
TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

**School of the Arts
Department of Music & Drama**

**DRAMA STUDENT
HANDBOOK**

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DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC & DRAMA**

**THIS PUBLICATION IS AN OFFICIAL
PROGRAM DOCUMENT**

Policies and Guidelines are current
and supplement the Undergraduate
and Graduate Catalogs

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School of the Arts Department of Music and Drama

Faculty/Staff Directory

School of the Arts Leadership:

Ms. Michelle Hayes	Chair, Visual Arts	#2531, ART 107
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ADMISSION TO THE DRAMA PROGRAM

Undergraduate

Undergraduate drama students are expected to maintain a minimum overall grade point average of 2.5 and 3.0 in the drama major.

Unconditional admission to the Drama Program and continuance in the Program will be determined by the following criteria:

- Overall academic progress
- Ability and willingness to work collaboratively with others
- Eagerness, intellectual curiosity, and ability to solve problems creatively
- Dependability, punctuality, trustworthiness, and integrity
- Demonstrated ability to build on knowledge and skills learned each semester
- Demonstrated ability to work with decreasing supervision
- Conduct suitable to a theatre professional
- Willingness to work in any assigned area of theatre production, and
- Aptitude to the nature of the TWU Drama Program.

Graduate

To be admitted as a Masters of Arts Candidate in Drama applicants must turn in and complete the following:

- Application with letter of intent
- Audition and/or design portfolio
- Samples of professional writing
- Resume or CV
- Interview with Drama Program Chair

Graduate admission to the Drama Program is provisional for all students until the completion of the first twelve hours with a GPA of 3.0 or better. At this point, provisional status is automatically changed to unconditional. Any deficiencies assigned to the graduate student must be completed at the undergraduate level and will not appear as graduate credit. If the student is required to complete undergraduate deficiencies, a formal change of status from provisional to unconditional must be initiated by the student's advisor at the request of the student.

Only students enrolled in a degree program qualify for a Graduate Assistantship (see SCHOLARSHIPS on pg.6). Students taking graduate courses as non-degree seeking students may count only 12 graduate hours (non-degree credits) toward their degree program. The Graduate School will determine the acceptability of all non-degree credits into a degree program.

*for more graduate student information and forms see pgs. 23-32

GENERAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

ACADEMIC CORE CURRICULUM

The University approved Core Curriculum requires a total number of 42 core hours. Please refer to the Drama Degree Plan Check List and to the current TWU Undergraduate Catalog.

ACADEMIC STANDING

Involvement in TWU Theatre main stage or studio is contingent upon satisfactory completion or work in all major, core curricular or elective classes. Therefore, the drama faculty reserves the right to remove any student cast member, designer, crew person, or technician from a production assignment if that student proves to be in academic jeopardy with the University or with the Drama Program.

ADVISING

After the initial academic advising, students indicating drama as a major will be assigned an advisor by the Drama Program Director during the first semester of residency. Each student should plan on meeting with her or his advisor at least once during each semester. Students should retain a copy of their Drama Degree Plan Checklist and Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS) and update it each semester. **Bring these documents to each advising meeting along with a tentative schedule for the upcoming semester.** To assist in planning the student's schedule, a course rotation list can be found in this handbook (pg.14).

An undergraduate degree plan should be completed and filed in the Registrar's Office **one year before graduation** (blank degree plan and instructions can be found in this handbook on pg. 22).

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Consistent with the Student Handbook, **the Drama Program expects students to attend all classes.** Theatre is a collaborative, participatory art. A performance, rehearsal, or class succeed or fail based upon the participants showing up on time and being prepared. Consequently, absences are viewed negatively and as a sign of apathy and unwillingness to participate in Drama Program events and curricula.

There are no unexcused absences allowed. Should a student miss a class due to an illness, a personal emergency, a sanctioned University field trip, or a religious holiday, she or he is responsible for all class discussion and assignments.

DANCE PLACEMENT AUDITIONS

For any student wanting to enroll in ballet or modern dance major classes, a dance placement audition is held each fall on the Wednesday evening prior to Fee Settlement, usually at 7 p.m. in the DGL Building. This audition will determine which level of technique class should be taken. Please call the Dance Office (2085) for further information.

FACILITIES

The Redbud Theatre Complex is the Drama Program's primary teaching and performing space. Designed by Bottino Grund Architects of New York and Austin, it provides a 19,000 square-foot theater complex that incorporates a 100 seat proscenium theater, a studio/performance space, rehearsal/classroom space,

scene and costume shops, make-up rooms, administrative offices, storage, laundry room, and a greenroom. The Redbud Theater Complex is located on the north side of the historic Hubbard Hall.

Each student is requested to respect the fine custodial service that is given to our buildings and report all repair and maintenance needs to the Drama Secretary or Drama Program Director.

GRADING PRACTICE FOR DRAMA MAJORS

Undergraduate drama majors must earn a minimum of "C" in all course work in drama (DRAM prefix). Students receiving "D" or below must repeat the course if it is to be applied to the degree program. Drama majors are expected to achieve and maintain a minimum overall academic grade point average of 2.5 and 3.0 in their major.

Consistent with the TWU Graduate School policies, graduate drama majors must maintain an overall academic grade point average of 3.0 and earn a minimum of "B" in all course work in drama (DRAM prefix). Students receiving "C" or below on any course with a DRAM prefix must repeat the course if it is to be applied to the degree program.

GREENROOM AND STUDENT LOUNGE

The Greenroom in Redbud Theatre (Room 229) is available during the day and evening for all drama students when not in use for a scheduled class or production meeting. Please help maintain the facilities for all students' use.

Lockers also are available in Redbud Theatre. Because of the number of current students, **two students must share each locker**. If personal locks are supplied, they must be removed at the end of the spring semester along with all personal items.

INDEPENDENT STUDY REQUIREMENTS

Independent study courses are classes that exist to allow a student to investigate a topic in a way that the established curriculum does not presently accommodate. An independent study course is not to be used in order to simply "fill" a light credit load. Nor are independent study courses in existence to allow a student to avoid classes, instructors, or topics the student would prefer to bypass. Independent study courses allow the student to work with a faculty mentor and take advantage of that faculty member's individual experience and expertise. Independent study courses, therefore, are contingent upon the faculty member's schedule and willingness to serve as mentor/instructor for the independent study course.

It is the student's responsibility to approach and respectfully ask a member of the faculty to advise an independent study course. The student **must** submit a fully realized syllabus for the independent study course. This syllabus must contain a description of the study, a list of texts, learning objectives, assignments and due dates, a full calendar of the course, and any course meetings. The syllabus must be submitted to the potential faculty at the first meeting established to discuss the independent study course. The faculty member then will have the opportunity to revise, edit, and make any changes he/she sees fit to the syllabus. The student should review these suggestions and changes closely before accepting or rejecting them. Please note that it is the faculty member's prerogative to accept and decline an independent study course and the proposed syllabus. The course should be accepted by both student and teacher by the end of the semester prior to the independent study course's commencement. (e.g. A proposed independent study course for spring semester should be fully accepted by both parties by the end of the last week of the fall semester.)

When an independent study course begins, it is fully the student's responsibility to keep up with the class. All deadlines, assignments, readings, etc. are the responsibility of the student and the student only. It is not the faculty member's job to remind you of your responsibilities towards the independent study course you proposed and accepted.

INSURANCE

Personal Health Insurance coverage is essential during your residence at TWU. Family insurance policies frequently cover students while attending TWU; however, a student health insurance policy with reasonable rates is available through the Office of Student Life. Contact them before entering your first semester of residency.

MAJORS MEETING ATTENDANCE

All theater majors, **undergraduate and graduate students**, are required to attend the weekly majors meeting currently scheduled at 2:30 on Thursdays. Production status, announcements, demonstration classroom scenes, special workshops and professional guest lecturers are scheduled during this time. **Attendance is recorded and reflected in the student's R&P or TIP course grade. Permission to schedule another academic class conflicting with this meeting must be obtained from the Drama Program Director.**

PRIVATE VOICE LESSONS

All private voice sections fill and are closed prior to the beginning of each semester. Additional lesson times are based on availability of instructor time. Students must complete a Non-Music Major Request Form prior to registration and take it to the Music office. After review and check for instructor availability, the Chair of the department will contact the student with registration instructions. During the first week of classes, check the bulletin board by MU 114 for instructor assignments. Then complete an Applied Music Application to schedule your private lesson time. This does not apply to students accepted into the Music Theatre Certificate Program.

REHEARSAL AND PRODUCTION REQUIREMENT

All undergraduate drama majors must be enrolled in DRAM 1312 Rehearsal and Production (under 30 credits), DRAM 2312 Rehearsal and Performance (under 60 credits), DRAM 3312 Rehearsal and Performance (under 90 credits), or DRAM 4412 Rehearsal and Production (under 120 credits) each semester they are a declared major in the Drama Program. Teaching Certification students are not required to take DRAM 4412. Undergraduate transfer students must complete a minimum of four semesters of Rehearsal and Production prior to graduation. Specific information for successful completion of DRAM 1312, DRAM 2312, DRAM 3312, and DRAM 4412 will be distributed on the first class meeting of each semester.

