



Course Registration Advice for the Incoming Theatre Student

Dear incoming Theatre student,

Welcome to Muhlenberg College! We look forward to meeting you and working with you in the classroom, on the stages, in the shops, and in the offices at Muhlenberg. As you know, Registration is coming up soon. We're writing to offer you some guidance about good courses to take in the Fall.

TOP PRIORITY:

All Theatre students should do their absolute best to enroll in one of these classes:

EITHER

THR 105: Performance and Society

Normally, the first course in the Theatre major is **THR 105: Performance & Society**. This is the introductory, foundational course for the major. It includes both seminar and studio elements, so you'll need to enroll in both the Seminar section and the accompanying Laboratory. The Seminar and Lab go together, so make sure you're signing up for the linked sections; THR 105-01 goes with THR 105-11, THR 105-02 goes with THR – 12. If you're interested in majoring in Theatre, you should try to roster this course.

OR

THR 107: Dramatic Text in Action

If you're unable to take Performance and Society, either because it fills up or due to schedule conflicts, **THR 107: Dramatic Text in Action** is also a great option. Typically, students take this course after Performance and Society, but it is required for the major and is appropriate for first year students. Performance and Society is not a prerequisite. We don't recommend taking both of these courses simultaneously; they're best done consecutively over the course of your first year.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS:

If you have room in your schedule for another Theatre course, we invite you to consider these .5 unit courses, all of which count toward the Theatre major.

- THR 151, Voice and Speech for the Actor (.5 units)
- THR 166, Stagecraft: Scenic Techniques (.5 units)
- THR 167, Stagecraft: Costume Techniques (.5 units)
- THR 185, Stagecraft: Lighting and Sound (.5 units)
- THR 188, Stagecraft: Properties (.5 units)

If you're especially interested in Stage Management, we encourage you to take the Stage Management course in your first semester. It is THR 220, Stage Management 1 (1 unit; requires concurrent enrollment in THR 105).

Incoming students with a serious interest in Musical Theatre should also consider taking a Voice Lesson through the Music Department **and** a Dance Technique class in the Dance Program.

Questions?

If have questions about the Theatre major requirements, a helpful guide is available on our website at this address: <https://www.muhlenberg.edu/academics/theatre-dance/thetheatreprogram/thetheatrecurriculum/guidetotheneewcurriculum/>

We hope to see some of you at Registration, and we look forward to meeting all of you in August!

*Sincerely,
Jim Peck
Theatre Program Chair*