THEATRE ARTS (TA)

Subject-area course lists indicate courses currently active for offering at the University of Louisville. Not all courses are scheduled in any given academic term. For class offerings in a specific semester, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

500-level courses generally are included in both the undergraduate- and graduate-level course listings; however, specific course/section offerings may vary between semesters. Students are responsible for ensuring that they enroll in courses that are applicable to their particular academic programs.

Course Fees
Some courses may carry fees beyond the standard tuition costs to cover additional support or materials. Program-, subject- and course-specific fee information can be found on the Office of the Bursar website (http://louisville.edu/bursar/tuitionfee/).

TA 520. Acting Workshop
Prerequisite(s): Departmental consent.
Description: Practical problems in the art of acting approached in a laboratory setting.
Note: Meets with TA 530.
Note: May be repeated.

For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 521. Stage Movement I
Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.
Description: Development of physical expressiveness and agility for the stage.
Note: One section each semester.

For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 522. Stage Movement II
Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.
Description: Development of physical expressiveness and agility for the stage.
Note: One section each semester.

For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 523. Stage Speech I
Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.
Description: Development of voice production and articulation for the stage.
Note: One section each semester.

For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 524. Stage Speech II
Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.
Description: Development of voice production and articulation for the stage.
Note: One section each semester.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 525. Advanced Studies in Acting
Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.
Description: Group studies in specialized areas of actor training. Two-to-six hours of laboratory work, as announced in Schedule of Courses.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 526. Tools for a Global Theatre
Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.
Description: Cultural issues, perspectives, and approaches to theatre in various parts of the world will be addressed using both classical and contemporary texts.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 527. Stage Management
Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.
Description: Practical problems in the art of directing approached in a laboratory setting.
Note: Meets with TA 530.

For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 528. Advanced Directing the Black Experience
Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.
Description: Advanced techniques for staging plays from an African-centered perspective.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 529. Actors Theatre of Louisville Workshop
Prerequisite(s): Senior standing or faculty consent.
Description: Organization of commercial theatre, auditioning techniques, and employment possibilities.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 530. Directing Workshop
Prerequisite(s): permission of instructor.
Description: Practical problems in the art of directing approached in a laboratory setting.
Note: Meets with TA 520.

For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 532. Advanced Directing the Black Experience
Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.
Description: Advanced techniques for staging plays from an African-centered perspective.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 533. Stage Management
Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.
Description: Techniques of production management during audition, rehearsal, and performance. Practical project required.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)
TA 540. Problems in Technical Theatre  
Prerequisite(s): TA 241.  
Description: Topics vary by semester, but may include: a) Welding, b) Sound Design, c) Technical Direction, and/or d) Special Topics.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)  
TA 541. Topics: Scene Design  
Prerequisite(s): TA 340.  
Description: Topics vary by semester, but may include: a) Scene Design, b) Advanced Scene Design, c) Design for the Camera, d) Design for Lyric Theatre, and/or e) Special Topics.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)  
TA 542. Topics: Lighting Design  
Prerequisite(s): TA 349.  
Note: Permission of instructor.  
Description: Exploration of scenic, costume, lighting, and sound design from an Afrocentric perspective.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)  
TA 543. Scenographic Techniques  
Prerequisite(s): TA 340.  
Description: Topics vary by semester, but may include: a) CAD for Stage Design, b) Sketching and Rendering - Scenery, c) Scene Painting, and/or d) Special Topics.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)  
TA 545. Topics: Costume Design  
Prerequisite(s): TA 345.  
Description: Topics vary by semester, but may include: a) Advanced Costume Design, b) Costume History, c) Costume Construction, d) Sewing Techniques, e) Sketching and Rendering - Costumes, and/or f) Special Topics.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)  
TA 546. Portfolio Design  
Term Typically Offered: Spring Odd Years  
Description: The course is designed for the student interested in developing a portfolio for a career in the arts. As part of this course, you will create a theatrical resume, a digital or physical portfolio, and a website to display work, resume, and contact information.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)  
TA 547. Advanced Black Aesthetic on Stage  
Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.  
Description: Exploration of scenic, costume, lighting, and sound design from an Afrocentric perspective.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)  
TA 549. Topics: Lighting Design  
Prerequisite(s): TA 349.  
Description: Topics vary by semester, but may include: a) Lighting Design, b) Advanced Lighting Design, and/or c) Special Topics.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)  
TA 550. Culminating Undergraduate Experience Practicum - CUE  
Prerequisite(s): 90 credit hours.  
Description: The Theatre Arts CUE course is an independent project that demonstrates the student’s ability to conceptualize, analyze, communicate and direct, design, perform, manage or otherwise take a leadership role in a work for the stage.  
Course Attribute(s): CUE - This course fulfills the Culminating Undergraduate Experience (CUE) requirement for certain degree programs. CUE courses are advanced-level courses intended for majors with at least 90 earned credits/senior-level status.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)  
TA 555. Special Topics in Theatre  
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered  
Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.  
Description: Advanced study of specific areas of theatre arts.  
Note: May be repeated.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)  
TA 557. Advanced Hip-Hop Theatre  
Description: Advanced exploration of hip-hop theatre and forerunners of hip-hop culture and art— including its relationship to African-American, American multicultural and postmodern styles— through discussion, reading, research and performance exercises.  
Note: Undergraduate credit may not be earned for both this course and TA 357.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)  
TA 560. Directed Study in Theatre History  
Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.  
Description: Survey of theatre history and literature, supplemented with directed reading of secondary sources.  
Note: Meets with TA 360-TA 361.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)  
TA 562. Advanced Black Dramatic Literature  
Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.  
Description: An examination of the drama of selected African-descended writers whose work stands out as exceptional in the realm of dramatic literature. The material will be explored by means of lectures, play readings, written responses, in-depth discussion, videos, student projects and presentations.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)
*3 Units*  
**Term Typically Offered:** Occasionally Offered  
**Prerequisite(s):** Permission of instructor.  
**Description:** Examines the full range of African-American women working in theatre including playwrights, performers, designers, theorists, academics, and directors. Includes examination of plays by women of African descent.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes ([http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm](http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm))

