 1, 1995 and a composite VCLA score of 470; or
  9. ACT Mathematics test score of at least 21 taken prior to April 1, 1995 and a composite VCLA score of 470; or
  10. ACT Mathematics test score of at least 22 taken after April 1, 1995 and a composite VCLA score of 470.

*Note: ACT scores taken prior to 1989 are not valid.*

A new SAT test was released in March 2016. Praxis Core substitute scores for the new SAT have not been determined.

For the most current information on the prescribed Virginia Board of Education admission assessment, visit the Teacher Education Services website, http://www.odu.edu/tes and review the Teacher Education Handbook.

**Required grade point averages (GPA)***

- A cumulative GPA of 2.75 is required.
- A major/content GPA of 2.75 is required – all Theatre courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher.
- A professional education GPA of 2.75 is required – all professional education courses must be passed with a grade of C- or higher.

Although students may enroll in a limited number of education courses, students must be admitted into the approved theatre education program prior to enrolling in any instructional strategies practicum education course. Students must also meet with an education advisor in the Office of Teacher Education Services.

**Continuance**

Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75, a major/content GPA of 2.75 and a professional education GPA of 2.75. Theatre courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher. The professional education core must be completed with a grade of C- or higher for continuance. A professional...
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**Core Requirements**

- **Total Hours:** 40

- **Meets oral communication requirement.**

- **Meets impact of technology requirement.**

- **Student teaching.**

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**Minor in Theatre**

For a minor in theatre, the student must complete 15 THEA hours AND the prerequisite course THEA 225 (which must be completed with a grade of C or better before declaring the minor). Courses must include:

1. THEA 225 is a prerequisite course for the minor and is not included in the calculation of the GPA for the minor.
2. Minimum of 12 hours at the 300 and 400 levels, with prior approval by the department.
3. Three additional THEA hours at any level; 100/200 level courses selected will not be included in the calculation of the GPA for the minor.
4. At least one credit hour must be obtained by completing a Production/Performance Lab.

Students must have a grade of C (2.00) or better in all courses taken for the minor, including the prerequisite course THEA 225, and complete a minimum of six hours in upper-level courses in the minor requirement through courses offered by Old Dominion University.
COMMUNICATIONS Courses

COMM 101R. Public Speaking. 3 Credits.
Preparation, delivery, and analysis of types of speeches with emphasis on extemporaneous speaking.

COMM 103R. Voice and Diction. 3 Credits.
An introduction to the analysis and practice of effective voice and articulation. Applications across various communication contexts, such as public communication, media, and social communication.

COMM 112R. Introduction to Interpersonal Communication. 3 Credits.
An introduction to concepts, processes, and effects of communication in personal and social relationships. Emphasis on fundamental communication skills necessary for the formation and maintenance of relationships.

COMM 126R. Honors: Public Speaking. 3 Credits.
Open only to students in the Honors College. A study of the theory, strategies, and techniques of public speaking with emphasis on its application to effective conflict resolution.

COMM 195. Topics in Communication. 1-3 Credits.
A study of selected topics designed for non-majors, or for elective credit within a major. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will be more fully described in a booklet distributed to all academic advisors.

COMM 196. Topics in Communication. 1-3 Credits.
A study of selected topics designed for non-majors, or for elective credit within a major. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will be more fully described in a booklet distributed to all academic advisors.

COMM 200S. Introduction to Human Communication. 3 Credits.
An introduction to the discipline and methods of human communication. Survey of the major approaches to studying communication across the range of human communication contexts and functions.

COMM 225. Introduction to Production Technology. 3 Credits.
Fundamentals of construction, lighting, and production techniques in contemporary theatre and film. Students will apply acquired skills to active productions for ODU Theatre and Film productions.

COMM 226S. Honors: Introduction to Human Communication. 3 Credits.
Open only to students in the Honors College. An introduction to the discipline and methods of human communication. Survey of the major approaches to studying communication across the range of human communication contexts and functions.

COMM 227A. Honors: Film Appreciation. 3 Credits.
Open only to students in the Honors College. This class will focus on both contextual and close text analysis of masterworks as they have influenced film art and industry. Students in this course are expected to develop basic research, communication, viewing and critical thinking skills as they apply their knowledge to the analysis of the film experience.

COMM 260. Understanding Media. 3 Credits.
An examination of mass communication—books, newspapers, magazines, radio, TV, film, sound recordings, and the Internet—as a global institution, industry, and social force. Media literacy skills are emphasized, as are matters of technology, content, economics, history and impact.

COMM 270A. Film Appreciation. 3 Credits.
This class focuses on both contextual and close text analysis of masterworks as they have influenced film art and industry. Students in this course are expected to develop basic research, communication, viewing and critical thinking skills as they apply their knowledge to the analysis of the film experience.

COMM 271. Introduction to Filmmaking. 3 Credits.
This course will introduce the beginning student to making movies. Students will learn the basics of working with cameras, lights, sound recording, video editing and post production. This is a hands-on production course.

COMM 300. International Sojourning. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to prepare ODU study-abroad students for successful international sojourns. Topics to be covered include culture, culture shock, reverse culture shock and strategies for a successful study-abroad experience. Prerequisites: junior standing or permission of instructor.

COMM 301. Critical Methodologies. 3 Credits.
This survey course introduces students to critical methodologies utilized in the study of media texts. Through case studies and hands-on exercises, students will learn how to study the production, consumption, and engagement with popular culture and how to decode its meanings. Prerequisites: COMM 260.

COMM 302. Communication Research Methods I. 3 Credits.
An introduction to communication research from a social science perspective. Experiment, survey, content analysis and observational approaches are covered. Students learn statistical data collection and data analysis techniques. Prerequisites: STAT 130M, COMM 200S and six hours of 300-400 level communication courses or permission of instructor.

COMM 303. Introduction to Public Relations. 3 Credits.
A study of interactions within and among communication workplaces and the public. Attention is given to the media, promotions, community relations, and public information. Prerequisites: COMM 200S or permission of the instructor.

COMM 304. Advanced Public Speaking. 3 Credits.
An analysis and expression of professional speeches, delivered in public, business and special occasion contexts. Attention is given to audience analysis, library research, development of arguments/evidence as content, creation and use of professional visual aids, expression of appropriate verbal and nonverbal speech cues, speaker credibility, and extemporaneous delivery skills. Prerequisites: COMM 101R.

COMM 305. Professional Communication. 3 Credits.
An examination of both the theory and practice of communication in the professional setting. Content includes communication theory, as well as the roles of interpersonal, small group, organizational, and mass media communication as related to the workplace. A student receiving credit for COMM 305 cannot receive credit toward the Communication major for COMM 200S. Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor.

COMM 306. Diplomatic Communication. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to familiarize students with the basic elements of diplomatic communication by providing them with an overview of the language, the protocol, contact practices, and administrative policies of the Diplomatic Corps. Students will be trained in the technical aspects of diplomatic discourse from resolution writing to mission briefings, and the ever-evolving use of computers and other electronic modes of communication in carrying out government business. Prerequisites: COMM 300 or COMM 400W.

COMM 307. Understanding European Film. 3 Credits.
This course provides students with an historic overview of films from a variety of European countries. Students gain the vocabulary necessary to analyze individual films and for the comparative analysis of films from different cultural and historical contexts. The course will focus on issues such as national and individual identity, film as aesthetic form, gender and sexuality, and popular culture. Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor.

COMM 308. Public Relations Writing. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to introduce students to the basic elements of public relations writing. Through an examination of scholarly texts, case studies and media coverage of public relations scenarios, students will develop an understanding of the crucial role that writing plays in effective public relations. Students will also be required to complete several writing assignments that relate to actual public relations scenarios. Prerequisites: COMM 303 or permission of the instructor.

COMM 314. Nonverbal Communication. 3 Credits.
An introduction to the theories, processes and effects of communication in nonverbal codes. Topics include kinesics, proxemics and paralanguage. Critical analysis and contemporary research emphasized. Prerequisites: Junior standing and COMM 200S, or permission of the instructor.
COMM 315W. Communication Between the Sexes. 3 Credits.
An overview of communication theory and research examining verbal and nonverbal communication between men and women. Topics include communication differences as a function of gender, theories that seek to explain these differences, and prescriptions for change: "the hope of androgyny." (This is a writing intensive course.) Prerequisites: Junior standing, COMM 200S, and a grade of C or better in ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, or permission of the instructor.

COMM 321. Production Management for Television and Stage. 3 Credits.
This course assists students in understanding the elements of production management both in television and on stage. The course emphasizes organizational and communication skills; technical production knowledge; professional rehearsal and performance protocol according to the rules of AEA, AFTRA and SAG as well as basic production budgeting and scheduling. Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.

COMM 322. Leadership and Events Management. 3 Credits.
The course covers the systematic process of organizational assessment from basic communication channels (verbal, printed, and electronic modes of communication), to interpersonal and group communication, to the management of events and staff. This course examines the importance of leadership roles within organizations in planning any event as well as the communication dynamics between management and those being supervised. Prerequisites: COMM 200S or permission of the instructor.

COMM 323. Leadership and Events Management. 3 Credits.
This class introduces the concepts and techniques of sound design and sound effects for the stage and camera. Students learn design of sound elements in both a live and recorded environment as well as learn the current equipment and software in digital sound reproduction. Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.

COMM 326. Foundations of Group Communication. 3 Credits.
An introduction to the study of communication in task groups. Course reviews foundational literature and emphasizes communication competencies relevant to optimizing group outcomes including group observation, participation, assessment, and leadership. Prerequisites: Junior standing and COMM 200S or permission of the instructor.