Graduate students must complete four units of DRAM 5521 Theatre in Performance. The nature of the work required will vary each semester enrolled. During the first two weeks of classes, each drama graduate student should meet with the teacher of record and complete the TIP Assignment form outlining that semester's responsibilities.

Please be aware of your course schedule and rehearsal and production requirements as conflicting schedules could possibly effect your potential participation in productions.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awarded by the Drama Program to a limited number of students each year on the basis of academic performance, merit, auditions and/or personal interviews. **Applications for new and returning applicants are available online via the Scholarship link on the TWU Financial Aid webpage.**

Scholarship recipients are expected to be active participants in the theatre production schedule. Performance emphasis students **must** audition for all mainstage shows; design/production emphasis students **must** be available to fill design, management, or running crew positions for all mainstage shows; all recipients must participate in all work calls and strikes. All scholarships are awarded/ renewed on an annual basis; at which time the student's qualifications as a scholarship recipient for the forthcoming academic year will be reviewed. Considerations for scholarship renewal will include a recipient's participation in productions, overall work ethic in rehearsals/production, classroom performance, and GPA.

Graduate Students have the opportunity to apply for assistantships in the drama program. There are four Graduate Assistant positions presently –two for technical assistance and two for administrative assistance. Applications and information are located on the Graduate School website.

SECURITY

The red phones in Redbud offer direct lines to the Department of Public Safety. These phones can be used for any reason that requires police assistance. A phone left off the hook will bring an officer to the location.

STUDENT DIRECTED ONE-ACT GUIDELINES

- A.** Each student, graduate or undergraduate, wishing to direct a One-Act must submit a two to three page typed proposal to the Drama Program Director. Please submit six copies of the proposal along with six copies of your script for faculty review. Your proposal should include the following:
 - 1.** Title, author, and leasing agent if known
 - 2.** A **brief** description of the play's plot
 - 3.** A statement of your intent or concept. Why do you want to produce this particular play? What does it say to today's audience? What do you as director wish to communicate?
 - 4.** Cast size, gender breakdown, racial/ethnic diversity
 - 5.** Technical requirements - - scenic, costume, lighting, props, special effects, etc.
- B.** Faculty approved proposals will be presented the last week of the semester.
- C.** All directors will use an open audition process. No pre-casting will be allowed.
- D.** Only those students who have successfully completed DRAM 3523 Play Directing, or the equivalent from another college or university, may direct in the Student Directed One-Act.
- E.** The following guidelines have been developed to make rehearsal demands fair to all involved. These suggestions are evolving--if you have difficulties, come to us. We will negotiate wherever possible.
 - 1.** Rehearsals will be held in two-hour blocks, five times per week so that each director has ten hours of rehearsal weekly during a three to four week period. Each director must be resourceful in finding rehearsal spaces. There are classrooms and meeting rooms in the Student Center to start your search. Departmentally controlled spaces, i.e., Redbud Theatre, must be checked out through the Technical Director.
 - 2.** Priority will be given to main stage productions. No student cast in a main stage show will be permitted to miss rehearsal for the Student Directed scenes or One-Act. .

3. Each play should be approximately 30 minutes in running time.
4. If you have written your own script, you must find another student to direct the production of it. You need another creative mind to help you find the strengths in your writing. Also, we strongly discourage your auditioning for your own script. Settle for being a playwright during the semester your script is being produced.
Production of a new script will generally be a two-semester process. During the first semester in which the script is proposed for production, readings and/or workshops must be held to facilitate the necessary rewrites every new script needs. These readings will be rehearsed by the student director and the playwright. Major meetings will be a good time to present each reading so that other students as well as faculty can give feedback to the playwright.
5. These will be non-budgeted productions; TWU Drama will not advertise titles or charge admission. TWU Drama will make royalty payments as needed.
6. You may use costumes, props, set pieces that are in stock; there will be **NO** construction. Costumes, props, and set pieces must be signed out during the 1:00-5:00 PM time slot, Monday -Friday. **Please set appointments** with the Drama Technical Director, Costume Shop Graduate Assistant, or Scene Shop Graduate Assistant. Advance planning saves anxiety.
7. The director will coordinate publicity for the event in cooperation with the Program Director. TWU Theatre will fund quick-copy type posters and programs.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Your program of study is the framework upon which academic and artistic success will depend. Although faculty advisors are available to assist you in planning your program of study, their role is limited to advising. You are in charge of your program and the ultimate outcome for work accomplished at TWU. Learn to use your TWU catalog, the published class schedules, the Student Handbook, the Drama Student Handbook, and calendars of academic and departmental events. Check the cork bulletin boards and call board in the back hallway of the Redbud Theatre Complex regularly.

Discuss your program and career objectives with your advisor or any faculty member whom you feel can aid your planning. **Never base program decisions upon hearsay or rumors.** Programs and curricula change with ongoing critical self-evaluation; your advisor can keep you abreast of such changes. The faculty remains available to assist you in growing as a scholar and theatre artist.

Disability Support Services at TWU and at TWU Drama

The Office of Disability Support Services (DSS) assists students with disabilities by providing:

- Sign language interpreters
- Testing accommodations
- Services to ensure equal access to university programs
- Recommendations for appropriate academic support services
- Referrals for other services on campus and in the community

Students requesting services must complete an application form and provide the DSS office with verification of a disability. Once registered, students are eligible to receive appropriate accommodations through the university. Students should register with the office of Disability Support Services as early as possible to help ensure that all accommodations are in place by the beginning of the semester.

By law, students may qualify for services if they have a disability, which substantially limits one or more major life activities/functions (i.e. learning, speaking, hearing, seeing, etc.). Some, but certainly not all, of the disabilities covered include: AIDS, arthritis, attention deficit disorder, carpal tunnel syndrome, cancer, cardiac diseases, dyslexia, diabetes, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, and psychiatric disabilities, including many forms of depression.

To obtain services a student must:

- Be accepted for admission at Texas Woman's University.
- Complete an application packet available through DSS.
- Provide documentation of disability.
- Complete an intake interview to determine accommodations.

(The above is taken directly from DSS publications)

The faculty and staff of TWU Drama are happy to comply with any and all accommodations required by DSS. It is the student's responsibility to provide DSS with all paper work and access they require in order to use the DSS services. TWU Drama faculty and staff **cannot** offer any accommodations without the proper DSS paperwork and instructions/protocols for accommodation.

Sexual Harassment Policy at TWU and TWU Drama

TWU Drama abides by the University's published sexual harassment policy. This policy is available online at the TWU website. According to the University, the following definition applies when determining what is and isn't sexual harassment:

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when:

- 1. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or education;*
- 2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for an employment or academic decision affecting that individual;*
- 3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's professional or academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive employment, education, or living environment.*

All complaints concerning matters of sexual harassment will be reported to the EEO/Affirmative Action Officer, or designated investigator. If a person wishes to file a complaint of sexual harassment, the complaint must be filed within 60 days following the incident. (Taken from the TWU Human Resources webpage)

Faculty or Staff wanting to file a complaint should do so through the Human Resources office or the Provost's office. Students should file their complaint through the program director or department chair. If the student feels uncomfortable in filing the complaint through the chair or program director because that person is the subject of the complaint or is involved in the complaint, then the complaint should be filed either through Human Resources or the Office of Student Life.

TWU Drama takes this issue very seriously. To that end, all faculty, staff and students should also be aware that the filing of a false complaint of sexual harassment is a terribly serious offense. According to TWU policy, any person filing a false complaint of sexual harassment is subject to disciplinary actions that potentially includes dismissal from employment for faculty, staff, or graduate assistants and expulsion from the University for students.

Non-Discrimination Policy at TWU and TWU Drama

The University strives to provide an education environment that affirms the rights and dignity of each individual, fosters diversity, and encourages a respect for the differences among persons. Discrimination or harassment of any kind is considered inappropriate.

The University does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, age, color, religion, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, veteran's status, or against qualified disabled persons.

The entire TWU policy regarding non-discrimination policies can be accessed on the TWU website. Inquiries concerning University complaint procedures related to discrimination may be directed to the following designated officials:

EEO/Affirmative Action Officer:
Associate Vice President of Human Resources
Texas Woman's University
P.O. Box 425739
Denton, TX 76204

Title VI and Title IX Officer:
Vice President of Student Life
Texas Woman's University
P.O. Box 425739
Denton, TX 76204

Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Officer:
Associate Vice President of Human Resources
Texas Woman's University
P.O. Box 425739
Denton, TX 76204

TWU Drama echoes and reaffirms the university's official policy.

Drama Program Undergraduate Degree Plans

The following are degree plans offered by the drama program. Please be aware that there are different degree plans for different calendar years. Students enrolled prior to FALL 2015 should use the first set of degree plans. Students accepted for FALL 2015 or later should use the second set of degree plans. Each degree plan will specify the catalog years used.

Students enrolled prior to FALL 2015 have the option of using a degree plan for a B.A. in Drama or a B.A. in Drama with teaching certification. Students accepted for FALL 2015 or later will have 3 options: B.A. in Drama, Emphasis in Acting & Directing; B.A. in Drama, Emphasis in Design/Technical Theatre; and B.A. in Drama with teaching certification. Students enrolled as Drama Majors prior to FALL 2015 have the one-time option of moving from their earlier catalog year to the FALL 2015 catalog year. This move can only be done once and cannot be undone.

