

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE & MUSICAL THEATRE

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General Information

The programs within the Department of Theatre and Musical Theatre are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST). The department offers two degrees: a BFA in Theatre and a BFA in Musical Theatre.

Admission into the BFA in Theatre degree program is by audition only. Auditions for the specific emphases in theatre—Acting/Directing, Design/Technology, Theatre with Teaching Certification, and Theatre Studies—will take place at the end of a freshman's second semester or a transfer student's first semester. Students interested in pursuing a BFA in Theatre take foundational theatre courses during their first year in preparation for auditions into the various emphases.

Admission into the BFA in Musical Theatre degree program is also by audition only. Prospective students should visit the auditions webpage to learn more about the audition process and to submit an application. Musical theatre majors declare an area of emphasis by their junior year which allows for twelve additional hours of study in either dance or theatre.

The department produces between eight and ten productions during the nine-month academic year and various productions over the summer. Students have the opportunity to put into practice what they are learning in the classroom in all areas that they study. Freshmen may be cast alongside upperclassmen. Advanced students in stage management, design, technology (costumes, lights, sets), directing, and house management may be chosen to fill the lead positions in their fields for any of the departmentally-produced shows.

Advanced students may take advantage of a number of internships with theatres in the Greater Houston area. The close proximity to the city also provides students with the opportunity to experience live professional theatre throughout their study. Workshops and discussions led by guest artists occur in the department each year.

Auditioning Policy

The department expects all incoming students to audition for all non-musicals. These auditions occur each semester during the days leading up to the first day of class and the first few days following. Returning theatre majors, with an acting/directing emphasis, are also expected to audition for all non-musicals each semester. All musical theatre majors are expected to audition for all shows each semester. Students schedule auditions through the Department of Theatre and Musical Theatre (<http://www.shsu.edu/academics/theatre/>) website.

Academic Success

The department is committed to encouraging and promoting the academic success of its students. Students are expected to excel in their academic course work as well as in their production assignments throughout the year, and they are supported in this effort. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.75 in their major area to be in good academic standing. Students falling below this target GPA will be placed on probation for a semester. Students placed on probation will be asked to meet regularly with their advisors in order to address academic issues and facilitate their success. Probation will be a factor taken into consideration as decisions are made regarding casting, design, stage management, and directing opportunities as well as determining eligibility for paid student assistantship positions in the department.

Writing Enhanced Courses

All undergraduate students are required to complete at least six hours of writing enhanced courses within the discipline, of which three hours must be advanced.

Academic Advisement

All students majoring or minoring in theatre should meet with an academic advisor in the Department of Theatre and Musical Theatre each semester. All tenure track faculty members in the department advise our majors and minors.

Highlights

The Theatre and Musical Theatre programs at Sam Houston State University

- are active in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF);
- have been invited to participate at the Regional Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival consistently since 2000;
- were invited to perform *The Laramie Project* at the National KCACTF Festival in Washington, D.C., and were invited to perform the following productions at Region VI Festival over the last five years: *Machinal*, *The Lonesome West*, *Gruesome Playground Injuries*, *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, and *Everybody*;

- have an internship program with STAGES in Houston;
- have an internship program with Classical Theatre Company in Houston;
- host guest artists in the areas of acting, directing, dance, voice, playwriting, stage management, and design. These artists have included Edward Albee, James Black, Christopher Bayes, Andrew Campbell, Rod Caspers, Dave Clemmons, Kevin Cooney, Judy Dolan, Sofia Gomez, Greg Graham, Jean Guy LeCat, Luc LaFortune, Robert Marks, James McLure, Keith Pitts, Mark Ramont, Georgia Stitt, and Michael York.

The programs and faculty also hold memberships and participate in the

- National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST),
- Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF),
- Musical Theatre Educators Alliance (MTEA),
- National Alliance of Acting Teachers (NAAT),
- Southwest Theatre Association (SWTA),
- Texas Educational Theatre Association (TETA),
- Texas Nonprofit Theatres (TNT), and the
- United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT).