COMM 330. The Short Script. 3 Credits.
This course builds upon the principles taught in Screenwriting 1 (or equivalent) using the short script as a basis for the exploration. Utilizing concepts of characterization, plot, dialogue and narrative style, students should complete the course with several production-ready short scripts. Prerequisite: COMM 346 or THEA 346.

COMM 331. Argumentation and Debate. 3 Credits.
Study of the principles of argumentation; frequent practice in debating current public problems. Prerequisites: COMM 101R or permission of the instructor.

COMM 332. Making African-American Cinema. 3 Credits.
This introductory course on African-American cinema will focus on a variety of contemporary films, media clips, and video presentations concerning issues and topics that reflect the diversity within the African-American community of young adults between the ages of 18 to 25. The main goal of the class is to review historical films produced for African-Americans and utilize that data to conduct research and develop projects that represent the cultural diaspora of this audience, which is often not reflected in mainstream media, in Hollywood or major independent media outlets such as HBO or Showtime. Cross-listed with THEA 332: Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.

COMM 333. Persuasion. 3 Credits.
An overview of the rhetorical and social scientific theories and research about persuasion and applications in speeches and campaigns. Prerequisites: COMM 200S or permission of the instructor.

COMM 335W. Rhetorical Criticism. 3 Credits.
With the goal of being able to critique a communication event, students study a variety of rhetorical approaches that may include neo-Aristotelian, generic, feminist, metaphoric, fantasy theme, and parodic approaches to rhetorical criticism. (This is a writing intensive course.) Prerequisites: COMM 101R and a grade of C or better in ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, or permission of the instructor.

COMM 337. Model League of Arab States. 3 Credits.
A study of the basic principles of negotiation and diplomacy through the vehicle of a simulation. Students study political, economic and social issues that impact upon the Middle East, research and prepare issue positions and debate/discuss these positions in a model. Prerequisites: COMM 101R.

COMM 340. Media and Popular Culture. 3 Credits.
This course examines the basic ways in which the mass media intersect with the currents of contemporary culture. Both historical and critical approaches to the study of mass communication and popular culture trace the full implications of their mutual determination and interdependence. Prerequisites: COMM 260.

COMM 341. Lighting Design for Stage and Film. 3 Credits.
This is a production course introducing students to the world of light and shadow, mood and composition by surveying lighting design, its technologies for stage and camera, and such principles as basic electrical theory and stage/studio/location design aesthetics. Prerequisites: COMM 225/THEA 225 and COMM 271/THEA 271 or permission of instructor.

COMM 346. Screenwriting I. 3 Credits.
This course is an introduction to narrative screenwriting focusing on the traditional feature film. Students will study screenwriting principles through text reading, film viewing, script analysis and substantial writing assignments. Focus is on story structure, character development, action, dialogue, and proper screenplay format. Prerequisites: ENGL 110C with a grade of C or better and ENGL 211C with a grade of C or better.

COMM 348. Acting for the Camera. 3 Credits.
This course examines the process of building characters for the camera, and the ways in which the conventions of the stage are adapted for the film or video audience. Prerequisites: THEA 152R.

COMM 349. Costume Design for Stage and Camera. 3 Credits.
This course explores the design aesthetic, historical context, and contemporary impact on performance of the costume garment and its accessories. Students explore the application of design principles in a practical experience. Prerequisites: THEA 244.

COMM 351. Interpersonal Communication in Organizations. 3 Credits.
Focuses on communication theory, research, and applications of a variety of forms of communication in organizational relationships. Topics include superior-subordinate communication, interviewing, and presentations with an emphasis on a diversity of perspectives and types of organizations. Prerequisites: Junior standing and COMM 200S or permission of the instructor.

COMM 353. Animation. 3 Credits.
This is a project oriented, studio class that will focus on the art of animated storytelling from the traditional perspective of stop motion animation. Students will engage in individual research, writing, storyboard, editing, and sound creation to produce original short animations. Crosslisted with THEA 353. Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor.

COMM 354. Drafting and Rendering for Stage and Screen. 3 Credits.
This course is an intermediate level course designed to introduce the student to the fundementals of graphic skills necessary for the implementation of a scenic design on either the stage or in front of a lens. Techniques and skills will be demonstrated in drafting (hand and computer generated) and perspective sketching and rendering. Crosslisted with THEA 354. Prerequisites: THEA 225/COMM 225.
COMM 355. Organizational Communication. 3 Credits.
Focuses on critical analysis of theory and research organizations as functional communication systems at the individual, dyadic, small group, and organizational levels. Topics include information processing, problem solving, impression management, compliance gaining, and network analysis. Prerequisites: COMM 205 or permission of instructor.

COMM 356. Silhouette Animation. 3 Credits.
This is a project oriented, studio class that will focus on the art of animated storytelling through the use of silhouette animation. Individual research, writing, design and implementation of knowledge to create new projects will be necessary to successfully meet the requirements of the course. All of the projects and class exercises in this course will require students to combine writing, storyboarding, a variety of art techniques, editing, and sound to produce original short animations. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor.

COMM 357. Claymation. 3 Credits.
This is a project oriented, studio class that will focus on the art of animated storytelling from the traditional perspective of stop motion animation. Students will engage in individual research, writing, storyboarding, editing, and sound creation to produce original short animations. Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor.

COMM 364. Radio. 3 Credits.
Focuses on programming, station practices, ownership, and operations of radio stations in the context of present, past, and future market and regulatory restrictions. Demonstration audio tapes and station visits required. Prerequisites: COMM 260 or permission of the instructor.

COMM 365. Electronic News. 3 Credits.
Theory and techniques of preparing news for the electronic media, including evaluation of newscasts and news reports for radio, television, and cable. Electronic news on the local, national, and international levels is analyzed as an institution and as a social force. Prerequisites: COMM 260 or permission of instructor.

COMM 366. Public Journalism in the Digital Age. 3 Credits.
This course exposes students to conventional and alternative approaches to reporting in public journalism. Students use a combination of conventional and alternative approaches as they research, interview, and construct a story on a local community issue or concern. Prerequisites: ENGL 110C and ENGL 211C; ENGL 380 or ENGL 382 or COMM 260; or permission of the instructor.

COMM 367. Cooperative Education. 1-3 Credits.
Available for pass/fail grading only. Student participation for credit based on the academic relevance of the work experience, criteria, and evaluative procedures as formally determined by the department and Career Development Services prior to the semester in which the work experience takes place. May be repeated for credit. (Qualifies as a CAP experience.) Prerequisites: Approval of the department and Career Development Services, in accordance with the policy for granting credit for Cooperative Education programs.

COMM 368. Internship. 3.6 Credits.
A structured work experience with or without remuneration, in a communication-related field. An ePortfolio, 150 hours of site work, plus satisfactory evaluations by supervisor and cooperating faculty member are required. Available for pass/fail grading only. Available to Communication majors and minors only. (Qualifies as a CAP experience.) Prerequisites: Approval of Departmental Internship Director prior to registration.

COMM 369. Research Practicum. 3 Credits.
A structured research experience, under the supervision of communication faculty member. A paper evaluating/analyzing the research, a log of research progress, and satisfactory evaluation by the supervising faculty are required. (Qualifies as a CAP experience.) Prerequisites: Completion of core courses and 6 hours of upper-level major courses; approval of supervising faculty and department chair prior to registration.

COMM 370. The Video Project. 3 Credits.
A studio course that presents an opportunity for the student to produce digital video content. This is a hands-on course which is organized to allow the student to experience the entire process of developing a project for the camera from scripting through filming to editing and finishing detail. Prerequisite: THEA 271 or COMM 271 or DANC 271.

COMM 371. History of Animation. 3 Credits.
This course traces the evolution of the animated film worldwide, from the silent to the modern era. The purpose of the course is to provide students with a broad chronological and international overview of animated film masterworks. Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.

COMM 372T. Introduction to New Media Technologies. 3 Credits.
Introduction to new media practices and theories. Focuses upon the powers of composition, networked communities, information management, social networking and identification in digital environments. Students will examine practical applications such as blogging, online mapping and tagging, online collaborative work such as wikis and self composition in online social networks. Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.

COMM 375. Television Production. 3 Credits.
This course explores the basic processes of producing television from script to presentation. Prerequisites: COMM 271 or THEA 271 or permission of the instructor.

COMM 380. Documentary Production I. 3 Credits.
This course offers the student an opportunity to explore the world of documentary filmmaking. Students will perform research to develop evidence in support of a thesis, then utilize the camera to capture a narrative story based on the thesis. Through this process, the student is better able to understand documentary filmmaking. Students will develop and deliver short documentary films by the end of the semester. Prerequisite: THEA 271 or COMM 271 or DANC 271 with grade of C or higher.

COMM 382. Reporting News for Television and Digital Media. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on writing for television news and producing online news reports. Students will strengthen their journalistic skills and learn the importance of writing clearly for a viewing audience while working under newsroom deadlines. By the end of the course, students should feel confident in producing accurate, detailed reports for television news and online news sites. Prerequisites: ENGL 110C and ENGL 211C.

COMM 383. Directing the Actor. 3 Credits.
This course is designed as a practical guide for directors to elicit strong performances from the actors who tell their stories. The class will establish vocabulary and practice techniques that are equally applicable to work in film or theatre. Ideally, the course will encourage students to think beyond genre as they create work that is both dramatically and humanly compelling. Prerequisites: COMM 271 or THEA 271 or DANC 271 or THEA 152R.

COMM 385. Cinematography. 3 Credits.
Introduces students to cinematography. The course explores camera technique, blocking actors, lighting, and cinematography fundamentals. The concepts of the course are applied to fiction and nonfiction cinema. This is a production class. Prerequisite: THEA 271 or COMM 271 or DANC 271 with grade of C or higher.

