The Department of Speech and Theatre offers a minor at the graduate level.

Courses in Communication [COMM]

5000 (500) Communication in the Educational Environment. Three credits. For the classroom teacher. Successful communication strategies applicable to the classroom environment.

5040 (504) Debate Across the Curriculum: Practicum. Three credits. Prerequisite: COMM 3210. Advanced techniques and methods for using argumentation and debate in teaching core curriculum in upper elementary and secondary school classes and developing intra-scholastic debate and interscholastic debate activities. Practicum experiences provided.

5210 (521) Argumentation. Three credits. The theory and practice of advocacy speaking with emphasis on organization, refutation, reasoning, and rebuttal. In-class debating on questions of fact, value, and policy.

5220 (522) Small Group Communication. Three credits. Prerequisites: COMM 2200, 2300, or permission of department. Theories of group dynamics and practical application. Study and practices of leadership in groups as decision-making organizations.

5230 (523) Advanced Public Speaking. Three credits. Prerequisite: COMM 2200 or permission of the instructor. Application of the principles of public speaking through analysis and criticism of speech structure and delivery of classroom speeches.

5260 (526) Readings in Speech Communications. Three credits. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. Intensive work in a specific area of speech communication; topic is chosen in instructor-student conference.

5280 (528) Political Communication. Three credits. Selected outstanding speakers and their techniques of speech communication.

5320 (532) Theories of Persuasive Communication. Three credits. Recent writing and research on theories of oral persuasion and on current practices of persuasion. Emphasis on the ethical, critical, cultural, and functional implications in contemporary persuasion theory and practice.

5560 (556) Intercultural Communication. Three credits. Dynamics of the communication process as it functions in intercultural contexts; training for successful cross-cultural communication interactions.

5620/5630 (562/563) Applied Speech. One credit each. Prerequisite: Recommendation by a faculty member. Laboratory courses in which the principles of effective communication and/or dramatic production are applied.

5710 (570) Senior Seminar in Speech Communication. Three credits. Intensive investigation of the major research methodologies in speech communication, presentation of senior projects, and a synthesis of the speech communication discipline.

5800 (580 A-Z) Special Topics in Speech Communication. One to three credits. Designed to meet individual and group needs for advanced study in speech communication. Topic to be determined at time of scheduling. A maximum of six semester hours may be applied toward a degree.

Courses in Communication Disorders [CDIS]

5050 (545) Introduction to Communication Disorders. Three credits. Overview of the most common disorders of hearing, speech, and language and intervention measures.

5150 (546) Phonetics. Three credits. Training in the recognition and production of the sounds of speech with an analysis of their formation; extensive practice in phonetic transcription.

5200 (547) Phonological Disorders. Three credits. Prerequisites: CDIS 3050/5050 and 3150/5150. Speech development, etiologies of phonological/articulatory problems, and approaches for assessing and remediating speech-sound errors.

5250 (542) Speech and Language Development. Three credits. Child speech and language acquisition from birth to seven years of age. Emphasis on normal linguistic development.

5300 (501) Clinical Methods in Communication Disorders. Three credits. Prerequisites: CDIS 3050/5050, 3150/5150, 3200/5200, and 3250/5250 for majors. Planning and implementing treatment programs for individuals with communication disorders; a foundation for clinical practicum.


5400 (549) Anatomy and Function of the Speech Mechanism. Three credits. Structures and functions of the speech mechanism.

5450 (541) Fluency Disorders. Three credits. Prerequisite: CDIS 3050/5050. Etiologies, assessment, and treatment of fluency disorders.

5500 (551) Training for the Hearing Impaired. Three credits. Prerequisites: CDIS 3050/5050, 3200/5200, 3250/5250. Materials and methods employed in training the hearing impaired.

5550- (510 A, B, C, D) Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology I. Three credits each. Prerequisites for 5550: CDIS 3100 and 3300/5300, prior semester application, and completion of academic and professional criteria established by the faculty. Prerequisites for 5560, 5570, and 5580: CDIS 4550/5550, 4560/5560, and 4570/5570 respectively. Supervised clinical practice in the University clinic.