Career Opportunities

Students who complete their degrees in theatre or musical theatre may pursue careers in design, management, performance, secondary education, choreography, music direction, voice instruction, or technology. Students may also choose to pursue graduate degrees in order to further their academic and professional preparation.

Minors

No minor is required for a BFA in Theatre or Musical Theatre.

- Bachelor of Fine Arts, Major in Musical Theatre With Dance Emphasis (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/arts-and-media/theatre-musical/bfa-musical-theatre-dance-emphasis/)
- Bachelor of Fine Arts, Major in Musical Theatre With Theatre Emphasis (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/arts-and-media/theatre-musical/bfa-musical-theatre-theatre-emphasis/)
- Bachelor of Fine Arts, Major in Theatre: Acting and Directing Emphasis (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/arts-and-media/theatre-musical/bfa-theatre-acting-directing-emphasis/)
- Bachelor of Fine Arts, Major in Theatre: Design and Technology Emphasis (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/arts-and-media/theatre-musical/bfa-theatre-design-technology-emphasis/)
- Bachelor of Fine Arts, Major in Theatre: Theatre Studies Emphasis (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/arts-and-media/theatre-musical/bfa-theatre-theatre-studies-emphasis/)
- Bachelor of Fine Arts, Major in Theatre With Teaching Certification (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/arts-and-media/theatre-musical/bfa-theatre-with-teaching-certification/)
- Minor in Arts and Popular Culture (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/arts-and-media/arts-and-popular-culture-minor/)
- Minor in Theatre (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/arts-and-media/theatre-musical/theatre-minor/)

Student Organizations

- Alpha Psi Omega - honorary national drama fraternity
- United States Institute for Theatre Technology
- Musical Theatre Alliance

Internships/Apprenticeships

The Sam Houston State University Department of Theatre and Musical Theatre has a professional internship program in acting and in some areas of technical theatre with STAGES, Classical Theatre Company, and Main Street Theater in Houston.

Scholarships

Scholarships are available through the theatre program for theatre and musical theatre majors. Performance, management, design, and technical auditions are held each fall and spring for freshman and transfer students entering in the fall. Scholarships are awarded by year. Scholarships are renewable but are not automatically renewed. Returning students desiring scholarships for the following academic year must each complete an

application and submit it to Scholarships4kats (online) prior to November 1 for priority consideration. Contact the department or visit the website for further information.

Student Assistantships are available for advanced theatre students who work in scenery, properties, costuming, lighting, and management.

Musical Theatre and Voice

MTVO 1201. Musical Theatre Applied Voice. 2 Hours.

This course consists of private one-on-one study of vocal techniques that are appropriate to healthy vocal performance. Study focuses on performance of musical theatre styles and repertoire.

MTVO 3100. Platform Performances. 1 Hour.

This course has a performance based focus for junior and senior musical theatre majors. Students create performances of scenes from the musical theatre canon. Corequisite: MTVO 3201 Credit 1 Corequisite: MTVO 3201

Prerequisite: MTVO 1201 and junior or senior musical theatre major .

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Theatre

THEA 1100. Singing for Actors. 1 Hour.

This specialized voice class is designed to introduce singing technique in a group setting to Theatre majors with an acting/directing emphasis.

THEA 1115. Tech Build Crew. 1 Hour. [TCCN: DRAM 1120]

Tech Build Crew focuses on practical work that deals with construction aspects of theatrical productions. Those aspects include carpentry, theatrical rigging, lighting, sound, scenery, props, scenic painting, special effects, welding, the basics of running a show, and general theater maintenance.

THEA 1116. Costume Crew. 1 Hour. [TCCN: DRAM 1120]

Students are prepared to work with costumes for a production, dress actors and help with hair and make-up during the run of the show. Additional duties include maintaining garments, stock, and the costume and make-up areas throughout the run.

THEA 1117. Management Crew. 1 Hour. [TCCN: DRAM 1120]

Students are introduced to the logistics of theatre management. Topics may include box office training, patron service training, promotional designs, and advertisement/public relations. This is a practical crew course consisting of actual work on departmental productions.

