

<p style="text-align: center;">EXECUTIVE ACTION REQUEST Theatre Arts for Teacher Certification Option (B.A.)</p>
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TO: Dr. Patricia Poulter, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Humanities
FROM: Dr. Jean Wolski, Interim Chair of Theatre Arts
DATE: April 13, 2012

In 2007, the Department of Theatre Arts received accreditation through the National Association of Schools of Theatre. At that time, we submitted a revision of the major that included suggested changes made by our NAST accreditation team. The revision was approved by CAA on 11/8/07. Some of the more minor changes were also meant to be applied to the Theatre Arts Minor, the Theatre Arts for Teacher Certification Option (B.A.), and the Theatre Arts Minor for Teacher Certification, but were inadvertently omitted with the original submission. The changes to the Theatre Arts for Teacher Certification Option (B.A.) are as follows:

Requested Changes:

1. Rename "History, Literature, & Directing Courses" to "History & Literature Courses." This follows the designations established by NAST.
2. Move THA 3445 – Directing out of "History & Literature Courses" and into "Performance Courses." Directing courses are considered part of the performance component by NAST.

Attached is the original document submitted to the Chair of Theatre Arts by the Curriculum Committee, Fall 2007, with the proposed changes highlighted, as well as a clean copy reflecting the revisions.

THEATRE ARTS FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION OPTION (B.A.)

Standard High School Certificate

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- THA 2005 - Stage Makeup. Credits: 3
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- THA 2257 - Graphics for the Performing Arts. Credits: 3
- THA 3434 - Basic Theatrical Design. Credits: 3

History & Literature & Directing Courses

- THA 2258 - Script Analysis. Credits: 3
- THA 3445 - Directing. Credits: 3
- THA 3751G - Theatre History I. Credits: 3
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Professional Preparation Courses

- THA 2220 - Theatre Seminar I. Credits: 1

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