COMM 386. Video and Audio Editing. 3 Credits.
This course will cover post-production techniques, including: video editing utilizing Avid Media Composer, audio editing utilizing ProTools, and color correction utilizing DaVinci Resolve. Students will also learn how to properly import and organize material, move it between applications, and output deliverables. Prerequisite: THEA 271 or COMM 271 or DANC 271 with grade of C or higher.
COMM 387. TV News Production. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to provide students with an introduction to the
reporting, writing, and production aspects of a television news program.
Students will learn how to create 15- and 30-minute news broadcasts by
developing story ideas and news gathering. Students will also learn the
intricacies of shooting and editing video along with the production process
involved in recording a live news broadcast. Each student will spend time
both in front of and behind the television studio cameras. The goal of this
course is to produce weekly news programs worthy of broadcast on local
television. Students will assume the roles of reporter, writer, producer, floor
director, photojournalist, videographer, technician, and more. Prerequisites:
COMM 271 or THEA 271 or COMM 382 or ENGL 382.

COMM 388. Motion Picture Aesthetics. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to develop within students a heightened and
multifaceted awareness and appreciation for aesthetics of a particular type
- motion picture aesthetics. Aesthetic considerations impact us intellectually,
emotionally, psychologically, and viscerally. Professionals most definitely
employ a language to filmmaking. One must learn the language of motion
picture production and aesthetic design in order to convey concepts to their
audiences. Prerequisite: COMM 270A or THEA 270A.

COMM 389. Sound Recording and Mixing for Film. 3 Credits.
This course will explore the best concepts in recording, editing and mixing
audio for film and post-production. Students will be using Pro Tools
hands-on to sync and mix audio to picture. Topics will include location
audio, sound design, ADR, mixing, and more. Prerequisite: COMM 271 or
THEA 271 or DANC 271.

COMM 395. Topics in Communication. 1-3 Credits.
A study of selected topics designed for non-majors, or for elective credit
within a major. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will
be more fully described in information distributed to all academic advisors.
Prerequisites: Junior standing and permission of the instructor.

COMM 396. Topics in Communication. 1-3 Credits.
A study of selected topics designed for non-majors, or for elective credit
within a major. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will
be more fully described in information distributed to all academic advisors.
Prerequisites: Junior standing and permission of the instructor.

COMM 400W/500. Intercultural Communication. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to introduce students to the study of communication
in cultural contexts, the purpose of which is to prepare one to live and work
within an increasingly multicultural world. This is accomplished by defining
and critically analyzing concepts of culture. Throughout the semester,
the course will investigate theories of culture and communication that
address the development of cultural identity, intercultural communication
competence, the role of verbal and nonverbal communication across
cultures, the cultural composition of the U.S., and ethical communication
and challenge in a globalized era. (This is a writing intensive course.)
Prerequisites: COMM 205 and a grade of C or better in ENGL 211C or
ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, or permission of instructor.

COMM 401/501. Communication Theory. 3 Credits.
An overview of general and contextual theories of communication. Focus is
on the nature of communication theory, the role of theory in communication
inquiry, and the relationships among theory, research, and practice.
Prerequisites: COMM 205 or permission of the instructor.

COMM 403/503. Public Relations and Crisis Communications. 3 Credits.
This course introduces students to the basic elements of public relations as
it pertains to assisting organizations avoid, mitigate and recover from crisis
situations. Students will have the opportunity to both observe and participate
in crisis communications situations. Prerequisites: COMM 303 or permission
of instructor.

COMM 405/505. Communication and Culture in the Middle East. 3 Credits.
The course examines the tensions between modernity and tradition in the
context of Middle East culture. Cultural variables for study include myth
and religion, family structures and the use of science and technology.
Prerequisites: Six hours of lower-level social science course work.

COMM 407/507. Communication and Culture in Asia. 3 Credits.
Course provides theoretical models for examining the values,
communication patterns and cultural perspectives of the peoples of Asia.
Films, folklore, newspapers and literature from Asia are investigated.
Prerequisites: Six hours of lower level social science course work.

COMM 412W/512. Interpersonal Communication Theory and
Research. 3 Credits.
A survey of classic and contemporary theories and research of
communication in personal and social relationships across the lifespan.
Emphasizes communication as a means to facilitate conditions for
development of positive relational outcomes. (This is a writing intensive
course.) Prerequisites: COMM 205S and ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or
ENGL 231C with a grade of C or better.

COMM 421/521. Communication and Conflict Management. 3 Credits.
Focus on theory and research of communication processes in conflict
episodes across social and personal relational contexts. Applications
of communication approaches to conflict management emphasized.
Prerequisites: Junior standing and COMM 205S or permission of the
instructor.

COMM 422/522. Listening to Self, Others, Nature and the Divine. 3 Credits.
The listening course introduces students to: 1) Practices for exploring and
developing listening competencies, 2) Theoretical perspectives and models
of listening, and 3) Research on listening. Practice, theory, and research
are all integrated across the contexts of self, others, nature, and the divine.
Prerequisite: Junior Standing.

COMM 423/523. Nonviolent Communication and Peace. 3 Credits.
Perspectives on nonviolent communication and peace are covered from the
micro level (e.g., individual beliefs and worldviews) to interpersonal
relationships (e.g., conflict management), groups (e.g., tribes, gangs),
organizational systems (e.g., businesses, governments), and macro or global
level (e.g., political relationships between nations). Prerequisites: Junior
standing.

COMM 425/525. Family Communication Theory and Research. 3 Credits.
A survey of classic and contemporary theories and research of
communication in family units, family relationships, and family interfacings
with society. The course emphasizes communication in the social
construction of evolving 'family' realities as well as communication as means
to facilitate conditions for development of positive domestic outcomes.
Prerequisites: Junior standing and COMM 205S or permission of the
instructor.

COMM 426. Group Communication Theory and Research. 3 Credits.
A survey of classic and contemporary theories and research of
communication in task groups as well as the interconnections of task
groups with societal institutions such as the family, government, and health
care. Communication factors that facilitate conditions for creating and
maintaining optimally functioning groups are emphasized. Prerequisites:
COMM 205S and COMM 326.

COMM 427/527. Children's Communication Theory and Research. 3 Credits.
A survey of theories and research of communication during childhood.
Emphasis is on children as developing communicators, their relationships,
and their interactions with media. Factors affecting optimal development
of children's communication and development of applications to enhance
children's communication development are emphasized. Prerequisites:
COMM 205S or permission of instructor.

COMM 434/534. African-American Rhetoric Voices of Liberation. 3 Credits.
With the goals of examining the rhetorical strategies and their historical
context, students will study and critique original speeches and various forms
of discourse by African-American speakers. Prerequisites: COMM 200S or
permission of the instructor.
COMM 441. The Music Industry and Communication. 3 Credits. This course will seek to better understand the music industry. To do this, the organization and operation of the modern music industry will be examined. Issues of publishing, copyright and intellectual property and technology will also be examined. Prerequisites: COMM 260 or permission of instructor.

COMM 443/543. Hispanic Film. 3 Credits. A topical study of the major works of Spanish and Latin American film from Bunuel to the present. The course will explore many issues, including those related to gender, race, symbolism, and class struggle. Prerequisites: COMM 270A or THEA 270A or permission of the instructor.

COMM 444/544. German Cinema I. 3 Credits. The first half of the 20th century was the most creative and destructive period in German and European history. Its rich cultural achievements included Viennese psychoanalytical theory of the turn of the century, Art Nouveau, German Expressionism, and the avant garde aesthetics of the Weimar Republic. Conversely, World War I and II exposed the cultural agony and human depravity of modern civilization. This course will trace these various aspects and developments in a variety of exemplary genres. Readings and discussions in German. (Cross-listed with WCS 445/WCS 545 and GER 445/GER 545) Prerequisite: COMM 270A or permission of the instructor.

COMM 445/545. Communication Analysis and Criticism. 3 Credits. A survey of the key methods used in critiquing various forms of human and mediated communication for the purpose of becoming more discerning consumers of public and mass mediated messages. Analysis will include films, television, and radio programs, advertisements, newspapers, public discourses, speeches, and conversations. Prerequisites: COMM 200S or permission of the instructor.

COMM 446. Directing for the Camera. 3 Credits. This course seeks to provide students with fundamental principles and practical techniques of directing the narrative fiction film: script development and analysis, production planning, shot composition and framing, and working with actors and crew. Prerequisites: COMM 383 or THEA 383 with a grade of C or higher.

COMM 447W/547. Electronic Media Law and Policy. 3 Credits. This course focuses on legal and policy issues related to modern media systems and technologies, with an emphasis on legal considerations of electronic media. Topics include First Amendment issues concerning news, programming, and advertising; station licensing; and challenges to traditional legal thought brought about by new technologies. (This is a writing intensive course.) Prerequisites: COMM 260 and a grade of C or better in ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, or permission of the instructor.

COMM 448/548. Transnational Media Systems. 3 Credits. An examination of the rise of broadcast technology and world flow of information and entertainment. Theory and policy issues of systems of broadcast ownership, access, regulation, programming, transborder, broadcasting and cultural imperialism and dominance of Western programming will be addressed. Prerequisites: COMM 260 or permission of the instructor.

COMM 453. Voice Over. 3 Credits. This course is for students who are interested in the field of voice over for commercials, narration, industrials, animation, Internet, and gaming. Students will practice voicing copy using acting techniques, vocal techniques, building characters, and analyzing copy. Students will learn to select, edit and prepare copy for a future demo and learn to perform cold voice over auditions. This is a performance-oriented course that is a workout session each day. Crosslisted with THEA 453. Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor.