Each student is responsible for knowing which catalog year is used for his or her degree plan. If you have questions, please see your drama program advisor.

Texas Woman's University
Degree Plan for Students Accepted Prior to FA2015

B.A. in Drama

Department: Music and Drama

First Year at Texas Woman's University

Hours		Hours	
DRAM 1312 – Rehearsal and Production	2	DRAM 1312 – Rehearsal and Performance	2
DRAM 1321 – Script Reading	1	DRAM 1321 – Script Reading	1
DRAM 2451 – Performance I	1	DRAM 2461 – Performance II	1
DRAM 3422 – Stagecraft I	2	DRAM 2471 – Movement I	1
DRAM 3421 – Drafting	1	DRAM 3432 – Stagecraft II	2
ENG 1013	3	ENG 1023 Composition II	3
MATH core course	3	Natural Science (core course)	3
Natural Science	3	MATH 1013 – Quantitative Literacy	3
Total Hours	16	Total Hours	16

Second Year at Texas Woman's University

Hours		Hours	
DRAM 1312 – Rehearsal and Production	2	DRAM 1312 – Rehearsal and Production	2
DRAM 2433 – Theatrical Makeup	3	HIST 1023 History from 1865	3
Humanities (sophomore lit core course)	3	GOV 2023 Texas Government	3
HIST 1013 U.S. History to 1865	3	Social/Behavioral Science (core course)	3
GOV 2013 U.S. Government	3	DRAM Elective	3
Related Studies: CSCI 1403	3	Related Studies: Literature (GP)	3
Total Hours	17	Total Hours	17

Third Year at Texas Woman's University

Hours		Hours	
DRAM 4412 – Rehearsal and Production	2	DRAM 4412 – Rehearsal and Production	2
DRAM 4413 – Stage Design	3	DRAM 3523 – Directing	3
DRAM 4903 – Summer Stock	3	DRAM 4903 – Summer Stock	3
DRAM 3473 – Theatre Before 1715	3	DRAM 3483 – Theatre After 1715	3
DRAM Elective	3	Rel.Studies: DRAM 3493 – Theater Speech	3
Total Hours	14	Total Hours	14

Fourth Year at Texas Woman's University

Hours		Hours	
DRAM 4412- Rehearsal and Production	2	DRAM 4412- Rehearsal and Production	2
DRAM Elective (upper level)	3	DRAM Elective	3
Related Studies: Foreign Language	3	DRAM Elective	3
Related Studies: Literature	3	Related Studies: Foreign Language	3
Multicultural Women's Studies	3	Visual/Performing Arts (core course) (GP)	3
Total Hours	14	Total Hours	14

Total hours for major courses: 60
 Related studies/minor (if used) courses: 18
 Total all hours for degree: 120

3 Computer literacy competency included
3 Oral Communication competency included
6 Global Perspectives
 Degree Plan and Course Rotation Attached
36 Advanced Hours (3000-4000) required

Effective Fall 2007
 Revised June 2011

Texas Woman's University
Bachelor's Degree Plan in Drama
Effective 2007

Name _____ ID# _____ Catalog Year _____

Permanent Address _____

Phone _____

Local Address _____

Phone _____

Bachelor's Degree Sought: ___ Arts or ___ Science Minor (if applicable) _____

Total Credit Hours (must be at least 120) _____ Total Upper Div Hours _____ Total Major Hours _____

Expected Date of Graduation _____ TASP (date completed) _____ Petition Approved _____

TWU CORE REQUIREMENTS: 42 hours

Composition (6 hrs)

ENG 1013 _____
 ENG 1023 _____

Mathematics (6 hrs)

(college level algebra equiv. or above)
 MATH 1013 _____
 MATH _____

Natural Sciences (6 hrs)

Humanities & Visual/Per Arts (6 hrs)

Visual or Per Arts: 3 hrs

 Lit., Philosophy, Modern/Classical
 Lang./Lit., & Cultural Studies: 3 hrs

Social & Behavioral Sciences (15 hrs)

Legislative Mandates:
 HIST 1013 _____
 HIST 1023 _____
 GOV 2013 _____
 GOV 2023 _____

Social/Beh Science: 3 hours

Multicultural Women's Studies (3 hrs)

Global Perspectives: (6 hrs) Recommend **two** of the following as a TWU Core Requirements elective.

ART 3053 ___ ENG 2133 ___ FL 2013 ___
 HIST 2013 ___ MUS 3713 ___ SOCI 1013 ___
 WS 2013 ___

Total = 120 credit hours

Related Studies ___ or Minor _____ (18 hrs)

*DRAM 3493 (recommended) _____
 **CSCI 1403 (recommended) _____
 Foreign Language (6 hrs) _____
 Literature (6 hrs) _____

DRAMA MAJOR (60 hrs)

Drama Core: 41 hrs required of all majors

DRAM 1312 ___ DRAM 1312 ___ DRAM 1312 ___
 DRAM 1312 ___ DRAM 1321 ___ DRAM 1321 ___
 DRAM 2433 ___ DRAM 2451 ___ DRAM 2461 ___
 DRAM 2471 ___ DRAM 3421 ___ DRAM 3422 ___
 DRAM 3432 ___ DRAM 3473 ___ DRAM 3483 ___
 DRAM 3523 ___ DRAM 4412 ___ DRAM 4412 ___
 DRAM 4412 ___ DRAM 4412 ___ DRAM 4413 ___

Drama Electives: 13 hrs required of all majors

DRAM 3451 ___ DRAM 3461 ___ DRAM 3471 ___
 DRAM 3481 ___ DRAM 3493 ___ DRAM 3913 ___
 DRAM 4413 ___ DRAM 4413 ___ DRAM 4423 ___
 DRAM 4472 ___ DRAM 4513 ___ DRAM 4523 ___
 DRAM 4901 ___ DRAM 4903 ___ DRAM 4913 ___

Summer Stock Company: 6 hrs required

DRAM 4903 ___ DRAM 4903 ___

*oral communications competency

**computer literacy competency

36 upper division hours required for graduation

PROCEDURES:

1. The student will file TWU transcript/TWU grade reports/TWU evaluation with advisor at the time suggested by the advisor.
2. The advisor will list on this form all courses satisfactorily completed and those to be completed, by course numbers and forward to the Department Chair; if approval is granted, will forward to the minor advisor. If approval is granted, the minor advisor will forward to the Dean of College.
3. The Dean will be the sole authority for authorizing substitutions in the listing of major and minor courses.
4. The Registrar's Office will determine that the legal and university-wide graduation requirements have been or will have been satisfied for graduation.
5. The Registrar's Office will notify the candidate for graduation of the steps to be followed for graduation (ordering diploma, invitations, academic regalia, time and place of ceremony).
6. The catalog carrying the date the student was first enrolled in an accredited college or university may dictate the requirements for graduation for a five-year period. Beyond this time a new catalog must be consulted. The advisor should agree on the catalog date to be used and enter this information in the space designated "Catalog Date" on the opposite side of this form. Students who are required to re-apply for admission due to leave of study will be required to follow new catalog at time of re-entry.

NOTES:

1. By state law the candidate must have six (6) semester hours of American history – Texas history may substitute for three (3) semester hours.
2. By state law the candidate must have credit for six (6) semester hours of federal and state constitutions. ROTC credit at a senior institution may be substituted.
3. Majors: Majors are defined as a minimum of thirty (30) semester hours. One-half (1/2) of these hours must be advanced. A minimum of 36 advanced hours is required for any baccalaureate degree.
4. Minors: Most minors at Texas Woman's University include a minimum of eighteen (18) hours. A minor includes a minimum of 6 credit hours at the advanced level.
5. At least one-half (1/2) of the upper level courses in the major and at least one-half of the upper level courses in the minor must be completed at TWU.
6. A minimum of 25% of the credit hours must be taken at TWU. Correspondence and credit-by-examination courses do not satisfy residence requirements for graduation.
7. A student who hold a valid bachelor's degree from another accredited college or university and who wishes to earn a second bachelor's degree at TWU must complete the following legal requirements: Six (6) semester hours of American history, six (6) semester hours of national and state governments, and thirty-six (36) semester hours of advanced studies, and meet departmental and residential requirements.
8. Students may transfer no more than 72 semester hours from junior or community colleges. There is no limit for transfer credit from senior institutions.
9. Candidates for Teacher Certification may need to file a separate degree plan designated strictly for teacher certification.

ROUTE IN ORDER SHOWN

Due in Registrar's Office one (1) year prior to the semester of graduation.

NOTE: Courses taken to meet core requirements may not be counted towards the major.

