GRADUATE PROGRAM

M.A. - Master of Arts, Theatre

The Master of Arts Degree in Theatre at the University of Central Missouri offers a blend of academic courses and production training. This 32-hour degree program, with a thesis or research paper option, has four distinct objectives:

- To provide a foundation of graduate course work and research for students planning to pursue a Ph.D. degree in Theatre.
- To provide training and experience for students currently teaching or planning to teach at the secondary or college level.
- To prepare students to enter the professional theatre world through increased professional competence.
- To provide graduate training and experience in theatre for those not seeking an advanced degree, but desiring further education and personal enrichment.

Academic Requirements

The Master of Arts in Theatre degree program offers courses in critical, historical, literary, and theoretical studies of theatre, while additionally offering opportunities for the study and practice of theatrical production. Required graduate courses constitute 18-24 hours of the degree program. Remaining hours are comprised of graduate electives in theatre. Courses are offered both in the nine month academic year and up to nine hours of course work is offered as part of the summer schedule. Secondary education teachers can feasibly complete their program in three summers with additional course credit received for production projects completed within their own high school production program during the academic year. Each student is required to complete either a thesis or two research papers as a part of this program. These can be in the area of theatre history/literature, dramatic criticism, or related to the design, direction, or performance of a production. The student must also pass both a written and an oral comprehensive examination upon completion of the program.