

# THEATRE ARTS

Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications  
MacEwan.ca/TheatreArts (<http://MacEwan.ca/TheatreArts>)

Theatre Arts is an intense, two-year diploma with an emphasis on musical theatre actor training. The first year is spent in studio, private coaching, and classroom instruction, mastering the basics of all three disciplines while studying music theatre history, textual analysis, music theory and ear training.

The year culminates with workshop productions of a play and musical for invited audiences. In the second year, studio and laboratory courses continue while students apply their training in public productions in our new state-of-the-art performance spaces.

To gain admission to this program, applicants must meet the academic admission requirements and be successful at an audition, demonstrating an aptitude in all three disciplines of acting, singing and dancing. A diagnostic will assess applicants' basic skills in music theory and ear training.

## Career Potential

Theatre Arts graduates work provincially, nationally and internationally in a variety of venues: regional theatres as well as on Broadway and London's West End; Fringe festivals; dinner theatres; cruise entertainment; TV, film, video gaming, and voice over work. Many self-produce their own work, while others continue their studies in acting, directing or writing at other institutions.

## Transferability

### Internal Opportunities

MacEwan University is committed to providing bridging and laddering opportunities to its certificate and diploma graduates. Graduates of this program are eligible to transfer up to 27 credits to MacEwan University's Bachelor of Arts degree.

### External Opportunities

All courses completed for the Theatre Arts diploma are credit courses and may be transferable individually toward further study at other Alberta institutions. Students interested in transferring a completed diploma are advised to consult both the receiving institution regarding transfer policies and the MacEwan University Theatre Arts program regarding coursework and audition preparation. Like the Theatre Arts program at MacEwan University, other institutions typically base transfer on both the application of creative skills as demonstrated in an entrance audition and on an assessment of course content.

Students presenting a completed diploma in this program may be eligible to receive a block transfer to other Alberta institutions. For current, detailed information on individual course and diploma transferability, refer to the Learner Pathways System at [www.transferralberta.ca](http://www.transferralberta.ca) (<http://www.transferralberta.ca>) or contact the receiving institution directly

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## Categories of Admission

Applicants may be admitted to one of the following:

### Regular Admission

*To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar*

Applicants must have a minimum overall average of 65 percent, with no course grade lower than 50 percent, in the following high school courses:

1. ELA 30-1 or 65% in ELA 30-2
2. Four subjects from Group A, B, C, or D

Notes:

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to present a broad range of subjects in order to benefit from the breadth of learning and to increase flexibility of future program and course choices.
- A maximum of two Group B subjects may be presented; they must be from different disciplines.
- A maximum of one Group D subject may be presented. Group D subjects used for admission must be 5-credit or any credit combination of at least 5 credits (e.g. two 3-credit subjects).

Applicants with nine or more post-secondary credits must also present a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

### Mature Admission

*To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar*

Applicants must be 20 years of age or older and have been out of full-time high school at least one year by the beginning of the intake term. Applicants must have the following:

- ELA 30-1 with a minimum grade of 65 percent (or equivalent)

OR

- Six credits of university-level English with no grade less than C-

Applicants with nine or more post-secondary credits must also present a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

## Additional Admission Criteria

All applicants must meet the following:

### 1. English Language Proficiency

*To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar*

#### Applicable to All Admission Categories

All applicants must meet an acceptable level of English language proficiency. We will require official documents such as high school or post-secondary transcripts or proof of successful completion of standardized language evaluation. Full details are available in MacEwan University's academic calendar or online [MacEwan.ca/ELP](http://MacEwan.ca/ELP) (<http://MacEwan.ca/ELP>).

### 2. Other Admission Criteria

*To be evaluated through the Program*

#### Applicable to All Admission Categories

Applicants are required to audition. Jurors will assess singing, dancing, and acting ability.

## Program of Study

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year I</b>		
<b>Term I</b>		
THAR 101	Acting Skills I	3
THAR 104	Vocal Production for Music Theatre I	3
THAR 110	Dance Skills I	3
THAR 140	Music Theory and Ear Training 1	3
ENGL 102	Analysis and Argument	3
	Credits	15
<b>Term II</b>		
THAR 109	Performer's Lab	3
THAR 141	Music Theory and Ear Training II	3
THAR 151	Acting Skills II	3
THAR 154	Vocal Production for Music Theatre II	3
THAR 160	Dance Skills II	3
ENGL 103	Introduction to Literature	3
	Credits	18
<b>Year II</b>		
<b>Term III</b>		
THAR 201	Acting Skills III	3
THAR 204	Vocal Production for Musical Theatre III	3
THAR 206	Performance I	3
THAR 240	Music Theory and Ear Training III	3
THAR 250	Dance Skills III	3
	Credits	15
<b>Term IV</b>		
THAR 251	Acting Skills IV	3
THAR 254	Vocal Production for Music Theatre IV	3
THAR 256	Performance II	3
THAR 260	Dance Skills IV	3
	Credits	12
	Total Credits	60

The minimum passing grade for a course at MacEwan University is a D unless otherwise noted next to the appropriate course in the program of study.

Only full-time students admitted to the Theatre Arts program may register in THAR courses.

## Program Graduation Regulations

### Progression of Studies

Students in the Theatre Arts program are required to successfully complete all Theatre Arts courses in Term 1 of the program of study in order to be able to progress to Term 2.

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