1. Student _____ Date _____
2. Major Advisor _____ Date _____
3. Minor Advisor _____ Date _____
4. Department Chair _____ Date _____
5. Dean _____ Date _____

Texas Woman's University
Degree Plan for Students Accepted Prior to FA2015

B.A. in Drama / Teaching Certification

Department: Music and Drama

First Year at Texas Woman's University

Hours		Hours	
DRAM 1312 – Rehearsal and Production	2	DRAM 1312 – Rehearsal and Performance	2
DRAM 1321 – Script Reading	1	DRAM 1321 – Script Reading	1
DRAM 2451 – Performance I	1	DRAM 2461 – Performance II	1
DRAM 3422 – Stagecraft I	2	DRAM 2471 – Movement I	1
DRAM 3421 – Drafting	1	DRAM 3432 – Stagecraft II	2
ENG 1013 Composition I	3	ENG 1023 Composition II	3
MATH (core course)	3	Math 1013 – Quantitative Literacy	3
Natural Science (core course)	3		
Total Hours	16	Total Hours	13

Second Year at Texas Woman's University

Hours		Hours	
DRAM 1312 – Rehearsal and Production	2	DRAM 1312 – Rehearsal and Production	2
DRAM 2433 – Theatrical Makeup	3	DRAM 3483 – Theatre After 1715	3
DRAM 3473 – Theatre Before 1715	3	HIST 1023 U.S. History from 1865	3
Humanities (sophomore lit core course)	3	GOV 2023 Texas Gov't	3
GOV 2013 U.S. Government	3	EDUC 2003 Schools and Society	3
Total Hours	14	Total Hours	14

Third Year at Texas Woman's University

Hours		Hours	
DRAM 4412 – Rehearsal and Production	2	CSCI 1403 First Course in Computing	3
DRAM 4413 – Stage Design	3	DRAM 3523 – Directing	3
DRAM 3461 – Stage Management	1	DRAM 4423 – Stage Lighting	3
READ 3013 Lit. across Curriculum	3	EDUC 3003 Learning Theory and Develop	3
HIST 1013 U.S. History 1492-1865	3	DRAM elective	1
Natural Science (core course)	3		
Total Hours	15	Total Hours	13

Fourth Year at Texas Woman's University

Hours		Hours	
Related Studies: DRAM 3493	3	DRAM 4413 – Stage Design II	3
Related Studies: Foreign Language	3	Related Studies: Foreign Language	3
Multicultural Women's Studies (GP)	3	EDUC 3482 Teach the diverse learner through	
Social/Behavioral Science (GP)	3	technology	2
Visual/Perf. Arts (core course)	3	EDUC 4113 Des & Imp of Inst & Asmt	3
		EDUC 4243 Class Environ and Management	3
Total Hours	15	Total Hours	14

Fifth Year at Texas Woman's University

Hours		Hours	
EDUC 4236 Student Teaching	6		
Total Hours	6	Total Hours	

Total hours for major courses: 43

Total hours for minor courses: 35

Total all hours for degree: 120

 Computer literacy competency included

 Oral Communication competency included

 Global Perspectives

 Degree Plan and Course Rotation Attached

Texas Woman's University
BACHELOR'S DEGREE PLAN IN DRAMA
w/ TEACHING CERTIFICATE

Name _____ ID# _____ Catalog Year _____

Permanent Address _____

Phone _____

Local Address _____

Phone _____

Bachelor's Degree Sought: ___ Arts or ___ Science Minor (if applicable) _____

Total Credit Hours (must be at least 120) _____ Total Upper Div Hours _____ Total Major Hours _____

Expected Date of Graduation _____ TASP (date completed) _____ Petition Approved _____

TWU CORE REQUIREMENTS: 42 hours

Composition (6 hrs)

ENG 1013 _____

ENG 1023 _____

Mathematics (6 hrs)

(college level algebra equiv. or above)

MATH 1013 _____

MATH _____

Natural Sciences (6 hrs)

Humanities & Visual/Per Arts (6 hrs)

Visual or Per Arts: 3 hrs

Lit., Philosophy, Modern/Classical

Lang./Lit., & Cultural Studies: 3 hrs

Social & Behavioral Sciences (15 hrs)

Legislative Mandates:

HIST 1013 _____

HIST 1023 _____

GOV 2013 _____

GOV 2023 _____

Social/Beh Science: 3 hours

Multicultural Women's Studies (3 hrs)

Global Perspectives: (6 hrs) Recommend **two** of the following as a TWU Core Requirements elective.

ART 3053 ___ ENG 2133 ___ FL 2013 ___

HIST 2013 ___ MUS 3713 ___ SOCI 1013 ___

WS 2013 ___

Related Studies ___ and Minor _____ (35 hrs)

*DRAM 3493 (recommended) _____

**CSCI 1403 (recommended) _____

Foreign Language (6 hrs) _____

EDUC 2003 ___ EDUC 3003 ___ EDUC 3482 ___

EDUC 4113 ___ EDUC 4243 ___ EDUC 4236 ___

READ 3013 ___

DRAMA MAJOR (43 hrs)

Drama Core: 35 hrs required of all majors

DRAM 1312 ___ DRAM 1312 ___ DRAM 1312 ___

DRAM 1312 ___ DRAM 1321 ___ DRAM 1321 ___

DRAM 2433 ___ DRAM 2451 ___ DRAM 2461 ___

DRAM 2471 ___ DRAM 3421 ___ DRAM 3422 ___

DRAM 3432 ___ DRAM 3473 ___ DRAM 3483 ___

DRAM 3523 ___ DRAM 4412 ___ DRAM 4413 ___

Drama: 8 hrs required for Teachers

DRAM 3461 ___ DRAM 4413 ___ DRAM 4423 ___

- Plus one (1) hr from the following:

DRAM 3451 ___ DRAM 3471 ___ DRAM 3481 ___

DRAM 4901 ___

*oral communications competency

**computer literacy competency

36 upper division hours required for graduation

Total = 120 credit hours

PROCEDURES:

7. The student will file TWU transcript/TWU grade reports/TWU evaluation with advisor at the time suggested by the advisor.
8. The advisor will list on this form all courses satisfactorily completed and those to be completed, by course numbers and forward to the Department Chair; if approval is granted, will forward to the minor advisor. If approval is granted, the minor advisor will forward to the Dean of College.
9. The Dean will be the sole authority for authorizing substitutions in the listing of major and minor courses.
10. The Registrar’s Office will determine that the legal and university-wide graduation requirements have been or will have been satisfied for graduation.
11. The Registrar’s Office will notify the candidate for graduation of the steps to be followed for graduation (ordering diploma, invitations, academic regalia, time and place of ceremony).
12. The catalog carrying the date the student was first enrolled in an accredited college or university may dictate the requirements for graduation for a five-year period. Beyond this time a new catalog must be consulted. The advisor should agree on the catalog date to be used and enter this information in the space designated “Catalog Date” on the opposite side of this form. Students who are required to re-apply for admission due to leave of study will be required to follow new catalog at time of re-entry.

NOTES:

10. By state law the candidate must successfully complete all three sections of the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA).
11. By state law the candidate must have six (6) semester hours of American history – Texas history may substitute for three (3) semester hours.
12. By state law the candidate must have credit for six (6) semester hours of federal and state constitutions. ROTC credit at a senior institution may be substituted.
13. Majors: Majors are defined as a minimum of thirty (30) semester hours. One-half (1/2) of these hours must be advanced. A minimum of 36 advanced hours is required for any baccalaureate degree.
14. Minors: Most minors at Texas Woman’s University include a minimum of eighteen (18) hours. A minor includes a minimum of 6 credit hours at the advanced level.
15. At least one-half (1/2) of the upper level courses in the major and at least one-half of the upper level courses in the minor must be completed at TWU.
16. A minimum of 25% of the credit hours must be taken at TWU. Correspondence and credit-by-examination courses do not satisfy residence requirements for graduation.
17. A student who hold a valid bachelor’s degree from another accredited college or university and who wishes to earn a second bachelor’s degree at TWU must complete the following legal requirements: Six (6) semester hours of American history, six (6) semester hours of national and state governments, and thirty-six (36) semester hours of advanced studies, and meet departmental and residential requirements.
18. Students may transfer no more than 72 semester hours from junior or community colleges. There is no limit for transfer credit from senior institutions.
19. Candidates for Teacher Certification may need to file a separate degree plan designated strictly for teacher certification.

ROUTE IN ORDER SHOWN

Due in Registrar’s Office one (1) year prior to the semester of graduation.

NOTE: Courses taken to meet core requirements may not be counted towards the major.

1. Student _____ Date _____
2. Major Advisor _____ Date _____
3. Minor Advisor _____ Date _____
4. Department Chair _____ Date _____
5. Dean _____ Date _____

PROCEDURES:

1. The Student will file TWU transcript/TWU grade reports/ TWU evaluation with Advisor at the time suggested by the Advisor.
2. The student will list on this form all courses satisfactorily completed and those to be completed, by course numbers.
3. The Advisor will forward the form to the Department Chair.
4. If approval is granted, the Chair will forward the form to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.
5. If approval is granted, the Dean will forward the form to the Registrar's Office at least one year preceding the semester of graduation.
6. The Chair will be sole authority for authorizing substitutions in the listing of major courses.
7. The Registrar's Office will determine that legal and University-wide graduation requirements have been or will be satisfied for graduation.
8. The Registrar's Office will notify the candidate for graduation of steps to be followed for graduation (ordering diploma, invitations, academic regalia, and time and place of ceremony).
9. The catalog carrying the date a student was first enrolled in an accredited college or university may dictate the requirements for graduation for a five-year period. Beyond this time a new catalog must be consulted. The Advisor and Student should agree on the catalog date to be used and enter this information in the space designated "Catalog Date" on the opposite side of this form.