COMM 455/555. Critical Analysis of Journalism. 3 Credits. A critical examination of the news industry as practiced in the printed press, network and cable television, magazines, the Internet, and alternative press. Class examines the political economy of journalism, the sociology of journalistic practice, international news flows, ideological/political control of news, and mythological narrative forms within news. Prerequisites: COMM 260 or permission of instructor.

COMM 456/556. Organizations and Social Influence. 3 Credits. Focuses on theories, research and applications of the social influence function of communication in a variety of organizational contexts. Examines traditional and nontraditional social influence theories and research as applied to organizational change. Prerequisites: COMM 333 or COMM 355 or permission of the instructor.

COMM 461/561. Arts Administration. 3 Credits. This course is an examination of the arts institutions, issues, and forces that shape the contemporary arts world including artists' rights, public art, corporate support, censorship, and multiculturalism. The course will cover Community Involvement, Collaborative Processes and Civil Societies, Theory and Practice of Planning, Public and Non-Profit Management, Organizational Behavior, Labor Management Relations, and Entrepreneurial Leadership. Prerequisites: Senior standing.

COMM 465/565. Mass Media and the National Elections. 3 Credits. Focuses on use of media in presidential elections from 1952 to the present. Topics include image creation and management, and the relationship between media and voting behavior. Prerequisites: COMM 260, junior standing, or permission of the instructor.

COMM 467/567. Media, Politics and Civic Engagement. 3 Credits. Focuses on the ways in which citizens develop knowledge of, engage with, and practice politics through mass media and personal media forms. Students examine historical and contemporary practices of civic engagement and political organizing via media such as the alternative press, talk radio, rebel radio, letters-to-the-editor, the Internet, cinematic representations, public access television, and others. Students seek to understand the power available to citizens for political engagement via mediated communication forms. Prerequisites: COMM 260 or permission of instructor.

COMM 468/568. Communication and Political Symbolism. 3 Credits. The persistent communication and display of symbols and rituals of political meaning are central to how political power is built and legitimately exercised. This course examines such symbols and rituals by focusing on public rituals such as elections, the State of the Union address, and wars; political symbols such as the American and Confederate flag, Statue of Liberty, and television news; and institutions and practices related to public memory, such as war memorials, historical renovations, museum and theme park displays, and firm narratives. Prerequisites: COMM 260 or permission of instructor.

COMM 469, Communication Education Practicum. 3 Credits. An examination of communication education theory and methodology via structured experiences and readings. Students taking this course serve as teaching assistants for COMM 200S, which serves as a lab for practicing skills and techniques. Prerequisites: Completion of core courses and 6 hours of upper-level major courses, and approval of supervising faculty and department chair.

COMM 471W/571. International Film History. 3 Credits. An examination of world cinema as a technology, a business, an institution, and an art form from its inception to the present. Emphasis is on the narrative fiction film, its technological and aesthetic development, economic organization, and socio-cultural context. Representative classic and contemporary works will be screened and analyzed. (This is a writing intensive course.) Prerequisites: COMM 270A or THEA 270A, a grade of C or better in ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, and junior standing or permission of the instructor.

COMM 472/572. New Media Topics: Theories and Practices. 3 Credits. This upper-division seminar investigates one or two particular emergent new media practices and theories. The topics will be chosen at the discretion of the instructor but may include issues such as "mobile media," "micro media and audiences," and "social media." Prerequisites: COMM 372T or permission of the instructor.

COMM 473/573. Television and Society. 3 Credits. The role of television in the cultural, psychological, and economic life of America. The structure and design of television programs; and the history and function of television in reinforcing or altering public perceptions of ideas, events, and people. Major critical approaches are employed in examining television's social impact and global reach. Prerequisites: Junior standing and COMM 260.
COMM 478/578. Principles of Media Marketing and Promotion. 3 Credits.
Course introduces students to the ways in which different media forms are used for advertising and marketing purposes. Emphasis is on electronic media, though other approaches, such as direct marketing techniques and the increasing use of new media technologies for marketing, are also examined. Prerequisites: Junior standing and COMM 260 or permission of the instructor.

COMM 479W/579. American Film History. 3 Credits.
An examination of American motion pictures as an art form, a business and an institution from inception to the present. Primary attention is accorded to the narrative fiction film, its aesthetic and technological development, economic organization and social impact. This course highlights the many connections between film history and American culture. (This is a writing intensive course.) Prerequisites: COMM 270A or THEA 270A, a grade of C or better in ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, and junior standing or permission of the instructor.

COMM 480/580. Documentary Production II. 3 Credits.
Students will continue the work performed in COMM 380 with more advanced proposals, research, and production work. Prerequisites: COMM 380 or THEA 380.

COMM 481/581. The Documentary Tradition. 3 Credits.
An in-depth investigation of the history and theory of the documentary tradition in film, television, and radio. Examining both American and international examples, the course will look at major schools, movements, goals, and styles of documentary production. Representative texts will be studied for their socio-political influences, persuasive techniques, and aesthetic formulas. Prerequisites: COMM 260 or permission of instructor.

COMM 482. Screenwriting II. 3 Credits.
Students explore visual storytelling through the theories guiding character development, narrative construction, thematic layers, scene analysis, and many more. Students participate in a variety of critical and writing exercises to enhance their knowledge of the craft of screenwriting. Students complete the course with a complete feature film screenplay. Prerequisites: COMM 346 or THEA 346.

COMM 483. Advanced Video Project. 3 Credits.
This is an intensive capstone course in film production. Students experience pre-production, production, and post-production phases while creating a product to be entered in regional and national competitions. Prerequisites: COMM 383 or THEA 383.

COMM 485/585. Film and Television Genres. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to examine the conventions and meanings of various film and television genres within their broader aesthetic, socio-historical, cultural, and political contexts. Each time the class is offered it will focus in depth on a different genre, such as the gangster, the Western, the musical, the comedy, science fiction, among others. Class may be repeated for credit as long as the genres are different. Prerequisites: COMM 270A or THEA 270A or COMM 260.

COMM 486/586. Advanced Filmmaking. 3 Credits.
This course offers students an opportunity to collaborate on a project beyond the scope of previous classroom projects. Students will execute an assigned duty for the duration of the semester. Prerequisites: three of the following: COMM 346 or THEA 346, COMM 383 or THEA 383, COMM 385 or THEA 385, COMM 386 or THEA 386, COMM 388 or THEA 388, COMM 483 or THEA 483.

COMM 487. Advanced TV News Production. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to provide students with advanced instruction in reporting, writing, and production for a television news program. Students will take on important roles in 15- and 30-minute news broadcasts and refine their skills in shooting and editing video. The goal of this course is to produce weekly news programs worthy of broadcast on local television. Students will receive significant experience in front of the camera as news, sports, and entertainment anchors/reporters as well as leadership positions in the television studio during the live broadcasts. Prerequisites: COMM 387, THEA 387 or ENGL 387.

COMM 489/589. Health and Interpersonal Communication. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to give an overview of contemporary scholarship on phenomena within the scope of interpersonal health communication. Prerequisite: Instructor permission required.

COMM 491/591. Communication and Activism. 3 Credits.
This course will delve into activism and social change from a local and global perspective in order to enhance students’ perspectives of social change as it manifests via popular media and community action. Prerequisite: Instructor permission required.

COMM 492. Cinematography 2. 3 Credits.
This course builds on the fundamentals learned in Cinematography 1, exploring advanced camera and lighting techniques primarily used in narrative cinema. Advanced cameras, grip, electric, and lighting equipment will be covered, exposing students to gear and practices beyond the scope of a standard student production. This is a production class. Prerequisite: COMM 385 or THEA 385.

COMM 495/595. Topics in Communication. 1-3 Credits.
The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest which, due to their specialized nature, may not be offered regularly. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will be more fully described in information distributed to all academic advisors. Prerequisites: Appropriate survey course or permission of the instructor.

COMM 496/596. Topics in Communication. 1-3 Credits.
The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest which, due to their specialized nature, may not be offered regularly. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will be more fully described in information distributed to all academic advisors. Prerequisites: Appropriate survey course or permission of the instructor.

COMM 497/597. Tutorial Work in Special Topics in Communication. 1-3 Credits.
Independent reading and study on a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate. Prerequisites: Senior standing and approval of the department chair.

COMM 498/598. Tutorial Work in Special Topics in Communication. 3 Credits.
Independent reading and study on a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate. Prerequisites: Senior standing and approval of the department chair.

DANCE Courses

DANC 152R. Acting One. 3 Credits.
An introduction to the physical and vocal principles of performance coupled with an opportunity to increase awareness of the constructed nature of social interactions. Students will explore confident self-expression through the physical, vocal, emotional and technical aspects of acting, as an art form and a daily experience, in a format that encourages freedom of imagination and personal growth. Emphasis is on the fundamental communication skills of presence, body language, imagination, and social communication.

DANC 185A. Dance and Its Audience. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to acquaint students with the components of theatrical dance performance, its historical and ethnic origins, its role as a creative expression of peoples and societies and its relationship to other art forms. Through films, videos, live performances, guest speakers, readings and discussions, students consider philosophical approaches to language, communication, aesthetics and style of choreography.

DANC 195. Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.
A study of selected topics designed for nonmajors, or for elective credit within a major. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will be more fully described in a booklet distributed to academic advisors.

DANC 196. Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.
A study of selected topics designed for nonmajors, or for elective credit within a major. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will be more fully described in a booklet distributed to academic advisors.
DANC 201. Ballet Technique 1. 2 Credits.
Introduction to classical ballet technique.