THEA 1330. Intro to Scenic Technology. 3 Hours. [TCCN: DRAM 1330]

Students are introduced to theatrical production. Students are provided an overview of the elements of production to include an introduction to the basic components of theatre technology, stage scenery, stage lighting, theatrical costuming, stage management, theatre management, and script analysis. This course is designed to introduce the student to all areas of theatrical production.

THEA 1331. Intro to Lighting Technology. 3 Hours. [TCCN: DRAM 2331]

Students are introduced to theatre technology with a focus on the techniques and methods in set construction, lighting and sound technology, property construction, and theatrical production techniques.

THEA 1332. Intro to Costume Technology. 3 Hours. [TCCN: DRAM 1342]

Students study the basic techniques of costuming, sewing, dyeing, and distressing fabrics.

THEA 1364. Beginning Acting. 3 Hours. [TCCN: DRAM 1351]

Students study basic techniques in body, voice, characterization, and play analysis as they are applied to the performance of stage tasks by the actor.

THEA 1366. Theatre Appreciation. 3 Hours. [TCCN: DRAM 1310]

Students analyze the theatrical experience for the audience with an examination of theatre's relation to the broad contemporary scene as well as its relation to past eras. In addition, students examine the production elements necessary to provide the theatrical experience.

THEA 2330. Stage Make Up. 3 Hours. [TCCN: DRAM 1341]

Students engage in a survey of the reasons for stage make-up and the types of make-up available. Principles of designing make-up for characters in a play. Intensive practical application.

THEA 2336. Voice I for the Actor. 3 Hours. [TCCN: DRAM 2336]

Students engage in beginning training in the release of the voice for effective communication with work on breathing, projection, placement, articulation, resonance, and quality.

THEA 2337. Voice II for the Actor. 3 Hours.

Students engage in advanced training in application of appropriate vocal techniques to produce optimum control of quality, projection, and precision in diction. Ultimately the application is in fusing technique with the actor's interpretation of roles.

Prerequisite: THEA 2336, THEA 1364, or consent of the instructor.

THEA 2359. Hand Drafting in Theatre. 3 Hours.

Students study hand drafting techniques for the design and construction of theatrical scenery. Students learn how to utilize hand drafting tools and how to read and create design drafting packages for the theatre.

THEA 2360. Beginning Design. 3 Hours. [TCCN: DRAM 2335]

Students are introduced to the methods, concepts and materials of designing for theatre, including the basic elements of set design, properties design, lighting design, and sound design for the stage. Students are introduced to the methods of developing a design from script analysis to presentation of the completed design. Restricted to Theatre or Musical Theatre major.

THEA 2361. Computer Drafting in Theatre. 3 Hours.

Students are introduced to computer aided drafting and design for theatrical applications with a practical approach to computer drafting of floor plans, elevations, sections, light plots, and organizational diagrams using popular CAD software developed specifically for theatrical applications as well as programs like AutoCAD and Project Manager.

Prerequisite: THEA 1331 or permission of instructor.

THEA 2367. Play Analysis. 3 Hours. [TCCN: DRAM 2355]

Students examine the methodology for analyzing dramatic masterworks primarily as tools for the theatre craftsman and emphasizes the importance of this practical skill for actors, directors, designers, and playwrights. While focusing on the dramatic structure of a script in various plays, students concurrently examine the playwright's social and cultural milieu.

THEA 2368. Intermediate Acting. 3 Hours. [TCCN: DRAM 1352]

Students explore the techniques of freeing the body, body language, and movement in the development of characterization and actor technique.

Prerequisite: THEA 1364 or consent of instructor.

THEA 3114. Theatre Workshop. 1 Hour.

One semester hour of credit may be received per semester for work done in this practical workshop consisting of actual work on productions. May be repeated for credit.

Prerequisite: Junior or higher standing or by audition.

THEA 3115. Advanced Tech Build Crew. 1 Hour.

Students focus on practical work dealing with advanced construction skills of theatrical productions. Those skills include carpentry, theatrical rigging, lighting, sound, scenery, props, scenic painting, special effects, welding, the basics of running a show, and general theater maintenance. Focus is placed on advanced logistics of being on a backstage crew to run theatrical productions.

Prerequisite: THEA 1115.