ROUTE IN ORDER SHOWN

NOTE: Courses taken to meet core requirements may not be counted towards the major.

NOTES:

1. By state law the candidate must successfully complete all three sections of the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP).
2. By state law the candidate must have credit for six (6) semester hours of American History.
3. By state law the candidate must have six (6) semester hours of federal and state constitutions. Four years of ROTC may substitute for the federal constitution requirements.
4. Major: The catalog defines the requirements of a major as a minimum of thirty (30) advanced semester hours of which half must have been completed in residency at TWU.
5. The candidate should check with Faculty Advisors, TWU catalog, and the College of Arts and Sciences concerning the requirements.
6. A minimum of 36 advanced hours is required for any bachelor's degree.
7. Thirty (30) of the last 36 hours must be completed at TWU.
8. A student may transfer no more than 72 semester hours from junior or community colleges. There is no maximum number of semester hours transferable from senior colleges.
9. A student who holds a valid bachelor's degree from another accredited college or university and who wishes to earn a second bachelor's degree at TWU must complete the following legal requirements: six (6) semester hours of national and state governments, and thirty-six (36) semester hours of advanced studies, and meet departmental, residency, and core requirements.

Due in Office of Admissions and Registration one (1) year prior to the semester of graduation.

1. Student _____ Date _____
2. Major Advisor _____ Date _____
3. Minor Advisor _____ Date _____
4. Department Chair _____ Date _____
5. Dean _____ Date _____

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY
Department of Music and Drama/ College of Arts and Sciences
BACHELOR OF ARTS – Drama – Major Emphasis – Acting & Directing (120hours)

Name	ID#	Date
Permanent Address		Phone
Local Address	Email	
Expected date of graduation	Catalog year	

STATE CORE COURSES (42 hrs.) **Complete**

COMMUNICATION (6 hrs. required)	
ENG 1013	
ENG 1023	

LANG., PHIL., AND CULTURE (3 hrs. req.)	

AMERICAN HISTORY (6 hrs. required)	
HIST 1013	
HIST 1023	

GOVERNMENT / POLITICAL SCIENCE (6 hrs. req.)	
GOV 2013	
GOV 2023	

MATHEMATICS (3 hrs. required)	

LIFE & PHYSICAL SCIENCES (6 hrs. req.)	

CREATIVE ARTS (3 hrs. required)	

SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (3 hrs. req.)	

COMPONENT AREA OPTION (6 hrs. req.)	
3 hours from:	
Multicultural Women's Studies (3 hrs.)	
and 3 hours from:	
Mathematics (3-4 hrs.)	
UNIV 1231 (1 hr.)**	

Wellness (1-3 hrs.)	
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MAJOR (42 hrs.)
 ("C" or better required in each course; all courses listed in the section below are required) **Complete**

2	DRAM 1312 – Rehearsal & Production (4hrs)	
2	DRAM 2312 – Rehearsal & Production (4 hrs.)	
2	DRAM 3312 – Rehearsal & Production (4hrs.)	
1	DRAM 1321 – Script Reading (2 hrs.)	
3	DRAM 2433 – Theatrical Makeup	
3	DRAM2213 – Performance I	
3	DRAM 2113 – Stagecraft I	
3	DRAM 3473 – Theatre History: Before 1715	
3	DRAM 3483 – Theatre History: After 1715	
3	DRAM 3523 – Directing	
2	DRAM 4412 – Rehearsal & Production (4hrs.)	
3	DRAM 4603 –Summer Stock (6 credits)	

OTHER REQUIREMENTS (24 hrs.)	
Related Studies: ("C" or better required)	

Foreign Language (6 credits)		
Acting/Directing Emphasis (18 hrs.)		
3	DRAM 2223 – Performance II	
3	DRAM 2473 – Movement I	
3	DRAM 3603 – Advance Acting I	
3	DRAM 3493 – Speech for the Stage	
3	DRAM 4903 – ST: Playwriting	
3	DRAM 4403 or 4413 or 4423 - Design	

ELECTIVES (12 hrs.)
Suggested areas of emphasis utilizing elective courses:
Drama Electives:
Take 12 credit hours of Drama and Related Studies Electives

* Course satisfies 3 hr. Global Perspectives graduation requirement.
 ** Successful completion (D or better) of UNIV 1231 is required for all first year students entering TWU having completed 12 or fewer hours (FTIC).

NOTES:

1. By state law the candidate must have credit for six (6) semester hours of American History. Texas History may substitute for three (3) semester hours.
2. By state law the candidate must have credit for six (6) semester hours of federal and state constitutions. ROTC credit at a senior institution may be substituted.
3. Majors: Majors are defined as a minimum of thirty (30) semester hours. One-half (1/2) of these hours must be advanced. A Minimum of 36 advanced hours is required for any baccalaureate degree.
4. Minors: Most minors at Texas Woman's University include a minimum of eighteen (18) hours. A minor includes a minimum of 6 credit hours at the advanced level. Students should consider the state excess hours rule when considering earning a minor.
5. At least one-half (1/2) of the upper level courses in the major and at least one-half of the upper level courses in the minor must be completed at TWU.
6. A Minimum of 25% of the credit hours must be taken at TWU. Correspondence and credit-by-examination courses do not satisfy residence requirements for graduation.
7. A student who holds a valid bachelor's degree from another accredited college or university and who wishes to earn a second bachelor's degree at TWU must complete the following legal requirements: Six (6) semester hours of American History, six (6) semester hours of national and state governments, and thirty-six (36) semester hours of advanced studies, and meet departmental and residential requirements.
8. Students may transfer no more than 90 semester hours from junior or community colleges. There is no limit for transfer credit from senior institutions.

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In accordance with Leg. House Bill 1922, an individual is entitled to: request to be informed about the information collected about them; receive and review their information; and correct any incorrect information.

Disclosure of your social security or student ID number is required to access your transcripts and contact information at Texas Woman's University. Your social security or student ID number will be used as a unique number to identify you. Any further disclosure of your social security number will be governed by the Public Information Act (Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code).

Texas Woman's University
Four-Year Graduation Sequence
Bachelor of Arts in Drama Emphasis:
Acting/Directing (effective 3/1/2015)

Texas Common Course Numbers (TCCN) noted in italic.

First Year at Texas Woman's University

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
DRAM 1312 (<i>DRAM 1120</i>) Rehearsal and Production	2	DRAM 1312 (<i>DRAM 1120</i>) Rehearsal and Performance	2
DRAM 1321 Script Reading	1	DRAM 1321 Script Reading	1
DRAM 2213 (<i>DRAM 1351</i>) Performance I	3	DRAM 2223 (<i>DRAM 1352</i>) Performance II	3
ENG 1013 (<i>ENGL 1301</i>) Composition I	3	ENG 1023 (<i>ENGL 1302</i>) Composition II	3
UNIV 1231 (<i>EDUC 1100</i>) Learning Frameworks	1	Wellness/Mathematics CAO Core	2
HIST 1013 (<i>HIST 1301</i>) U.S. History, 1492-1865	3	HIST 1023 (<i>HIST 1302</i>) U.S. History 1865-Present	3
Creative Arts Core	3		
Total Hours	16	Total Hours	14

Second Year at Texas Woman's University

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
DRAM 2312 (<i>DRAM 1120</i>) Rehearsal and Production	2	DRAM 2312 (<i>DRAM 1120</i>) Rehearsal and Production	2
DRAM 2433 (<i>DRAM 1341</i>) Theatrical Makeup	3	GOV 2023 (<i>GOVT 2306</i>) Texas Government	3
DRAM 2113 (<i>DRAM 1330</i>) Stagecraft I	3	Social/Behavioral Science Core	3
DRAM 2473 (<i>DRAM 1322</i>) Movement I	3	Mathematics Core	3
GOV 2013 (<i>GOVT 2305</i>) U.S. National Government	3	Language Philosophy and Culture	3
Total Hours	14	Total Hours	14

Summer	Hour
DRAM 4603 Summer Stock	3
Total Hours	3

Third Year at Texas Woman's University

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
DRAM 3312 Rehearsal and Production	2	DRAM 3312 Rehearsal and Production	2
DRAM 3473 Theatre Before 1715	3	DRAM 3483 Theatre After 1715	3
DRAM 3603 Advanced Acting I	3	DRAM 3493 Theater Speech	3
Multicultural Women's Studies	3	DRAM 4403 or 4413 or 4423 Design	3
Life/Physical Science	3	Life/Physical Science	3
Total Hours	14	Total Hours	14

Summer	Hours
DRAM 4603 Summer Stock	3
Total Hours	3

Fourth Year at Texas Woman's University

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
DRAM 4412 Rehearsal and Production	2	DRAM 4412 Rehearsal and Production	2
DRAM 4903 Playwriting	3	DRAM 3523 Directing	3
DRAM Elective (upper level)	3	DRAM Elective	3
DRAM Elective	3	DRAM Elective	3
Foreign Language	3	Foreign Language	3
Total Hours	14	Total Hours	14

Total hours for major courses: 42

* Meets Global Perspectives requirement

Total all hours for degree: 120

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THECB Academic Program Code: DRAMA.BA

THECB CIP Code: 50.0501.00

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

Department of Music and Drama/ College of Arts and Sciences

BACHELOR OF ARTS – Drama – Major Emphasis: Technical/Design (120hours)

Name	ID#	Date
Permanent Address	Phone	
Local Address	Email	
Expected date of graduation	Catalog year	

STATE CORE COURSES (42 hrs.)	Complete
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COMMUNICATION (6 hrs. req.)	
ENG 1013	
ENG 1023	

LANG., PHIL., AND CULTURE (3 hrs. req.)	