DANC 211. Modern Dance Technique 1. 2 Credits.
Introduction to modern dance technique.

DANC 231. Ballroom Dance 1. 1 Credit.
This class introduces students to basic American and Latin ballroom dance.
Basic steps of the foxtrot, waltz, swing, tango, cha cha and rumba will be covered.
Focus is on rhythm, technique, leading and following. This class is open to single students and couples.

DANC 232. Ballroom Dance 2. 1 Credit.
This class is a continuation of American and Latin ballroom dance.
Basic steps of the foxtrot, waltz, swing, tango, cha cha and rumba will be covered.
Focus is on rhythm, technique, leading and following. The class is open to single students and couples.

DANC 233. Ballroom Dance 3. 1 Credit.
This class is a continuation of American and Latin ballroom dance 2. Basic steps of the foxtrot, waltz, swing, tango, cha cha and rumba are covered.
Focus is on rhythm, technique, leading and following. This class is open to single students and couples. Prerequisites: DANC 231 or DANC 232 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 234. Ballroom Dance 4. 1 Credit.
This class is a continuation of American and Latin ballroom dance 3. Basic steps of the foxtrot, waltz, swing, tango, cha cha and rumba are covered.
Focus is on rhythm, technique, leading and following. This class is open to single students and couples. Prerequisites: DANC 231, DANC 232 or DANC 233 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 235. Yoga 1. 2 Credits.
An introduction to yoga postures, breathing exercises, and relaxation techniques that promote health, alleviate stress, improve skeletal alignment, and increase muscular strength and flexibility. Students are also introduced to the history and philosophy of yoga.

DANC 236. Yoga 2. 2 Credits.
A continuation of the study of yoga postures, breathing exercises, and relaxation techniques that promote health, alleviate stress, improve skeletal alignment, and increase muscular strength and flexibility. Students also continue the study of the history and philosophy of yoga. Prerequisites: DANC 235 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 241. Pilates Mat Class I. 1 Credit.
The Pilates method of body conditioning is an exercise system focused on improving flexibility and strength for the total body without building bulk. It is a series of controlled movements engaging the body and mind supervised by an extensively trained teacher. It promotes physical harmony and balance while providing a refreshing and energizing workout. Currently the Pilates method is used internationally by individuals at all levels of fitness as well as by dance companies, sports teams, fitness enthusiasts and physical therapists.

DANC 242. Pilates Mat Class 2. 1 Credit.
The Pilates method of body conditioning is an exercise system focused on improving flexibility and strength for the total body without building bulk. It is a series of controlled movements engaging the body and mind supervised by an extensively trained teacher. It promotes physical harmony and balance while providing a refreshing and energizing workout. Currently the Pilates Method is used internationally by individuals at all levels of fitness as well as by dance companies, sports teams, fitness enthusiasts and physical therapists. This course continues the concepts introduced in Pilates Mat Class 1. Prerequisites: DANC 241 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 251. Tap Dance I. 1 Credit.
Introduction to tap dance styles including classic, hoof and rhythm.
Fundamental movements such as time steps, grab-offs, riffs, etc. are incorporated using counterpoint rhythms and challenges. Students gain an understanding of tap dance as an American art form.

DANC 252. Tap Dance II. 1 Credit.
Continuation of tap dance styles including classic, hoof and rhythm.
Fundamental movements such as time steps, grab-offs, riffs, etc. will be incorporated and developed using counterpoint rhythms and challenges. Students gain an understanding of tap dance as an American art form. Prerequisites: DANC 251 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 260. Introduction to Dance Technique. 1 Credit.
This serves as an elective course for students interested in beginning their dance training in the spring semester. The class focuses on basic universal dance vocabulary and prepares students both physically and mentally to enter Ball I, Modern Dance I or Jazz Dance I in the fall semester.

DANC 261. Hip Hop. 1 Credit.
This course will introduce students to the technical foundations of hip hop dancing and the experience of freestyling.

DANC 271. Introduction to Filmmaking. 3 Credits.
This course will introduce the beginning student to making movies. Students will learn the basics of working with cameras, lights, sound recording, video editing and post production. This is a hands-on production course.

DANC 295. Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.
A study of selected topics designed for nonmajors, or for elective credit within a major. These courses appear in the course schedule, and are fully described in a booklet distributed to academic advisors.

DANC 296. Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.
A study of selected topics designed for nonmajors, or for elective credit within a major. These courses appear in the course schedule, and are fully described in a booklet distributed to academic advisors.

DANC 302. Ballet Technique 2. 2 Credits.
Continuation of classical ballet technique. Prerequisites: DANC 201 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 303. Ballet Technique 3. 1-4 Credits.
Continuation of ballet technique at an intermediate level. Prerequisites: DANC 302 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 312. Modern Dance Technique 2. 2 Credits.
Continuation of modern dance technique. Prerequisites: DANC 211 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 313. Modern Dance Technique 3. 1-4 Credits.
Continuation of modern dance technique at an intermediate level. Prerequisites: DANC 312 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 321. Jazz Dance 1. 1 Credit.
Introduction to jazz dance technique. Prerequisites: DANC 201 or DANC 211 or DANC 260 or permission of instructor.

DANC 322. Jazz Dance 2. 1 Credit.
Continuation of jazz dance technique. Prerequisites: DANC 321 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 330. Extreme Moves (Conditioning for Dancers). 2 Credits.
This course explores the extended physical technique known as Extreme Moves. The Extreme Moves training method focuses on the body’s alignment with regard to how forces are present, how they act upon it, and how to build strength to resist or collaborate with these forces. Students will work with props such as large physio balls, elastic bands, mats and the wall in order to improve their core strength, balance, upper and lower body strength and alignments. Through physical practice, readings and videos, students will learn the conceptual framework for Extreme Moves. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.

DANC 360. Rhythmic Analysis. 1 Credit.
A study of basic music theory specifically designed for the dancer. Emphasis is on score reading, accompaniment for dance, note values and rhythms as they directly relate to choreography in a classroom as well as in the rehearsal studio. Students perform movement studies based on rhythmic structures. Prerequisites: DANC 201 or DANC 211 or permission of the instructor.
DANC 367. Cooperative Education. 1-3 Credits.
Student participation for credit based on the academic relevance of the work experience, criteria and evaluative procedures as formally determined by the department and Career Development Services prior to the semester in which the work experience takes place. Available for pass/fail grading only. (Qualifies as a CAP experience.) Prerequisites: Approval of the department and Career Development Services.

DANC 368. Internship. 1-3 Credits.
A structured work experience with or without remuneration; a paper, a log and portfolio of work time plus satisfactory evaluations by supervisor and cooperating faculty member are required. Available for pass/fail grading only. (Qualifies as a CAP experience.) Prerequisites: Approval of department chair and Career Development Services.

DANC 369. Practicum. 1-3 Credits.
Field experience in dance. (Qualifies as a CAP experience.) Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor.

DANC 370. Dance Composition 1. 2 Credits.
Designed for dance majors or minors, this course is a study of the elements and craft of choreography through practical and written experience. Time, space and dynamics are explored through assigned movement studies. Projects are designed for the creative development of personal movement repertoire and compositional skills for the dancer, choreographer and dance educator. Prerequisites: DANC 211 and DANC 390 or equivalent (DANC 312, DANC 313, DANC 414, DANC 415, DANC 416).

DANC 373. Production/Performance Lab. 1 Credit.
This course provides students opportunities to participate in productions in Theatre, Dance or Film. These positions provide hands-on experience in the discipline. Cross-listed with THEA 373. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.

DANC 374. Production/Performance Lab. 1 Credit.
This course provides students opportunities to participate in productions in Theatre, Dance or Film. These positions provide hands-on experience in the discipline. Cross-listed with THEA 374. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.

DANC 389W. Dance History from 1900 until the Present. 3 Credits.
Designed for dance majors or minors, this course focuses on the lives and contributions of dance artists who have most influenced the history of dance as art since the turn of the 20th century. The class explores the many facets of dance and its relationship to other art forms. Also included is a major research project and presentation focusing on a specific dance history topic. (This is a writing intensive course.) Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in ENGL 211C or equivalent.

DANC 390. Improvisation. 3 Credits.
An exploration of creativity through structured exercises, games and problems. Students participate in experiential studies that explore improvisational approaches, devices and elements to gain skills in the art of improvisation. This course also includes group discussions of reading assignments and feedback sessions following the improvisations performed in class. Through readings, journal writings, and in-class exercises, students develop the skills to articulate what they see, feel and respond to as artists, performers, and observers. Cross-listed with THEA 390. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.

DANC 391. African-American Perspectives in Dance. 3 Credits.
Focuses on the contributions of African-Americans to the world of American dance and concert dance. The influence of African dance and dances of the Caribbean Islands will also be explored. Prerequisites: DANC 185A or permission of the instructor.

DANC 393. Anatomy and Kinesiology for Dance. 3 Credits.
Designed for dance majors or minors, this course is an analysis of human motion through a study of anatomy and principles of kinesiology in relation to dance techniques. Prerequisites: DANC 201 and DANC 211 or permission of the instructor and concurrent enrollment in a dance technique class.

DANC 395. Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.
A study of selected topics designed for nonmajors, or for elective credit within a major. These courses appear in the course schedule, and are more fully described in a booklet distributed to academic advisors. Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor.

DANC 396. Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.
A study of selected topics designed for nonmajors, or for elective credit within a major. These courses appear in the course schedule, and are more fully described in a booklet distributed to academic advisors. Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor.