5600 (510E) Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology II. Three credits. Prerequisites: CDIS 4550/5550 and 4560/5560, prior semester application, and approval by faculty. Advanced supervised clinical practice in an off-campus clinical facility.
5650 (510F) Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology III. Six credits. Prerequisites: CDIS 4550/5550 and 4560/5560, prior semester application, and approval by faculty. Organization, management, and implementation of public school speech-language and hearing programs. Public school course and advanced supervised clinical practice in a public school setting.

5700-5710, 5720 (511 A, B, C, D) Practicum in Audiology. One credit each.

5730 (575) Advanced Audiology. Three credits. Prerequisite: CDIS 3350/5350. Development of advanced skills in the evaluation and remediation of hearing problems.

5800 (553) Speech, Language, and Auditory Problems of the Aged. Three credits. Overview of the impact of age on communication. Identification and remediation of communication problems associated with the aging process.

5850 (555) Communication Problems in Children. Three credits. Prerequisites: CDIS 3400/5400 and 4550/5550 or permission of instructor. A comprehensive study of the speech, language, and voice difficulties experienced by children.

5900 (560) Diagnostic Procedures in Speech Pathology. Three credits. Prerequisites: CDIS 4550/5550 or permission of instructor. Basic concepts of measurement and application of diagnostic procedures used in speech-language pathology.

5950 (565) Special Topics in Communication Disorders. Three credits. Advanced reading and discussion seminar in speech-language pathology or audiology.

Courses in Dance [DANC]

5010 (574A,B) Dance Performance II. One credit. All aspects of concert planning and production as performer and crew member. May be taken for two semesters.

5100 (575) Choreography I. Three credits. Prerequisite: PHED 2080 or equivalent. Exploration of movement, technique sequences, and choreographic forms; basic elements of labanotation.

5120 (544) Dance Therapy. Three credits. The use of movement in helping to reduce physiological, psychological, and sociological aberrations. Designed to help the classroom teacher or specialist working with children who have these problems.

5130 Dance for the Theatre. Three credits. Prerequisites: PHED 1010, 1020, 2160, 2180, and 2190 or equivalent. Techniques of dance for musicals, comedies, opera, television, and stage and choreography for these forms.

5160 (516) Advanced Ballet - Individual Study, Solo and Ensemble Performance. Three credits. Refine and polish ballet skills at the advanced level leading to performance in classical and contemporary styles.

5170 (517) Advanced Ballet - Individual Study and Choreography. Three credits. Concentrates on choreography for solo and ensemble performance in both classical and contemporary styles.

5700 (570) Skills and Techniques of Teaching Rhythmic Activities. Three credits. Various dance forms, methods and materials, evaluative procedures, and experiences in teaching all forms of dance to students at the K-12 level.

Courses in Organisation Communication [ORCO]

5240 (524) Organizational Communication. Three credits. Emphasis on communication problems in contemporary organizations and ways and means of resolving such problems.

Courses in Theatre [THEA]

5100 (566) Special Effects Make-up. Three credits. Prerequisites: THEA 3100 or permission of instructor. Orientation to special effects make-up design, techniques and design realization through make-up projects, and research for various performance venues with a focus on student career and portfolio development.

5220 (527) Theatrical Costume Design for Arts and Entertainment. Three credits. Prerequisite: THEA 3200 or permission of instructor. Costume design in the performing arts; an orientation to the costume application of design and development principles through costume design projects developed through research for various performance venues with a focus on student career and portfolio development.

5240 (519) Theatrical Costume History. Three credits. Prerequisite: THEA 3200 or permission of instructor. An advanced course incorporating all aspects of costume production in the performing arts focusing on historical research, historical reproduction methods, construction design, resource management, creative problem solving, and portfolio and resume development. Laboratory hours required.

5290 (576) Topics in Theatrical Costume. One to three credits. Prerequisite: THEA 3200 or permission of instructor. Designed to meet individual and group needs for advanced study in theatrical costume. Topic to be determined at time of scheduling.

