Music Theatre, **Minor**

Follow your passion for music theatre with this minor dedicated to training you, the 21st century artist, in singing, acting and dancing while you major in an associated or contrasting area of study.

**Description**

The minor program in music theatre allows students with a background, interest or passion in music theatre to continue their studies and further explore the craft.

Students develop skills through performance-based small group classes and private instruction, and coursework also includes the study of theoretical and historical elements of music and theatre.

**At a Glance**

- **College/School:** Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
- **Location:** Tempe campus

**Program Requirements**

[Minor Map (Archives)]
[2021 - 2022 Minor Map]

The minor requires 24 hours (12 upper division) in performance, history, theory and electives.

Students may transfer up to nine credit hours toward the minor.

Admission requirement: An audition is required for entrance into the minor and MUP 121 study. Audition criteria are determined by area faculty and will be similar to the MUP 111 and MUP 311 criteria found in the Audition Requirements section on [this webpage].
Required Performance Courses -- 14 credit hours

- **MUP 121: Voice** (2)
  - Notes: Two semesters of MUP 121 are required
- **MUP 170: Music Theatre I** (2)
- **MUP 172: Music Theatre II** (2)
- **MUP 321: Voice** (1)
- **MUP 360: Musicianship for Singers** (1)
- **MUP 374: Technical Production I (Foundations)** (1)
- **MUP 374: Technical Production II (Practicum)** (1)
- **MUP 451: Music Theatre Repertoire** (2)
- **MUP 467: Music Theatre Dance Technique** (2)
  - Notes: Two semesters of MUP 467 are required

Music History -- 3 credit hours

- **MUS 356: Broadway and the American Musical (HU)** (3)

Music Theory -- 3 credit hours

- **MUS 100: Fundamentals of Music Notation** or **MTC 125: Basic Music Theory** (3)
  - Students will take a theory diagnostic exam to determine placement in either MUS 100 or MTC 125.

Upper Division Music Elective -- 1 credit hours

- **MUP 321: Studio Instruction** (1)
- **MUP 373: Music Theatre Performance and Production** (1)
- **MUP 471: Audition Training (Musical Theatre)** (1)
- **MUS 355: American Music (HU & C & H)** (3)
- **THE 322: Theatre History and Culture (HU & H)** (3)

Music Electives -- 3 credit hours

- **MUP 270: Music Theatre III** (2)
- **MUP 272: Music Theatre IV** (2)
- **MUP 321: Voice** (1)
- **MUP 373: Music Theatre Performance and Production** (1)
- **MUP 471: Audition Training (Musical Theatre)** (1)
- **MUS 131: Bach to Bebop (HU)** (3)
- **MUS 355: American Music (HU & C & H)** (3)
- **THE 322: Theatre History and Culture (HU & H)** (3)

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment Requirements
GPA Requirement: None

Incompatible Majors: BMUS in performance (music theatre)

Other Enrollment Requirements: An audition for music theatre is required for entrance into the minor or BIS concentration and MUP 121 and MUP 170 study. Audition criteria are determined by area faculty.

Audition repertoire can be found on this website: https://musicdancetheatre.asu.edu/admissions/music/undergraduate-auditions. Students interested in pursuing the music theatre minor should submit an application at https://musicdancetheatre.asu.edu/degree-programs/music-theatre-minor.

Advisors should not add the minor until the student presents an acceptance letter from the School of Music, Dance and Theatre Academic Affairs Office confirming that the student has successfully passed the audition.

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure they take an appropriate set of courses. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

Career Opportunities

A minor can help students enhance the marketable skills they acquire in their major program and help them develop new skills apart from it, though most career areas do require more training than a minor alone can provide.

Graduates with a minor in music theatre have additional expertise which can help them as they pursue careers in arts administration, acting, performance or teaching.

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