DANC 404. Ballet Technique 4. 1-4 Credits.
Continuation of ballet technique at an intermediate level. Prerequisites: DANC 303 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 405. Ballet Technique 5. 1-4 Credits.
Continuation of ballet technique at an advanced level. Prerequisites: DANC 404 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 406. Ballet Technique 6. 1-4 Credits.
Continuation of ballet technique at an advanced level. Prerequisites: DANC 405 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 414. Modern Dance Technique 4. 1-4 Credits.
Continuation of modern dance technique at an intermediate level. Prerequisites: DANC 313 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 415. Modern Dance Technique 5. 1-4 Credits.
Continuation of modern dance technique at an advanced level. Prerequisites: DANC 414 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 416. Modern Dance Technique 6. 1-4 Credits.
Continuation of modern dance technique at an advanced level. Prerequisites: DANC 415 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 423. Jazz Dance 3. 1 Credit.
Continuation of jazz dance technique at an intermediate/advanced level. Prerequisites: DANC 322 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 424. Jazz Dance 4. 1 Credit.
Continuation of jazz dance technique at an intermediate/advanced level. Prerequisites: DANC 423 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 470. Dance Composition 2. 2 Credits.
This course builds on the skills developed in Dance Composition 1, including the exploration of time, space and dynamics, with a focus on constructing fully realized group and solo dance compositions. Prerequisites: DANC 370 and permission of the instructor.

DANC 473. Production/Performance Lab. 1 Credit.
This course provides students opportunities to participate in productions in Theatre, Dance or Film. These positions provide hands-on experience in the discipline. Cross-listed with THEA 473. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.

DANC 474. Production/Performance Lab. 1 Credit.
This course provides students opportunities to participate in productions in Theatre, Dance or Film. These positions provide hands-on experience in the discipline. Cross-listed with THEA 474. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.

DANC 489. Principles of Teaching Dance. 2 Credits.
This course covers basic methods of movement education as applied to the teaching of ballet, modern dance, jazz, and movement for children. An understanding of anatomical structure and mechanics is utilized in the analysis of student performance in dance class. Specific objectives for dance exercises are explored. Practical experiences in the planning, organization and structure of technique classes of various styles are designed to prepare students as dance educators. (Qualifies as a CAP experience.) Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor.
DANC 490. Pedagogy for Dance Educators. 3 Credits.
Methods and instructional theories and strategies of movement education as applied to the teaching of ballet, modern dance, jazz, and movement for children. Practical experience in the structure, organization and assessment of dance arts programs for the K-12 public school setting. Prerequisites: A passing score on the Praxis I or equivalent instrument and admittance into the Teacher Education program.

DANC 495/595. Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.
The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest which, due to their specialized nature, may not be offered regularly. These courses appear in the course schedule, and are more fully described in a booklet distributed to academic advisors. Prerequisites: Appropriate survey course or permission of the instructor.

DANC 496/596. Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.
The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest which, due to their specialized nature, may not be offered regularly. These courses appear in the course schedule, and are more fully described in a booklet distributed to academic advisors. Prerequisites: Appropriate survey course or permission of the instructor.

DANC 497/597. Tutorial Work in Special Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.
Independent reading and study on a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate. Prerequisites: Senior standing and approval of the department chair.

DANC 498/598. Tutorial Work in Special Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.
Independent reading and study on a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate. Prerequisites: Senior standing and approval of the department chair.

DANC 499. Senior Project. 1 Credit.
Completion of a major research project during one’s senior year on a topic of particular interest to the student. Topics to be selected under the direction of an instructor with conferences as appropriate. (Qualifies as a CAP experience.) Prerequisites: Senior standing and approval of the department chair.

THEATRE Courses

THEA 125R. Acting One. 3 Credits.
An introduction to the physical and vocal principles of performance coupled with an opportunity to increase awareness of the constructed nature of social interactions. Students will explore confident self-expression through the physical, vocal, emotional and technical aspects of acting, as an art form and a daily experience, in a format that encourages freedom of imagination and personal growth. Emphasis is on the fundamental communication skills of presence, body language, imagination, and social communication.

THEA 173R. Theatre Activities. 1 Credit.
This course is an activity course in which the students participate in University Theatre Activities such as set building, costume construction or running crew for season productions. This qualifies as a CAP experience.

THEA 174R. Theatre Activities. 1 Credit.
This is an activity course in which the students participate in University Theatre Activities such as set building, costume construction or running crew for season productions. This qualifies as a CAP experience.

THEA 195. Topics in Theatre. 1-3 Credits.
A study of selected topics designed for nonmajors, or for elective credit within a major. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will be more fully described in a booklet distributed to academic advisors.

THEA 196. Topics in Theatre. 1-3 Credits.
A study of selected topics designed for nonmajors, or for elective credit within a major. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will be more fully described in a booklet distributed to academic advisors.

THEA 225. Introduction to Production Technology. 3 Credits.
Fundamentals of construction, lighting, and production techniques in contemporary theatre and film. Students will apply acquired skills to active productions for ODU Theatre and Film productions.

THEA 227A. Honors: Film Appreciation. 3 Credits.
This class will focus on both contextual and close text analysis of masterworks as they have influenced film art and industry. Students in this course are expected to develop basic research, communication, viewing and critical thinking skills as they apply their knowledge to the analysis of the film experience. Open to students in the Honors Program only.

THEA 230. Drama for Production. 3 Credits.
A practitioner-oriented examination of drama from its origins to the present. Particular emphasis is placed on plays from around the world that are associated with changes in theatre practice.

THEA 241A. The Theatre Experience. 3 Credits.
An introductory audience-oriented examination of the elements of theatre and their historical development through study of plays and performances; emphasis will be directed to actually experiencing live theatre. Attendance at performances is required.

THEA 244. Introduction to Production Design. 3 Credits.
An introduction to principles, methods, and materials used in designing stage and film productions.

THEA 246. Introduction to Stage Combat. 3 Credits.
This course trains performers in techniques for creating believable and safe stage combat. Techniques will involve falling, landing, hand-to-hand combat and various weapons, resulting in fully staged fights by the end of the course.

THEA 248. Introduction to Stage Makeup. 3 Credits.
Develops skills and techniques for design and application of stage makeup.

THEA 252. Acting Two. 3 Credits.
Basic introduction to principles of acting which may be applied to stage and media and application of various techniques through exercises, improvisations, and performances of short scenes. Prerequisites: THEA 152R.

THEA 270A. Film Appreciation. 3 Credits.
This class will focus on both contextual and close text analysis of masterworks as they have influenced film art and industry. Students in this course are expected to develop basic research, communication, viewing and critical thinking skills as they apply their knowledge to the analysis of the film experience.

THEA 271. Introduction to Filmmaking. 3 Credits.
This course will introduce the beginning student to making movies. Students will learn the basics of working with cameras, lights, sound recording, video editing and post production. This is a hands-on production course. Cross-listed with COMM 271/DANC 271.

THEA 295. Topics in Theatre. 1-3 Credits.
A study of selected topics designed for nonmajors, or for elective credit within a major. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will be more fully described in a booklet distributed to all academic advisors.

THEA 320. Auditioning Technique. 3 Credits.
Course will examine practical audition skills and provide an orientation to the tools of procuring professional auditions, including headshots and resumes. Emphasis will be placed on effectively selecting and preparing auditions for stage, film and television. Prerequisites: THEA 152R and THEA 252.

THEA 321. Production Management for Television and Stage. 3 Credits.
This course will assist students in understanding the elements of production management both in television and on stage. The course emphasizes organizational and communication skills; technical production knowledge; professional rehearsal and performance protocol according to the rules of AEA, AFTRA and SAG as well as basic production budgeting and scheduling. Prerequisite: THEA 225 or COMM 225 or permission of the instructor.
THEA 325. Sound Design for Stage and Camera. 3 Credits.
This class will introduce the concepts and techniques of sound design and sound effects for the stage and camera. Students will learn design of sound elements in both a live and recorded environment as well as learn the current equipment and software in digital sound reproduction. Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor.

THEA 330. The Short Script. 3 Credits.
This course builds upon the principles taught in Screenwriting 1 (or equivalent) using the short script as a basis for the exploration. Utilizing concepts of characterization, plot, dialogue and narrative style, students should complete the course with several production-ready short scripts. Prerequisites: COMM 346 or THEA 346.

THEA 332. Making African-American Cinema. 3 Credits.
This introductory course on African-American cinema will focus on a variety of contemporary films, media clips, and video presentations concerning issues and topics that reflect the diversity within the African-American community of young adults between the ages of 18 to 25. The main goal of the class is to review historical films produced for African-Americans and utilize that data to conduct research and develop projects that represent the cultural diaspora of this audience, which is often not reflected in mainstream media, in Hollywood or major independent media outlets such as HBO or Showtime. Cross-listed with COMM 332. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.

THEA 341. Lighting Design for Stage and Film. 3 Credits.
A production course introducing students to the world of light and shadow, mood and composition by surveying lighting design, its technologies for stage and camera, and such principles as basic electrical theory and stage/studio/location design aesthetics. Prerequisite: THEA 225/COMM 225 or THEA 271/COMM 271 or permission of instructor.

THEA 343. History of Theatre: Beginnings to the Renaissance. 3 Credits.
A cultural-epoch examination of world theatre as it developed through dramatists, directors, designers, and actors from its beginning to the eighteenth century. Prerequisites: THEA 230 or junior standing or permission of the instructor.

THEA 344. History of Theatre: Classic Baroque to the Present. 3 Credits.
A cultural-epoch examination of world theatre as it developed through dramatists, designers, and actors from the eighteenth century to the present. Prerequisites: THEA 230, junior standing, or permission of the instructor.