5300 (534) Scene Design. Three credits. Prerequisites: THEA 2110 or permission of instructor. Lecture and practical experience in planning and designing stage settings. Emphasis on forms and styles of scenery, historical period research, designers, and new theatrical materials, methods, and techniques. Major projects in set design. Laboratory hours and/or crew requirement.

5350 (554) Advanced Scenic Design. Three credits. Prerequisites: THEA 2110 and 3300 or permission of instructor. Advanced methods and theories of scenic design. Strong emphasis on practical projects, the design process, and critical methods of study. Components on design history and theory/criticism.

5390 (564) Topics in Scenography. One to three credits. Prerequisites: THEA 2110 and permission of instructor. Designed to meet individual and group needs for advanced study in theatre. Topic to be determined at time of scheduling. A maximum of six semester hours credit may be applied toward a degree.

5400 (540) Stage Lighting. Three credits. Lectures and practical experience in methods and techniques. Emphasis on developing
plots through knowledge of electricity, circuitry, instrumentation, and control equipment. Major projects in lighting design. Laboratory hours and/or crew requirement.

5450 (574) Advanced Stage Lighting. Three credits. Prerequisite: THEA 3400 or permission of instructor. Advanced methods and theories of lighting design. Strong emphasis on practical projects, design process, and critical methods of study. Includes components on design history and theory/criticism.

5500 (536) Advanced Acting. Three credits. Prerequisite: THEA 2500 or permission of instructor. The development of advanced skills in the ability to analyze and interpret the more complex characters in drama. Study of classical acting styles.

5570 (557) The Body Intelligent: A Study of the Alexander Technique. Two credits. (Same as MUS 5570.) For those interested in improving ease and freedom of movement, balance, support, flexibility, and coordination in daily activity.

5600 (529) Storytelling. Three credits. Instruction and experiences in storytelling in educational, corporate management, and performance contexts. Investigation of influence of storytelling on culture, organizational behavior, leadership, and education.

5610 (508) Theatre in Education. Three credits. For current and prospective teachers. Integration of drama across the curriculum. The creation, construction, performance, and touring of a play for elementary school children.

5620 (515) Drama Across the Curriculum: Practicum. Three credits. Prerequisite: THEA 3600. Advanced techniques and methods for teaching core curriculum in upper elementary classes using drama and role playing. Practicum experiences provided.


5700 (552) Fundamentals of Play Directing. Three credits. Prerequisite: THEA 2500 or permission of instructor. Director as literary analyst and production critic. Play analysis, production concepts, staging theory and techniques, rehearsal methods and procedures. Scene work.

5750 (533) Advanced Play Directing. Three credits. Prerequisite: THEA 5700 or permission of instruction. Case studies and problem solving of rehearsals and production. Director’s relationship with designers. Investigation of style. Rehearsal and presentation of one-act play.

5800 (514) Theatre History I: Greek Period to Restoration. Three credits. Development of drama and the theatre; critical study of representative plays of the period.

5850 (544) Theatre History II: Restoration to Present. Three credits. Development of drama and the theatre; critical study of representative plays of the period.

5880 (537) Theatre Organization and Stage Management. Three credits. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. Lectures and practical experience in basic methods and principles. Emphasis on ways in which theatre organization and stage management complement each other while striving to create the desired dramatic effect upon an audience. Major projects required. Crew requirement.

5890 (503) Topics in Dramatic Theory. Three credits. Prerequisite: THEA 4800 or 4810 or permission of instructor. A variable topics seminar concentrating on selected major playwrights linked by theme, or on a particular genre of dramatic theory; an intensive examination of plays which either survey playwrights’ careers or represent a significant portion of a genre’s canon. May be repeated for credit for up to six hours.

5910 (538) Practicum in Summer Theatre. Three credits. Prerequisite: Employment in summer theatre during the previous summer. A seminar for students who have worked in summer theatre. Includes discussion of assets of training there, auditioning, interviewing, production problems, impact on local community, and impact on college theatre.

5990 (539) Problems in Theatre. One to three credits. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. Designed to meet individual and/or group needs in all aspects of theatre arts. The topic and credit to be determined at the time of scheduling. A maximum of 6 semester hours credit may be applied toward a degree.