THEA 3116. Advanced Costume Crew. 1 Hour.

Students study advanced costume construction techniques. Students prepare the costumes for a production. Students learn to supervise a run crew during a show and help with hair and stage make-up with additional duties to include maintaining garments, stock, and the costume and make-up areas throughout the run.

Prerequisite: THEA 1116.

THEA 3117. Musical Theatre Workshop. 1 Hour.

This course aims to synthesize musical theatre majors' work in music and dance. May be repeated for credit. Required of all musical theatre majors every semester.

Prerequisite: Musical Theatre Majors.

THEA 3127. Advanced Theatre Mgmt. Crew. 1 Hour.

Students are introduced to advanced concepts and logistics of theatre management. Topics may include advanced box office training, patron service training, ushering, learning new formats and software for poster and program designs, advertisement, and public relations. Additionally, students mentor students who are participating in THEA 1117. This is a practical crew consisting of advanced work on departmental productions.

Prerequisite: THEA 1117.

THEA 3331. Advanced Stage Make Up. 3 Hours.

Students engage in an investigation of and experimentation with three-dimensional makeup constructions to provide drastic alteration of the actor's face for stage, film, and television.

Prerequisite: THEA 2330 or consent of the instructor.

THEA 3332. Computer Rendering for Theatre. 3 Hours.

This is a skills-based course that gives students experience in using the computer to create visual documentation in the design process. Subject areas include set renderings, costume renderings, painters elevations, and scenic models.

THEA 3334. Stage Costume Design. 3 Hours.

Students engage in a survey of historical costume; contrast of general clothing with stage costume; and consideration of all elements involved in designing costumes for an entire production.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing.

THEA 3335. Costume Construction. 3 Hours.

Students explore pattern drafting, draping, and construction techniques for period and modern costumes. Knowledge of machine sewing is required. Projects may include bodices, skirts, pants, corsets, and 18th and 19th-century men's coats.

Prerequisite: THEA 1332 and/or consent of the instructor.

THEA 3336. Scenic Design. 3 Hours.

Students study how to both design and communicate a theatrical space. The process is based on script analysis and research through model making, ground plans, and hand sketches.

Prerequisite: THEA 1330 or instructor approval.

THEA 3337. History Of Costume. 3 Hours.

Students engage in a survey of historical costumes and accessories by periods from ancient Egypt to the present day, with a contrast of general clothing with stage costumes.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or consent of instructor.

THEA 3360. History Of The Theatre I. 3 Hours.

Students engage in a survey of the origins of the theatre, with major concentration centered upon the development of the western theatre from the Greeks to the Neoclassic.

Prerequisite: ENGL 1301 and ENGL 1302.

THEA 3362. Lighting and Sound Design. 3 Hours.

Students investigate the use of light and sound in a theatre space. They design for the performer and the action of the play and develop lighting effects, sound effects, and special effects. Additionally, the student begins to explore the use of microphone technology.

Prerequisite: THEA 2360 and THEA 2361.

THEA 3363. Property Design for Theatre. 3 Hours.

Students concentrate on the tools and techniques used by professional designers in the design and construction of properties for theatre. Topics covered may include transforming found objects, period research, texturing, molding, casting, computer generated properties, and painting.

THEA 3364. Dramaturgy. 3 Hours.

Students study production dramaturgy: an exploration and application of the processes, research, and resources used by academic and professional theatres, combining knowledge with creativity in order to make informed production choices. ENGL 1301 and ENGL 1302. ENGL 1301 and ENGL 1302.

Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of instructor.

THEA 3365. Stage & Theatre Management. 3 Hours.

Students engage in an advanced study of theatre management with an emphasis on the organizational, technical and management responsibilities of a stage manager as well as the public relations and marketing skills needed to run a house and box office with a focus on the establishment of a collaborative atmosphere within a production team or within a theatre company.

THEA 3369. Advanced Acting: Modern Thtre. 3 Hours.

Students engage in a detailed study of action and characterization through scene study, research, and self-use, utilizing interior and exterior methods to develop a working method for each actor.

Prerequisite: THEA 1364, THEA 2368 or consent of instructor.