THEA 345. Advanced Production Design. 3 Credits.
This course will explore advanced principles of design for the stage in the areas of scenery. The process will include the application of various artistic styles to stage production. Prerequisite: THEA 225 or COMM 225 or THEA 244.

THEA 346. Screenwriting I. 3 Credits.
This course is an introduction to narrative screenwriting focusing on the traditional feature film. Students will study screenwriting principles through text reading, film viewing, script analysis and substantial writing assignments. Focus is on story structure, character development, action, dialogue, and proper screenplay format. Prerequisites: ENGL 110C with a grade of C or better and ENGL 211C with a grade of C or better.

THEA 347. Movement for the Actor. 3 Credits.
An examination through exercises and assignments of principles for developing a disciplined, flexible body for character creation. Prerequisites: THEA 152R or permission of the instructor.

THEA 348. Acting for the Camera. 3 Credits.
Course will examine the process of building characters for the camera, and the ways in which the conventions of the stage are adapted for the film or video audience. Prerequisites: THEA 152R.

THEA 349. Costume Design for Stage and Camera. 3 Credits.
This course explores the design aesthetic, historical context, and contemporary impact on performance of the costume garment and its accessories. Students will explore the application of design principles in a practical experience. Prerequisite: THEA 225 or COMM 225.

THEA 350. The Spoken Text. 3 Credits.
An introduction to the basic structures of verbal style through performance of the works of a variety of classical and contemporary writers. Students will become comfortable with linguistic techniques suitable to a range of performance situations. Prerequisites: THEA 152R or permission of the instructor.

THEA 351. Scene Painting. 3 Credits.
The course will explore, through in-class demonstrations and exercises, the techniques of painting for the stage. It will introduce the visual aesthetic of the world of scenic art for the stage and how it impacts the effectiveness of storytelling. Prerequisites: THEA 225 or COMM 225.

THEA 352. Acting Three. 3 Credits.
Study of and experimentation with various theories concerning the preparation of roles and special performance characteristics of different styles and types of drama. Considerable attention is directed toward scene study. Prerequisites: THEA 152R and THEA 252.

THEA 353. Animation. 3 Credits.
This is a project-oriented, studio class that will focus on the art of animated storytelling from the traditional perspective of stop motion animation. Students will engage in individual research, writing, storyboarding, editing, and sound creation to produce original short animations. Cross-listed with COMM 353. Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor.

THEA 354. Drafting and Rendering for Stage and Screen. 3 Credits.
This course is an intermediate level course designed to introduce the student to the fundamentals of graphic skills necessary for the implementation of a scenic design on either the stage or in front of a lens. Techniques and skills will be demonstrated in drafting (hand and computer generated) and perspective sketching and rendering. Crosslisted with COMM 354. Prerequisites: COMM 225/THEA 225.

THEA 355. Costume Crafts. 3 Credits.
This course will develop design principles and craft techniques to create a wide variety of costume crafts. The course will focus on individual research, design elements and technical challenges. Projects will encourage students to explore textile modification, various applications for clothing design, costume crafts and art materials. Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor.

THEA 356. Silhouette Animation. 3 Credits.
This is a project oriented, studio class that will focus on the art of animated storytelling through the use of silhouette animation. Individual research, writing, design and implementation of knowledge to create new projects will be necessary to successfully meet the requirements of the course. All of the projects and class exercises in this course will require students to combine writing, storyboarding, a variety of art techniques, editing, and sound to produce original short animations. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor.

THEA 357. Claymation. 3 Credits.
This is a project oriented, studio class that will focus on the art of animated storytelling from the traditional perspective of stop motion animation. Students will engage in individual research, writing, storyboarding, editing, and sound creation to produce original short animations. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor.

THEA 360. Voice for the Stage I. 3 Credits.
This course will explore facets of vocal production, speech and expression necessary for an engaging performance on stage. Through exercises and text work, the student will learn healthy vocal production, elements of clear speech and techniques for improving vocal range and expressiveness. Prerequisites: THEA 152R.

THEA 365. Internship in Film. 3,6 Credits.
Practicum/field experience in professional settings for students in all areas of Film. Pass/Fail only. Prerequisites: Approval of the Director of Film and major advisor.
THEA 367. Cooperative Education. 1-3 Credits.
Available for pass/fail grading only. Student participation for credit based
on the academic relevance of the work experience, criteria and evaluative
procedures as formally determined by the department and the Cooperative
Education program prior to the semester in which the work experience
takes place. (qualifies as a CAP experience) Prerequisites: Approval of the
department and the Career Development Services, in accordance with the
policy for granting credit for Cooperative Education programs.

THEA 368. Internship for Theatre. 3 Credits.
Practicum/field experience in professional settings for students in all areas
of Theatre. Pass/Fail only. Prerequisites: Approval of the Director of Theatre
and major advisor.

THEA 369. Internship at the Virginia Stage Company. 3 Credits.
A structured work experience with or without remuneration; a paper, a log
and portfolio of work time plus satisfactory evaluations by supervisor and
cooperating faculty member are required. Pass/Fail only. (qualifies as a
CAP experience) Prerequisites: Approval of Director of Theatre and VSC
representative.

THEA 370. The Video Project. 3 Credits.
A studio course that presents an opportunity for the student to produce
digital video content. This is a hands-on course which is organized to allow
the student to experience the entire process of developing a project for
the camera from scripting through filming to editing and finishing detail.
Prerequisites: THEA 271 or COMM 271 or DANC 271.

THEA 371. History of Animation. 3 Credits.
This course traces the evolution of the animated film worldwide, from the
silent to the modern era. The purpose of the course is to provide students
with a broad chronological and international overview of animated film
masterworks. Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.

THEA 373. Production/Performance Lab. 1 Credit.
This course provides students opportunities to participate in productions in
Theatre, Dance or Film. These positions provide hands-on experience in the
discipline, Cross-listed with DANC 373. Prerequisite: Junior standing or
permission of the instructor.

THEA 374. Production/Performance Lab. 1 Credit.
This course provides students opportunities to participate in productions in
Theatre, Dance or Film. These positions provide hands-on experience in the
discipline, Cross-listed with DANC 374. Prerequisite: Junior standing or
permission of the instructor.

THEA 375. Television Production. 3 Credits.
This course explores the basic process of producing television from script to
presentation. Prerequisites: THEA 271 or COMM 271 or permission of the
instructor.

THEA 380. Documentary Production I. 3 Credits.
This course offers the student an opportunity to explore the world of
documentary filmmaking. Students will perform research to develop
evidence in support of a thesis, then utilize the camera to capture a narrative
story based on the thesis. Through this process, the student is better able to
understand documentary filmmaking. Students will develop and deliver short
documentary films by the end of the semester. Prerequisites: THEA 271 or
COMM 271 or DANC 271 with grade of C or higher.

THEA 383. Directing the Actor. 3 Credits.
This course is designed as a practical guide for directors to elicit strong
performances from the actors who tell their stories. The class will establish
vocabulary and practice techniques that are equally applicable to work in
film or theatre. Ideally, the course will encourage students to think beyond
genre as they create work that is both dramatically and humanly compelling.
Prerequisites: THEA 271 or COMM 271 or DANC 271 or THEA 152R.

THEA 385. Cinematography. 3 Credits.
Introduces students to cinematography. The course explores camera
technique, blocking actors, lighting, and cinematography fundamentals.
The concepts of the course are applied to fiction and nonfiction cinema. This is
a production class. Prerequisites: THEA 271 or COMM 271 or DANC 271
with grade of C or higher.

THEA 386. Video and Audio Editing. 3 Credits.
This course will cover post-production techniques, including: video editing
utilizing Avid Media Composer, audio editing utilizing ProTools, and
color correction utilizing DaVinci Resolve. Students will also learn how to
properly import and organize material, move it between applications, and
output deliverables. Prerequisites: THEA 271 or COMM 271 or DANC 271
with grade of C or higher.

THEA 387. TV News Production. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to provide students with an introduction to the
reporting, writing, and production aspects of a television news program.
Students will learn how to create 15- and 30-minute news broadcasts by
developing story ideas and news gathering. Students will also learn the
intricacies of shooting and editing video along with the production process
involved in recording a live news broadcast. Each student will spend time
both in front of and behind the television studio cameras. The goal of this
course is to produce weekly news programs worthy of broadcast on local
television. Students will assume the roles of reporter, writer, producer, floor
director, photojournalist, videographer, technician, and more. Prerequisites:
COMM 271 or THEA 271 or COMM 382 or ENGL 382.

THEA 388. Motion Picture Aesthetics. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to develop within students a heightened and
multifaceted awareness and appreciation for aesthetics of a particular type -
motion picture aesthetics. Aesthetic considerations impact us intellectually,
emotionally, psychologically, and viscerally. Professionals most definitely
employ a language to filmmaking. One must learn the language of motion
picture production and aesthetic design in order to convey concepts to their
audiences. Prerequisite: COMM 270A or THEA 270A.

THEA 389. Sound Recording and Mixing for Film. 3 Credits.
This course will explore the best concepts in recording, editing and mixing
audio for film and post-production. Students will be using Pro Tools
hands-on to sync and mix audio to picture. Topics will include location
audio, sound design, ADR, mixing, and more. Prerequisite: THEA 271 or
COMM 271 or DANC 271.

THEA 390. Improvisation. 3 Credits.
An exploration of creativity through structured exercises, games and
problems. Students participate in experiential studies that explore
improvisational approaches, devices and elements to gain skills in the art
of improvisation. This course also includes group discussions of reading
assignments and feedback sessions following the improvisations performed
in class. Through readings, journal writings, and in-class exercises, students
develop the skills to articulate what they see, feel and respond to as
performers and observers. Cross-listed with DANC 390. Prerequisite: Junior
standing or permission of the instructor.