AMERICAN HISTORY (6 hrs. req.)	
HIST 1013	
HIST 1023	

GOVERNMENT/POLITICAL SCIENCE (6 hrs. req.)	
GOV 2013	
GOV 2023	

MATHEMATICS (3 hrs. required)	

LIFE & PHYSICAL SCIENCES (6 hrs. req.)	

CREATIVE ARTS (3 hrs. required)	

SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (3 hrs. req.)	

COMPONENT AREA OPTION (6 hrs. req.)	
3 hours from:	
Multicultural Women's Studies (3 hrs.)	
and 3 hours from:	
Mathematics (3-4 hrs.)	
UNIV 1231 (1 hr.)**	
Wellness (1-3 hrs.)	

MAJOR (42 hrs.) ("C" or better required in each course; all courses listed in the section below are required)	Complete
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2	DRAM 1312 – Rehearsal & Production (4 hrs.)	
1	DRAM 1321 – Script Reading (2 credits)	
2	DRAM 2312 – Rehearsal & Production (4 hrs.)	
3	DRAM 2433 – Theatrical Makeup	
3	DRAM 2213 – Performance I	
3	DRAM 2113 – Stagecraft I	
2	DRAM 3312 – Rehearsal & Production (4hrs.)	
3	DRAM 3473 – Theatre History: Before 1715	
3	DRAM 3483 – Theatre History: After 1715	
3	DRAM 3523 – Directing	
2	DRAM 4412 – Rehearsal & Production (4 hrs.)	
3	DRAM 4603 – ST: Summer Stock (6 credits)	

OTHER REQUIREMENTS (24 hrs.)

Related Studies: ("C" or better required)		
	Foreign Language (6 credits)	
	Technical/Design Emphasis (18 hrs)	
3	DRAM 3423 – Drafting	
3	DRAM 3433 – Stagecraft II: Scenic Painting	
3	DRAM 4403 – Scenic Design	
3	DRAM 4413 – Costume Design	
3	DRAM 4423 – Lighting Design	
1	DRAM 3461 – Stage Management	
2	DRAM 4472 – Sound Design	

ELECTIVES (12 hrs.)

Suggested areas of emphasis utilizing elective courses:

**Drama Electives:
Take 12 credit hours of Drama and Related Studies Electives**

* Course satisfies 3 hr. Global Perspectives graduation requirement.

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**Texas Woman's University
Four-Year Graduation Sequence
Bachelor of Arts in Drama Emphasis:
Technical/Design (effective 3/1/2015)**

Texas Common Course Numbers (TCCN) noted in italics.

First Year at Texas Woman's University

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
DRAM 1312 (<i>DRAM 1120</i>) Rehearsal and Production	2	DRAM 1312 (<i>DRAM 1120</i>) Rehearsal and Performance	2
DRAM 1321 Script Reading	1	DRAM 1321 Script Reading	1
DRAM 2213 (<i>DRAM 1351</i>) Performance I	3	ENG 1023 (<i>ENGL 1302</i>) Composition II	3
DRAM 2113 (<i>DRAM 1330</i>) Stagecraft I	3	Language, Philosophy, & Culture Core	3
ENG 1013 (<i>ENGL 1301</i>) Composition I	3	Wellness/Mathematics CAO Core	2
UNIV 1231 (<i>EDUC 1100</i>) Learning Frameworks	1	HIST 1023 (<i>HIST 1302</i>) U.S. History 1865-Present	3
HIST 1013 (<i>HIST 1301</i>) U.S. History, 1942-1865	3		
Total Hours	16	Total Hours	14

Second Year at Texas Woman's University

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
DRAM 2312 (<i>DRAM 1120</i>) Rehearsal and Production	2	DRAM 2312 (<i>DRAM 1120</i>) Rehearsal and Production	2
DRAM 2433 (<i>DRAM 1341</i>) Theatrical Makeup	3	DRAM 3433(<i>DRAM 2331</i>) Stagecraft II	3
GOV 2013 (<i>GOVT 2305</i>) U.S. National Government	3	DRAM 3423 Drafting	3
Mathematics Core	3	GOV 2023 (<i>GOVT 2306</i>) Texas Government	3
Life/Physical Science	3	Life/Physical Science	3
Total Hours	14	Total Hours	14

Summer	Hours
DRAM 4603 Summer Stock	3
Total Hours	3

Third Year at Texas Woman's University

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
DRAM 3312 Rehearsal and Production	2	DRAM 3312 Rehearsal and Production	2
DRAM 3473 Theatre Before 1715	3	DRAM 3483 Theatre After 1715	3
DRAM 4413 Costume Design	3	DRAM 3461 Stage Management	1
Multicultural Women's Study	3	DRAM 4472 Sound Design	2
Creative Arts Core	3	Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
		DRAM Elective	3
Total Hours	14	Total Hours	14

Summer	Hours
DRAM 4603 Summer Stock	3
Total Hours	3

Fourth Year at Texas Woman's University

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
DRAM 4412 Rehearsal and Production	2	DRAM 4412 Rehearsal and Production	2
DRAM 4403 Scenic Design	3	DRAM 3523 Directing	3
DRAM Elective	3	DRAM 4423 Lighting Design	3
DRAM Elective	3	DRAM Elective	3
Foreign Language	3	Foreign Language	3
Total Hours	14	Total Hours	14

Total hours for major courses: 42

* Meets Global Perspectives requirement

Total all hours for degree: 120

Revised 03/01/15 - **Applicable to students entering Fall 2015 or later**

THECB Academic Program Code: DRAMA.BA

THECB CIP Code: 50.0501.00

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

Department of Music and Drama / College of Arts and Sciences

BACHELOR OF ARTS – Drama with EC-12 Teaching Certificate – Major (120 hours)

Name	ID#	Date
Permanent Address	Phone	
Local Address	Email	
Expected date of graduation	Catalog year	

STATE CORE COURSES (42 hrs.)	Complete
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COMMUNICATION (6 hrs. req.)	
ENG 1013	
ENG 1023	

LANG., PHIL., AND CULTURE (3 hrs. req.)	

AMERICAN HISTORY (6 hrs. req.)	
HIST 1013	
HIST 1023	

GOVERNMENT/POLITICAL SCIENCE (6 hrs. req.)	
GOV 2013	
GOV 2023	

MATHEMATICS (3 hrs. req.)	

LIFE & PHYSICAL SCIENCES (6 hrs. req.)	

CREATIVE ARTS (3 hrs. req.)	

SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (3 hrs. req.)	

COMPONENT AREA OPTION (6 hrs. required)	
3 hours from:	
Multicultural Women's Studies (3 hrs.)	
and 3 hours from:	
Mathematics (3-4 hrs.)	
UNIV 1231 (1 hr.)**	
Wellness (1-3 hrs.)	

	MAJOR (42 hrs.)	Complete
	("C" or better required in each course)	
	DRAMA/TEACHING CERT. CORE: 42 hrs.	
2	DRAM 1312 Rehearsal & Production (4 hrs.)	
1	DRAM 1321 Script Reading (2 credits)	
3	DRAM 2433 Theatrical Makeup	
3	DRAM 2213 Performance I	
2	DRAM 2212 Rehearsal & Production (4hrs.)	
2	DRAM 3312 Rehearsal & Production (4hrs.)	
3	DRAM 3423 Drafting	
3	DRAM 2113 Stagecraft I	
1	DRAM 3461 Stage Management	
3	DRAM 3473 Theatre Before 1715	
3	DRAM 3483 Theatre After 1715	
3	DRAM 3523 Directing	
3	DRAM 4403 or 4413 Stage Design or 4423	
3	DRAM 4603 – Summer Stock	

OTHER REQUIREMENTS 29hrs.)	
("C" or better required)	
	Foreign Language Course (6 hours)
	Required Education Courses (23 hrs.)
3	EDUC 2003 Schools and Society
3	EDUC 3003 Learning Theory & Development
2	EDUC 3482 Diversity
3	EDUC 4113 Des & Imp of Inst. & Asmt
3	EDUC 4243 Class Environment & Management
6	EDUC 4236 Student Teaching
3	READ 3013 Literature Across Curriculum

ELECTIVES (6 hrs.)	
Suggested areas of emphasis utilizing elective courses: DRAMA	
	Take 6 hours of DRAM Electives

* Course satisfies 3 hr. Global Perspectives graduation requirement

** Successful completion (D or better) of UNIV 1231 is required for all first year students entering TWU having completed 12 or fewer hours (FTIC).

