

Theatre BA

Expanded Statement of Institutional Purpose

Institutional Mission Reference

The Theatre Program follows a five part mission, designed to compliment the larger mission of the University, while emphasizing the unique qualities that our form offers within a society: 1) to prepare students as effective leaders in society through a solid liberal arts education 2) to prepare a new generation of theatre artists for an increasingly competitive marketplace 3) to educate tomorrow's arts advocates about the importance of a society's cultural expressions 4) to preserve and expand the tradition of theatre through creative research 5) to enrich the cultural and educational life of the Hampton Roads community

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The curriculum and activities of the Theatre Program advance the mission of the College in three specific area: the study of cultural heritage, forms of artistic expression, and methods of (creative) critical inquiry. The Program serves two additional points specific to the University's mission: (1) the discovery of new knowledge through creative research and endeavor, including the creation of new art forms and (2) the enrichment of the lives of students and residents of Hampton Roads through University sponsored cultural activities and performing arts events.

Intended (Student) Outcomes for your program, Methods for Assessment, and Criteria for Success for each Intended Outcome

Intended Outcome 1

Students will have a working knowledge of theatre performance.

Method for Assessing Outcome 1 and Criterion for Success: Graduating students need to have earned four Theatre Activities credits, at least two must be for non performing responsibility on productions.

All six students certified for graduation as Theatre majors earned at least the minimum number of activity credits, assuring 120 actual hours of hands on involvement in theatre production.

Intended Outcome 2

Students will develop the ability to articulate an understanding of the historical, social, and cultural dimension of theatre.

Method for Assessing Outcome 2 and Criterion for Success: Graduating seniors must earn a C or better in Theatre 241A, The Theatre Experience, and Theatre 343,344 History of Theatre.

Students must have successfully satisfied the requirements of each course to be certified for graduation as a Theatre major. All six graduating seniors have earned a "C" or better in THEA 241A, THEA 343, and THEA 344.

Intended Outcome 3

Students will develop the ability to critically analyze and evaluate theatre performance.

Method for Assessing Outcome 3 and Criterion for Success: Students will earn a grade of "C" or better in THEA 443 Principles of Directing and THEA 499 Script and Performance Analysis.

Students must successfully satisfy the requirements for THEA 443 and THEA 499 to be certified for graduation as a Theatre major. All six graduating seniors earned a "C" or better in each of these two courses.