THEA 395. Topics in Theatre. 1-3 Credits.
A study of selected topics designed for nonmajors, or for elective credit
within a major. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will be
more fully described to all academic advisors. Prerequisites: Junior standing
and permission of the instructor.

THEA 396. Topics in Theatre. 1-3 Credits.
A study of selected topics designed for nonmajors, or for elective credit
within a major. These courses will appear in the course schedule, and will be
more fully described in a booklet distributed to all academic advisors.
Prerequisites: junior standing and permission of the instructor.

THEA 441/541. American Theatre. 3 Credits.
A study of dramatic theories and theatre practices as they relate to the
development and growth of theatrical art in the United States. Prerequisites:
THEA 230, junior standing, or permission of the instructor.

THEA 442/542. Principles of Directing. 3 Credits.
An examination and practical application of principles of stage direction
as influenced by play script, acting talent, set and lighting design, and the
technical facilities of production organizations. Prerequisites: THEA 152R
and THEA 230, and THEA 244 or permission of the instructor.

THEA 445/545. Experimental Theatre. 3 Credits.
An in-depth study of avant-garde theatre scripts and performance techniques
from 1900 to the present. Prerequisites: THEA 230 or permission of the
instructor.
THEA 446. Directing for the Camera. 3 Credits.  
This course seeks to provide students with fundamental principles and practical techniques of directing the narrative fiction film: script development and analysis, production planning, shot composition and framing, and working with actors and crew. Prerequisites: THEA 383 or COMM 383 with a grade of C or higher.

THEA 447/547. Women in Theatre. 3 Credits.  
A study of the contributions women have made to the theatre as actresses, directors/managers, designers, and playwrights, and of their creative problems and methodologies. Prerequisites: THEA 230 or permission of the instructor.

THEA 449W/549. Script and Performance Analysis. 3 Credits.  
Approaches script analysis from a directorial perspective through the written examination of action, character, language, music, and spectacle, as well as the play's production history and historical context, to discover how plays might be staged for the contemporary audience. Plays in production will be examined from a critical perspective with attention to artistic interpretation in the areas of direction, design, and performance. (This is a writing intensive course.) Prerequisites: THEA 152R, THEA 230, THEA 244, and a grade of C or better in ENGL 110C and ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, or permission of the instructor.

THEA 451. Costume Design for Opera and Musical Theatre. 3 Credits.  
This course will provide opportunities for hands-on training for all stages of the design process. Students will learn sewing techniques, create hand-dyed fabric, construction techniques, period costume research, character analysis, wig construction, and assist with the design. Project designs will be used in a main stage production presented by the Communication & Theatre Arts and Music departments at Old Dominion University. Students will also have the opportunity to run a live performance and assist with garment care, make-up, hair design and costume props. Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor.

THEA 452/552. Acting Four. 3 Credits.  
An advanced scene study class exploring issues of style and period pertinent to portraying characters on stage. Prerequisites: THEA 152R, THEA 252 and THEA 352.

THEA 453. Voice Over. 3 Credits.  
This course is for students who are interested in the field of voice over for commercials, narration, industrial, animation, Internet, and gaming. Students will practice voicing copy using acting techniques, vocal techniques, building characters, and analyzing copy. Students will learn to select, edit and prepare copy for a future demo and learn to perform cold voice over auditions. This is a performance-oriented course that is a workshop session each day. Crosslisted with COMM 453. Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor.

THEA 460. Voice for the Stage II. 3 Credits.  
Course will continue the study of vocal production, speech and expression necessary for on stage performance of both classical and modern text. Techniques for producing effective dialects will be introduced as well as the application of dialect towards character development. Prerequisites: THEA 152R.

THEA 461/561. Arts Administration. 3 Credits.  
This course is an examination of the arts institutions, issues, and forces that shape the contemporary arts world including artists' rights, public art, corporate support, censorship, and multiculturalism. The course will cover Community Involvement, Collaborative Processes and Civil Societies, Theory and Practice of Planning, Public and Non-Profit Management, Organizational Behavior, Labor Management Relations, and Entrepreneurial Leadership. Prerequisite: Senior standing.

THEA 471W/571. International Film History. 3 Credits.  
An examination of world cinema as a technology, a business, an institution, and an art form from its inception to the present. Emphasis is on the narrative fiction film, its technological and aesthetic development, economic organization, and socio-cultural context. Representative classic and contemporary works will be screened and analyzed. (This is a writing intensive course.) Prerequisites: COMM 270A or THEA 270A, a grade of C or better in ENGL 110C and ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, and junior standing or permission of the instructor.

THEA 472. Acting Five. 3 Credits.  
An examination and advanced study of techniques relevant to specialized theatre performance. This course will allow advanced students the opportunity to explore a variety of work including experimental theatre, avant garde works, mediated performance and visual based theatre. Prerequisites: THEA 152R and THEA 252 or permission of instructor.

THEA 473. Production/Performance Lab. 1 Credit.  
This course provides students opportunities to participate in productions in Theatre, Dance or Film. These experiences provide hands-on experience in the discipline. Cross-listed with DANC 473. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.

THEA 474. Production/Performance Lab. 1 Credit.  
This course provides students opportunities to participate in productions in Theatre, Dance or Film. These experiences provide hands-on experience in the discipline. Cross-listed with DANC 474. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.

THEA 479W/579. American Film History. 3 Credits.  
An examination of American motion pictures as an art form, a business and an institution from its inception to the present. Primary attention is accorded to the narrative fiction film, its aesthetic and technological development, economic organization and social impact. This course highlights the many connections between film history and American culture. (This is a writing intensive course.) Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in ENGL 110C and ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C; THEA 270A or COMM 270A; and junior standing or permission of the instructor.

THEA 480/580. Documentary Production II. 3 Credits.  
Students will continue the work performed in THEA 380 with more advanced proposals, research, and production work. Prerequisites: THEA 380 or COMM 380.

THEA 482. Screenwriting II. 3 Credits.  
Students explore visual storytelling through the theories guiding character development, narrative construction, thematic layers, scene analysis, and many more. Students participate in a variety of critical and writing exercises to enhance their knowledge of the craft of screenwriting. Students complete the course with a complete feature film screenplay. Prerequisites: COMM 346 or THEA 346.

THEA 483. Advanced Video Project. 3 Credits.  
This is an intensive capstone course in film production. Students experience pre-production, production, and post-production phases while creating a product to be entered in regional and national competitions. Prerequisites: COMM 383 or THEA 383.

THEA 485. Film and Television Genres. 3 Credits.  
This course is designed to examine the conventions and meanings of various film and television genres within their broader aesthetic, socio-historical, cultural, and political contexts. Each time the class is offered it will focus in depth on a different genre, such as the gangster, the Western, the musical, the comedy, science fiction, among others. Class may be repeated for credit as long as the genres are different. Prerequisites: COMM 270A or THEA 270A.

THEA 486/586. Advanced Filmmaking. 3 Credits.  
This course offers students an opportunity to collaborate on a project beyond the scope of previous classroom projects. Students in the course will execute an assigned duty for the course of the semester. Prerequisites: three of the following: COMM 346 or THEA 346, COMM 383 or THEA 383, COMM 385 or THEA 385, COMM 386 or THEA 386, COMM 388 or THEA 388, COMM 483 or THEA 483.

THEA 487. Advanced TV News Production. 3 Credits.  
This course is designed to provide students with advanced instruction in reporting, writing, and production for a television news program. Students will take on important roles in 15- and 30-minute news broadcasts and refine their skills in shooting and editing video. The goal of this course is to produce weekly news programs worthy of broadcast on local television. Students will receive significant experience in front of the camera as news, sports, and entertainment anchors/reporters as well as leadership positions in the television studio during the live broadcasts. Prerequisites: COMM 387, THEA 387 or ENGL 387.
THEA 489. Methods of Teaching Theatre. 3 Credits.
Focuses on conceptual foundations of theatre education including its history, and on methods and materials for classroom instruction and theatrical rehearsals and performances. Prerequisites: Junior standing.

THEA 490. Theatre Education Practicum. 1 Credit.
This course provides students with an opportunity to further develop their understanding of theatre instruction by personal observation and participation in the classroom setting. (qualifies as a CAP experience) Prerequisites: Junior standing and permission of the College of Education.

THEA 492. Cinematography 2. 3 Credits.
This course builds on the fundamentals learned in Cinematography 1, exploring advanced camera and lighting techniques primarily used in narrative cinema. Advanced cameras, grip, electric, and lighting equipment will be covered, exposing students to gear and practices beyond the scope of a standard student production. This is a production class. Prerequisite: COMM 385 or THEA 385.

THEA 495/595. Topics in Theatre. 1-3 Credits.
The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest which, due to their specialized nature, may not be offered regularly. These courses will appear in the course schedule. Prerequisites: Appropriate survey course or permission of the instructor.

THEA 496/596. Topics in Theatre. 1-3 Credits.
The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest which, due to their specialized nature, may not be offered regularly. These courses will appear in the course schedule. Prerequisites: appropriate survey course or permission of the instructor.

THEA 497/597. Tutorial Work in Special Topics in Theatre. 1-3 Credits.
Independent reading and study on a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Prerequisites: Senior standing.

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Independent reading and study on a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate. Prerequisites: senior standing.

THEA 499. Senior Project. 1 Credit.
Completion of a creative project leading to a written work and a presentation during a student's senior year related to student's interest area. Topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor with conferences as appropriate. Prerequisites: Senior standing as theatre major and approval of major advisor.