

Assessment: Assessment Plan

Degree Program - VPA - Theatre - Theatre Arts (MFA)

CIP Code: 50.0501.00

Disciplinary Accrediting Body: National Association of Schools of Theatre

Next Accrediting Agency Review: 2022

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Program Purpose Statement: The MFA degree is a terminal professional degree that provides for intensive specialization in one of four areas: Arts Administration/ Theatre Management; Design; Performance and Pedagogy; and Playwriting; and. A minimum of 60 hours is required beyond the baccalaureate. Completion of the MFA degree requires a thesis. In the case of Performance and Pedagogy and Design candidates, the thesis is based on a performance or production project accomplished during their program. In the case of playwriting candidates, the thesis is based on a script produced during their program. The Arts Administration/ Theatre Management concentration prepares management and administrative professionals for careers in non profit arts organizations.

Modality: Face-to-Face

Student Learning Outcome: Theatre Aptitude

Students will demonstrate the aptitude to pursue a career in theatre.

Outcome Status: Active

Outcome Type: Student Learning

Start Date: 08/31/2017

Assessment Methods

Portfolio Review - Applicable work will be reflective of a successful MFA student. (Active)

Criterion: 90% of students will receive a satisfactory rating on their two end-of-semester juries.

Schedule: Facilitated each semester; results compiled annually.

Performance - Students will be actively involved in ongoing productions. (Active)

Criterion: 90% of students will be involved yearly in at least one appropriate production activity

Schedule: Facilitated each semester; results compiled annually.

Student Learning Outcome: Academic Degree Progress

Students will make satisfactory progress toward completion of their degrees.

Outcome Status: Active

Outcome Type: Student Learning

Start Date: 08/31/2017

Assessment Methods

Course Level Assessment - Students will make appropriate academic progress within the degree. (Active)

Criterion: 90% of students will successfully complete 18 credits of their required courses by the end of their second long

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semester in the program.

Schedule: Records compiled annually.

Professional Development Activities - Faculty will meet and review individual student degree progress and performance. (Active)

Criterion: 80% of students will be evaluated as on-track by the entire theatre faculty.

Schedule: Evaluations compiled annually.

Student Learning Outcome: Community Awareness

Students will serve the community during their program.

Outcome Status: Active

Outcome Type: Student Learning

Start Date: 08/31/2017

Assessment Methods

Student Projects - Students will successfully lead and complete a community outreach initiative. (Active)

Criterion: 80% of students will successfully complete THA 5351 "Mentoring Community Outreach in the Arts."

Schedule: Facilitated each semester; results compiled annually.

Peer Assessments - MFA degree students community outreach leadership skills will be evaluated by the student peers they lead. (Active)

Criterion: 80% of students in THA 5351 will be evaluated as "effective leaders" by their undergraduate mentees.

Schedule: Facilitated each semester; results compiled annually.