THEA 3370. Advanced Acting: Class. Thetre. 3 Hours.

Students engage in advanced scene study with concentration on textual analysis, structure, diction, and rhythm of the script.

Prerequisite: 9 hours of acting courses or consent of instructor.

THEA 3372. Improvisational Techniques. 3 Hours.

Students develop their use of improvisations, games, and ritual to enhance creative thinking, problem solving skills, characterization, and trust within the rehearsal process.

Prerequisite: THEA 1364 or consent of instructor.

THEA 3373. Stage Movemnt I for the Actor. 3 Hours.

Students learn to increase awareness and command of the body as an expressive instrument. Through specialized in-class exercises, actors increase their dynamic stage presence; develop a supple, responsive physicality; and increase awareness of kinesthetic ensemble response.

THEA 3374. The Actor & Commedia dell'Arte. 3 Hours.

This course trains actors using stock characters of commedia dell'arte, an Italian theatrical form. Specialized in-class exercises, exploration of mask work and clowning lead students to find an awareness of their own habits in characterizations. Students broaden their physical expressiveness leading to a heightened and vibrant stage presence.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing.

THEA 3380. Meisner Technique. 3 Hours.

Students learn the skills and tools necessary for advanced scene work using the Sanford Meisner Technique. Students are led through Meisner-based exercises, activities and scenework. Through the Meisner approach, advanced work on using personal experiences for character work, listening on-stage and making strong, creative choices are examined. These activities lead to the understanding of advanced concepts and techniques as they apply to a personalized acting process.

Prerequisite: THEA 1364, THEA 2368, and THEA 3369.

THEA 3395. Acting In Major Roles. 3 Hours.

This course allows credit for performing a major role in Theatre Program productions, involving research, rehearsal and performance during the nine-month academic year. May be repeated for credit.

Prerequisite: Junior or higher standing or by audition.

THEA 3396. Realized Performance or Production. 3 Hours.

Students prepare and significantly contribute to a Theatre and Musical Theatre Departmental production in ways that may include designing, directing, stage managing, performing a significant role, or contributing to a major aspect of the production process. Students demonstrate proficiency through research, rehearsal, and the performance or presentation of this work.

Prerequisite: By audition or assignment.

THEA 4092. Independent Study. 1-3 Hours.

THEA 4093. Theatre Internship. 3 Hours.

This course is a practical application of skills and knowledge learned in the classroom for students who have completed appropriate courses and achieved an acceptable GPA. Internships may be arranged with an approved theatre. Entrance into this course requires permission of the department chair. Variable Credit (1-3).

Prerequisite: Theatre or Musical Theatre majors only.

THEA 4094. Special Topics. 1-3 Hours.

THEA 4190. Senior Showcase. 1 Hour.

An extension of THEA 3117 Musical Theatre Workshop, the Senior Showcase is a research, collaboration, and preparation class for participating senior musical theatre majors.

Prerequisite: Departmental approval.

THEA 4325. Stage Movement II for the Actor. 3 Hours.

This course is designed to lead the student toward an advanced awareness of the body as an expressive instrument. Students employ advanced kinesthetic ensemble responses as they begin to foster original work, coalescing all facets of advanced theatre movement to form the beginning of new work.

Prerequisite: THEA 3373.

THEA 4326. Stage Combat. 3 Hours.

This course focuses on specific stage combat disciplines with compulsory techniques. Students learn hand-to-hand combat, rapier and dagger, and other forms of violence found on stage and film. Each stage combat technique is taught for safety, theatrical commitment, and believability within a dramatic context.

Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission from the instructor.

THEA 4330. Advanced Scenic Design. 3 Hours.

Advanced design. Students are involved in creating scenic, lighting, and sound design projects. The course may include extensive sketching, rendering, computer drafting, and model building.

Prerequisite: THEA 1330, junior standing or consent of the instructor.

THEA 4331. Acting For The Camera. 3 Hours.

Students engage in an intensive and practical study of the special techniques of acting for film and television with the goal of work in those industries with extensive scene work in front of the camera. Must be a theatre or musical theatre major. Must be a Theatre or Musical Theatre major.