NOTES:

17. By state law the candidate must have credit for six (6) semester hours of American History. Texas History may substitute for three (3) semester hours.
18. By state law the candidate must have credit for six (6) semester hours of federal and state constitutions. ROTC credit at a senior institution may be substituted.
19. Majors: Majors are defined as a minimum of thirty (30) semester hours. One-half (1/2) of these hours must be advanced. A Minimum of 36 advanced hours is required for any baccalaureate degree.
20. Minors: Most minors at Texas Woman’s University include a minimum of eighteen (18) hours. A minor includes a minimum of 6 credit hours at the advanced level. Students should consider the state excess hours rule when considering earning a minor.
21. At least one-half (1/2) of the upper level courses in the major and at least one-half of the upper level courses in the minor must be completed at TWU.
22. A Minimum of 25% of the credit hours must be taken at TWU. Correspondence and credit-by-examination courses do not satisfy residence requirements for graduation.
23. A student who holds a valid bachelor’s degree from another accredited college or university and who wishes to earn a second bachelor’s degree at TWU must complete the following legal requirements: Six (6) semester hours of American History, six (6) semester hours of national and state governments, and thirty-six (36) semester hours of advanced studies, and meet departmental and residential requirements.
24. Students may transfer no more than 90 semester hours from junior or community colleges. There is no limit for transfer credit from senior institutions.

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In accordance with Leg. House Bill 1922, an individual is entitled to: request to be informed about the information collected about them; receive and review their information; and correct any incorrect information.

Disclosure of your social security or student ID number is required to access your transcripts and contact information at Texas Woman's University. Your social security or student ID number will be used as a unique number to identify you. Any further disclosure of your social security number will be governed by the Public Information Act (Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code).

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Texas Woman's University
Four-Year Graduation Sequence
Bachelor of Arts in Drama with EC-12 Teaching Certification (effective 3/1/2015)

Texas Common Course Numbers (TCCN) noted in italics.

First Year at Texas Woman's University

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
DRAM 1312 (<i>DRAM 1120</i>) Rehearsal and Production I	2	DRAM 1312 (<i>DRAM 1120</i>) Rehearsal and Performance	2
DRAM 1321 Script Reading	1	DRAM 1321 Script Reading	1
DRAM 2213 (<i>DRAM 1351</i>) Performance I	3	ENG 1023(<i>ENGL 1302</i>) Composition II	3
DRAM 2113 (<i>DRAM 1330</i>) Stagecraft I	3	Wellness/Mathematics CAO Core	3
ENG 1013 (<i>ENGL 1301</i>) Composition I	3	Math 1013 (<i>MATH 1332</i>) Quantitative Literacy	3
UNIV 1231 (<i>EDUC 1100</i>) Learning Frameworks	1	HIST 1023 (<i>HIST 1302</i>) U.S. History, 1865-Present	3
HIST 1013 (<i>HIST 1301</i>) U.S. History, 1492-1865	3		
Total Hours	16	Total Hours	15

Second Year at Texas Woman's University

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
DRAM 2312 (<i>DRAM 1120</i>) Rehearsal and Production	2	DRAM 2312 (<i>DRAM 1120</i>) Rehearsal and Production	2
DRAM 2433 (<i>DRAM 1341</i>) Theatrical Makeup	3	DRAM 3423 Drafting	3
EDUC 2003 (<i>EDUC 1301</i>) Schools and Society	3	GOV 2023 (<i>GOVT 2306</i>) Texas Government	3
Language, Philosophy, & Culture Core	3	Life/Physical Science Core	3
GOV 2013 (<i>GOVT 2305</i>) U.S. National Government	3	EDUC 3003 Learning Theory and Develop	3
Life/Physical Science Core	3	Social/Behavioral Science Core	3
Total Hours	17	Total Hours	17

Third Year at Texas Woman's University

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
DRAM 3312 Rehearsal and Production	2	DRAM 3312 Rehearsal and Production	2
DRAM 3473 (<i>DRAM 2361</i>) Theatre Before 1715	3	DRAM 3483 (<i>DRAM 2362</i>) Theatre After 1715	3
READ 3013 Lit. across Curriculum	3	DRAM ELECTIVE	3
EDUC 3482 Teach diverse learner w/ technology	2	DRAM 3461 Stage Management	1
Multicultural Women's Studies CAO Core*	3	DRAM 3523 Directing	3
Related Studies: Foreign Language	3	Related Studies: Foreign Language	3
Total Hours	16	Total Hours	15

Summer	Hours
DRAM 4603 Summer Stock	3
Total Hours	3

Fourth Year at Texas Woman's University

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
DRAM 4403 or 4413 or 4423 Design	3	EUC 4236 Student Teaching	6
DRAM ELECTIVE	3		
EDUC 4243 Class Environ and Management	3		
EDUC 4113 Des & Imp of Inst. & Asmt	3		
Creative Arts Core	3		
Total Hours	15	Total Hours	6

Total hours for major courses: 42
Total hours for minor (if used) courses:
Total all hours for degree: 120

* Component Area Option Requirement
**Satisfies Global Perspectives

Texas Woman's University

Drama Program Master of Arts in Drama

Degree Forms and Information

MA Online/Hybrid Distance Learning Program Information

The TWU Master of Arts in Drama program is designed for Texas residents who must continue to work while they earn college credit.

At least 51% of the total institutional degree will be offered online with some courses presented in weekly evening sessions. Other courses will be a combination of a few class meetings (4-6) per semester plus online communication. Some courses will be completely online and, still others, through independent study with the faculty member.

Classes will be offered in the Redbud Theater Complex at the Denton campus and online. Our target demographic is the North Texas region and - as the degree program is not 100% online - it is not designed for out-of-region residents.

The TWU Master of Arts degree plan requires 36 credit hours for successful completion. The typical time frame is 2 years and the course rotation is set up to demonstrate that. Online students with busy work schedules should anticipate a longer time frame for completion. The courses indicated by * below are mandated; all others are electives.

Teaching Format

A combination of teaching methodologies will be employed including lecture, group discussions, reading, research, video viewing and practical application of knowledge to theater practice. Student-to-student interaction will be facilitated through online discussion activities and electronic communication tools. Student-to-instructor interaction will be supported through electronic communication tools and regular communications in the online environment. Faculty will be available through these communication mechanisms according to the information provided in each course syllabi.

Guidelines for Proposing the Graduate Professional Paper Project

Proposal needs to contain:

- A statement of purpose (wherein you will describe your approach and the study's impact and/or uniqueness)
- A description of the course of study (e.g. the principal texts, performances etc.).
- An assessment of required resources
- An accurate calendar of dates and deadlines for the project, including the project's major milestones, completion date, tentative defense date, and justification of deadlines
- A tentative graduate committee and a definite committee chair/project advisor.
- Proposal should be approved by the committee chair/project advisor before the start of the first part of the project (DRAM 5913.01 Independent Study, Project I)

All projects will involve a scholarly paper (of at least 45 pages, not including bibliography or appendices) written in one of two academic styles (MLA or Chicago). The paper must engage the intellectual and/or academic issues of the project as well as offer a critical, scholarly evaluation of the project's effectiveness.

The proposal should include the following items in the order as seen below (each section should be about one page):

1. Section 1 should give an introduction to the project, a statement of purpose as mentioned above. It should also list your expectations and learning outcomes for the project, i.e. what will you gain from this project.
2. Section 2 should contain the requirements of the student as well as the department for completion of the project (e.g. sets, costumes, budget, number of people, performance space, etc.). The requirements of the student should also outline their plan for the project including research, rehearsals, performances, workshops, interviews, etc.
3. Section 3 should outline the student's timeline for the project from day-one of research (enrolled in Project I) to the finished product and the defense, leaving time for revisions (enrolled in Professional Paper). Please note that it is the advisor's prerogative to accept/reject and/or edit the timeline of events and deadlines.

A sample thesis project proposal (adapted from an actual proposal) can be found on pg. 39

*Note: Consult the graduate school website deadlines for graduation and thesis project/defense completion. Professional papers must be turned in 1 ½ -2 weeks prior to the scheduled defense. The deadline for completion to ensure graduation (meaning the paper is defended, edited, with at least a week allotted for edits, and approved) is usually 4 -5 weeks prior to commencement.

TIP ASSIGNMENT FORM (DRAM 5521)

Name: _____ Semester: _____ Year: _____

Assigned Practicum Area: _____

Responsibilities: _____

Schedule of Work: _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Teacher of Record Signature _____

Date _____

Evaluation: _____

Music Event Attended: _____ Dance Event Attended: _____

TWU Theatre Attendance: _____ Art Openings Attended: _____

Major Meetings Attended: _____ Strikes Attended: _____

Weekend hours worked: _____

**TEXAS WOMAN’S UNIVERISTY – GRADUATE SCHOOL
MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAM**

Miss, Ms., Mrs., Mr. _____ TWU ID _____
Home Address _____
Denton Address _____ Phone _____
Degree Held _____ Institution conferring degree _____ Date _____
Bachelor’s degree: Major _____ Hrs. _____ Minor _____ Hrs. _____
Date of Admission to _____ Date _____
Graduate School _____ Conditions _____ Cleared _____
Undergraduate _____ Date _____
Deficiencies _____ Cleared _____
Master’s Degree _____ Date of expected _____
To be earned _____ Major _____ Minor _____ Graduation _____

PROGRAM FOR THE MASTER’S DEGREE List TOTAL degree program – 36 semester hours (22 core, 14 elective) - with dates completed or planned and grades for those completed. Indicate mandatory courses with an asterisk.