**TA 565. Advanced Theatre of the African World**  
*3 Units*  
**Prerequisite(s):** Permission of instructor.  
**Description:** Cross-cultural examination of the drama of the African-descended playwrights in the African Diaspora.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes ([http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm](http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm))

**TA 566. Advanced History of African-American Theatre**  
*3 Units*  
**Term Typically Offered:** Occasionally Offered  
**Prerequisite(s):** Permission of instructor.  
**Description:** Survey of African-American Theatre from 1820 to the present, its relationship to sociopolitical issues in America and its relationship to mainstream American theatre.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes ([http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm](http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm))

**TA 567. Asian Theatre**  
*3 Units*  
**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing or permission of instructor.  
**Description:** The theatre and drama of Japan, China, and other Asian nations.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes ([http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm](http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm))

**TA 571. Playscript Interpretation - WR**  
*3 Units*  
**Prerequisite(s):** Permission of instructor.  
**Description:** Advanced techniques of play analysis, emphasizing the theatre artist’s response to text.  
**Note:** Approved for the Arts and Sciences upper-level requirement in written communication (WR).  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes ([http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm](http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm))

**TA 600. Thesis Guidance**  
*1-6 Units*  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes ([http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm](http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm))

**TA 610. Introduction to Graduate Study in Theatre**  
*1 Unit*  
**Grading Basis:** Pass/Fail  
**Prerequisite(s):** Permission of instructor.  
**Description:** Students are introduced to graduate studies, department requirements, life in the professional theatre, and tools for conducting research in the theatre.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes ([http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm](http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm))

**TA 611. Theatre Pedagogy**  
*1-3 Units*  
**Grading Basis:** Pass/Fail  
**Prerequisite(s):** Graduate standing and permission of instructor.  
**Description:** This course is designed to prepare the advanced student of theatre for teaching in the discipline. It will be primarily hands-on, giving students the opportunity to teach, participate, and observe. Students will leave this class with increased practical knowledge of theatre skills, confidence in the role of “teacher,” and the ability to articulate goals and expectations.  
**Note:** Course may be repeated for up to three credit hours.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes ([http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm](http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm))

**TA 620. Performance Theory**  
*3 Units*  
**Prerequisite(s):** Permission of instructor.  
**Description:** Historical study of major approaches to the aesthetics of acting and directing.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes ([http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm](http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm))

**TA 622. Graduate Movement I-IV**  
*3 Units*  
**Prerequisite(s):** Permission of instructor.  
**Description:** Specialized movement studies, covering such areas as character movement, stage combat, circus techniques, and mime.  
**Note:** One section each semester.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes ([http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm](http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm))

**TA 623. Graduate Voice I-IV**  
*3 Units*  
**Prerequisite(s):** Permission of instructor.  
**Description:** Specialized vocal studies, covering such areas as character voice, dialects, expansion of vocal range, and integration of voice and body.  
**Note:** One section each semester.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes ([http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm](http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm))

**TA 624. Graduate Acting I-V**  
*3 Units*  
**Prerequisite(s):** Permission of instructor.  
**Description:** Intensive studio training focusing, each semester, on developing specific abilities through exercises and scene work.  
**Note:** May be repeated for credit for a total of 15 hours.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes ([http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm](http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm))

**TA 625. MFA Performance Project I**  
*1 Unit*  
**Grading Basis:** Pass/Fail  
**Prerequisite(s):** Permission of instructor.  
**Description:** Practical projects in theatre performance (acting, directing, stage management).  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes ([http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm](http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm))
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the contemporary texts. Various parts of the world will be addressed using both classical and theoretical approaches and practical methods of stage management specifically associated with the writing of the Master of Fine Arts monograph.