Prerequisite: THEA 1364, THEA 2368, THEA 3369 and consent of the instructor.

THEA 4332. Auditioning For Comm Theatre. 3 Hours.

Students are prepared with appropriate audition materials and the knowledge to meet the variety of demands in the commercial world of theatre, musical theatre, cinema, and television.

Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor.

THEA 4360. History Of The Theatre II. 3 Hours.

Students engage in a survey of changing styles in theatre, from the Romantic revolution through the Realistic movement to the innovations of the twentieth-century theatre.

Prerequisite: ENGL 1301 and ENGL 1302.

THEA 4361. Stage Lighting. 3 Hours.

Students study lighting design as an art: the history of stage lighting and a study of contemporary stage lighting techniques, practices, and equipment. Students design lighting for a show of their own choosing.

Prerequisite: THEA 1331, THEA 3362 and basic computer literacy or consent of instructor.

THEA 4362. Playwriting. 3 Hours.

Students study the elements of playwriting through writing exercises designed to enhance the understanding of structure, style, character, and dialogue.

Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of instructor.

THEA 4363. Dramatic Theory & Criticism. 3 Hours.

Students study the principles of various styles and periods of dramaturgy, involving a history of criticism from Aristotle to the present. Representative plays are analyzed for theme, structure, characterization, and dialogue with a view to their influences on contemporary theatre. Emphasis is placed on written student criticism and evaluation of plays.

Prerequisite: ENGL 1301 and ENGL 1302.

THEA 4365. Portfolio Development. 3 Hours.

Students develop individualized projects in scenery, costume, lighting, sound, or technical production. Credit 3 Prerequisite two of the following design courses: THEA 3334, THEA 4330, OR THEA 4361; consent of instructor.

THEA 4366. Directing I. 3 Hours.

Students engage in basic director preparation in script analysis, communication skills, creating ground plans, and scene study through a wide variety of exercises and direction of scenes.

Prerequisite: THEA 1364, THEA 2367 junior standing and/or consent of the instructor.

THEA 4367. Directing II. 3 Hours.

Student engage in basic director preparation in script analysis, communication skills, creating ground plans, and scene study through a wide variety of theatrical styles and direction of scenes.

Prerequisite: THEA 4366, junior standing and/ or consent of the instructor.

THEA 4368. Experimental Theatre Productio. 3 Hours.

Students analyze plays that depart from the realistic genre and examination of new production possibilities arising out of developments in theatre technology that complement the experiments of the playwrights. Application of theory in laboratory productions.

THEA 4371. The American Musical Theatre. 3 Hours.

Students study the history of the development of musical theatre (excluding opera) in America with emphasis placed on written student criticism and evaluation of musical theatre.

THEA 4376. Scene Painting. 3 Hours.

Students focus on advanced theatre scenic painting techniques. Theatre scenery encompasses large-scale painting, faux finishes, drops, and textures. By using a variety of painting tools and materials, students produce professional-quality projects that meet theatre industry standards.

Prerequisite: THEA 1330.

THEA 4387. Worksp Chldrns Creative Drama. 3 Hours.

Students study fundamental theories and elements of creative drama, with emphasis in developing and guiding creative drama activities such as storytelling, improvisation, rhythmic and interpretative movement, puppetry, theatre in education techniques, and pantomime. The course is designed for prospective teachers grades K-12.

THEA 4388. Theatre Production for Youth. 3 Hours.

Students study and practice creating and performing theatre for youth. The focus on techniques for creating professional theatre for young audiences includes performances in the community. Students are taught lesson plan development following Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) standards.

THEA 4389. Repertory Theatre. 3 Hours.

Students engage in a unified approach to theatre, contrasted with the compartmentalized division of labor used more frequently, allowing the self-contained group to do all of the production work as well as the acting. May be repeated for credit. Offered in summer terms.

THEA 4392. Undergrad Seminar In Theatre. 3 Hours.

A course for the undergraduate student which allows a student to pursue particular areas beyond the limits of current course offerings. The particular study, however, will be within the student?s areas of specialization. May be repeated for credit. May be repeated for credit.

Prerequisite: Permission of the Program Coordinator.

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