For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

**TA 645. MFA Production Project**

**Pre requisite(s):** Permission of instructor.

**Description:** Practical projects in theatre production (design, technical theatre, theatre management).

For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

**TA 650. Theatre Internship**

**Pre requisite(s):** Approval of department and host organization.

**Description:** An internship with professional arts organizations. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

**TA 654. Independent Study in Community Service**

**Pre requisite(s):** Permission of instructor.

**Description:** Independent study linking the arts with service to the community.

**Note:** May be repeated for up to 3 credit hours.

**Course Attribute(s):** CBL - This course includes Community-Based Learning (CBL). Students will engage in a community experience or project with an external partner in order to enhance understanding and application of academic content.

For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

**TA 655. Independent Study**

**Pre requisite(s):** Admission to the graduate program.

**Description:** Independent study in areas not covered by the regular graduate curriculum. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

**TA 664. Approaching African-American Theatre**

**Pre requisite(s):** Consent of instructor.

**Description:** Practical project in theatre performance (acting, directing, stage management) specifically associated with the writing of the Master of Fine Arts monograph. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

**TA 665. Tools for a Global Theatre**

**Pre requisite(s):** Permission of instructor.

**Description:** Cultural issues, perspectives and approaches to theatre in various parts of the world will be addressed using both classical and contemporary texts. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

**TA 681. Graduate Voice I**

**Term Typically Offered:** Fall Only

**Description:** This is a graduate level course in voice for the actor. The focus will be on the connection between body, breath, and voice, including an understanding of the basic principles of the Alexander Technique, an understanding of body, breath, and vocal anatomy/articulators, and exploration of the pedagogy of voice. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

**TA 682. Graduate Voice II**

**Term Typically Offered:** Spring Only

**Description:** This is a graduate-level course in voice, speech, and text work for the actor. Its focus will be strengthening and building on students’ foundational work in previous classes to provide them with the technical and creative tools necessary to bring any text to life. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

**TA 683. Graduate Voice III**

**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring

**Description:** This is a graduate level course in voice, speech, and the Alexander Technique. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

**TA 684. Graduate Voice IV**

**Term Typically Offered:** Fall Even Years

**Description:** This is a graduate level course in the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA), Dialects and Accents for the stage. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

**TA 685. Graduate Movement I**

**Term Typically Offered:** Fall Only

**Description:** This course develops increased flexibility, strength, and whole body (including voice & mind) presence and communication while exploring and experimenting in a Grotowski-based approach to actor training. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

**TA 686. Graduate Movement II**

**Term Typically Offered:** Fall Only

**Description:** This course develops increased flexibility, strength, and whole body (including voice & mind) presence and communication while exploring and experimenting in a Grotowski-based approach to actor training. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

**TA 687. Graduate Movement III**

**Term Typically Offered:** Spring Even Years

**Description:** This course deepens the work from Movement I. It aims to develop the actor's flexibility, strength, whole-body communication, and vocabulary through the lens of the four bodies. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

**TA 688. Graduate Movement IV**

**Term Typically Offered:** Spring Only

**Description:** This course deepens the work from Movement I. It aims to develop the actor's flexibility, strength, whole-body communication, and vocabulary through the lens of the four bodies. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)
TA 689. Graduate Movement IV 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall Odd Years
Description: Graduate Movement IV: Devising Theatre - explores approaches to collective creation of performance from a variety of text-based sources.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 691. Graduate Acting I 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only
Description: The student will become familiar with advanced study of the Uta Hagen, Sanford Meisner, and Michael Chekhov acting techniques.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 692. Graduate Acting II 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Spring Only
Description: The purpose of the course is to enable the students to begin to explore fundamental techniques in exploring how the imaginative process aid in developing character from the outside in.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 693. Graduate Acting III 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall Even Years
Description: The purpose of this course is designed to provide the student with a fundamental approach to playing Shakespeare.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 694. Graduate Acting IV 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall Odd Years
Description: This is an advanced scene study class in character building and development for performance.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

TA 695. Graduate Acting V 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Spring Even Years
Description: Preparation for gaining professional employment in theatre and film and sustaining one's career as an artist.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)