A. List approved courses from other institutions by title and course number. The institution’s name should be specified. **Sem. Hrs.** **Date Completed** **Grade**

B. Courses at TWU. Indicate course number and title.		Sem. Hrs.	Date Completed	Grade
DRAM 5433	Contemporary Theatre			
DRAM 5473	Dramatic Criticism and Play Analysis			
DRAM 5483	Theatre History I			
DRAM 5493	Theatre History II			
DRAM 5521	Theatre in Performance (4 units)			
DRAM 5913	Individual Study (Project I)			
DRAM 5973	Professional Paper (Project II)			

Examinations: Write NR if not required, otherwise, note clearance.
Approval for: GRE/NTE _____ Foreign Language _____ Comprehensive Exam _____
Advisory Committee _____
Approved: Major Professor _____ Date _____
Chair of Major Dept. _____ Date _____

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

Graduate Student Check List

Individual Graduation Check List for _____
Student's name

Anticipated Date of Graduation _____

Final Deadline for Submitting Materials to Graduate Office _____
(See current Calendar of Deadlines.)

<u>Requirements</u>	<u>Date</u>
1. Application for Graduation filed in Registrar's Office	_____
2. Completion of all requirements listed in approved degree program on file at the Graduate School	_____
3. Compliance with Human Subjects Review, Animal Research, or Agency Approval (if required) for research	_____
4. Prospectus approval letter from the Dean of the Graduate School (for dissertation or thesis ONLY)	_____
5. Certification of Final Examination filed in the Graduate School	_____
6. Copy of Professional Paper's Title Page filed in the Graduate School, if appropriate.	_____
7. Commencement Data Form filed in the Graduate School	_____
8. All required copies of dissertation/thesis filed in the Graduate School, if appropriate	_____
9. Microfilm/Copyright form and Survey of Earned Doctorate filed in the Graduate School, if appropriate	_____
10. All graduation fees paid	_____

Master of Arts Degree Plan and Required Graduate Forms/Check List

The Master of Arts Degree Plan form must be completed by the student in consultation with her/his professional project advisor. It maps the course of study during a student's graduate education.

A Graduation Check List is found in this handbook.

All graduate students, during their final semester, must have on file in the Graduate School:

- Application for Graduation (submitted to the Registrar's Office by the deadline specified in the Calendar of Deadlines)
- Unconditional Admission Status
- Approved Degree Plan
- Removal of any grades of Incomplete
- Changes in degree program, if necessary
- Official transcript of any transfer credit
- Certification of Final Exam, with appropriate signatures
- Commencement Data Sheet, with all information completed
- Master's students who are completing a Professional Paper/Project must also have a copy of their title page on file

Graduation Packets, which include all the required forms listed above, may be obtained in the Graduate School, ACT 13.

Graduate Student
Date

Proposal for Music Director Thesis Project

Music is something that has been a part of me since birth and will never stop being a part of my life. Although I have studied theatre academically, technically I have studied music just as intensely and with just as much passion as theatre, granted my musical training hasn't always been as formal as my theatrical training. I feel extremely lucky to be able to call myself a musician as well as a thespian, and through my time at Texas Woman's University I've realized that I need to bring the two together to truly be happy with my profession. This is why I feel taking on the role of music director for *The Last Five Years* is the perfect thesis project for me. It is the most challenging music I have ever had to sing and perform and now teach. The style of this piece is new, almost a pop-rock opera, which makes it different from anything I have ever participated in as a fully realized production. I assisted the music director for *The Robber Bridegroom*, and then took on a little bigger project as the music director for *Miss Nelson is Missing*, and now I'm ready for an even greater challenge. Through teaching voice lessons and taking on the role of music director this past year, I have found my niche. Even though I love being on stage, nothing is more rewarding to me than sitting behind a piano and plunking out notes, adding musicality, fine tuning, setting tempos, and yes, even conducting an orchestra.

For this thesis project I will complete a research and preparation, rehearsal, and performance process that will provide the materials and information necessary for my professional paper. Through this process I will be able to define the role of a musical director and their responsibilities from the view of the music director as well as the director of the production; I will be able to articulate the importance of and technique for healthy singing as an advocate for actor's voice; and I will discuss the history and style of the composer Jason Robert Brown. All of these things combined are crucial to the musical success of this production. Through the rehearsal and performance process I will be able to make my own "do's and don'ts" of musical directing by assessing the professional relationships and dealings with the director, actors, and musicians. I will also outline my expectations for the project and then create a comparison to the actual events of the process. After the production I will evaluate all of my work and express what I would have done differently or what I wish I would have known going into the process. I would also like to assess the difference in having a musical director with a theatre background as compared to one with a musical background who happens to enjoy participating in a few theatre gigs. I want to know what I bring to the table in comparison to most music directors, which will be extremely beneficial to me when seeking employment. In terms of what this project will do for me long-term, after all is said and done and I have a few more projects completed as a music director I would like this thesis project to contribute to a large portion of a book I am hoping to compile for those taking on the role of music director whether they come from the music or theatre world.

As for the requirements for this project, the majority of them come from me with few responsibilities from the department. The rehearsal hall will be a perfect venue for this show for two reasons: first, the acoustics of the room are wonderful, but might be slightly altered with use of the black curtains, and second because it is an intimate space and the performance should be a personal and intimate experience for the audience. What Jason Robert Brown is trying to express through the music in this show is so personal (it was based on his marriage), that the seriousness of what we're expressing cannot be underestimated or taken lightly. The largest contribution the department will be responsible for is payment for the musicians. That can be quite a financial burden but there are so many resources in Denton and we should be able to stretch our money to pay a pianist, violinist, and possibly a cellist. I feel strongly about the need for at least two, if not three musicians in order to achieve the sound and style of Jason Robert Brown's music. Also, two to three instruments will give me a greater challenge since I've only worked with two instruments on a much smaller scale in comparison to this project. Working with these instruments will push me as a musician in multiple ways: it will push me to use my "good ear", to

more efficiently judge the correct balance between the instruments and the actors, and also to achieve the distinct qualities in Jason Robert Brown's music. I know we will be able to find two or three able and talented musicians that we can afford to pay, especially since we can bring them in a little later in the process.

As for my role as the music director, the following are the responsibilities I foresee in this project. Before rehearsals start I will need to research the history of this show, the actors that originated the roles, and their training. The next step will be to discuss with the director her vision for the show, ideas on the characters, and her expectations for me. I will also interview and converse with music directors/vocal coaches and directors to create a compilation of the "do's and don'ts" of a music director as well as expectations. I have a lot of resources with a wealth of knowledge and good advice and hopefully one-day, with their permission, I can use their advice for the book in which this paper will largely contribute.

I will also study the proper techniques and importance of a "mixed-belt" and creating a healthy contemporary sound. Study for that will include a review of anatomy of the vocal chords (it's been a few years since my undergraduate music courses) and watch videos and listen to the sounds of proper and improper usage; that's something really important for musicians and singers to update and remind themselves of frequently. Part of this study will come from interviews with my voice teacher who is an expert on the "mixed-belt" as well as other voice teachers I have worked with that have taught this technique to many musical theatre students who are now working performers all over the country. It will also be important for me to compile a list of healthy habits and exercises to achieve the "mixed-belt" that I can use with the actors to successfully create the appropriate vocal quality, especially for the female actor, and to ensure that they will not damage their vocal chords in any way during this vocally demanding show.

Finally, before rehearsals begin I will have learned all the music. This will require listening to the original cast recording thousands of times. This is the best method for me because I learn music best through repetitious listening and, simply put, imitation. I can sit at a piano and read music but it is most helpful to look at the song as a whole first, and then look at the music note-by-note, measure-by-measure. I will practice playing the piano score everyday so my piano skills will suffice for rehearsals. The last task will be to mark the correct places to breathe, proper phrasing of the lyrics, dynamics for the actors and musicians, and set and annotate the tempos that the director and I prefer.

My timeline/plan gives me a lot of necessary time to spend with the music. I would like to have the research completed by the week before Thanksgiving but could be stretched to the week of Thanksgiving break. After the break I would take the next week to finalize my compilation of research in a collage form and be prepared to present to my advisor the last week of classes. I would like to take the Christmas break to finalize all of my markings in the score and present it to the advisor when the spring semester commences.

I will have to confer with the director more but I know for the production timeline she would like a pianist hired just for the auditions which will take place in November. The auditions are so early to ensure that the actors spend as much time as possible with the music. The female character has nine songs and the male has seven and they're all at least five minutes long and vocally challenging. These songs will take a lot of good technique and energy, especially since they barely get to rest their voices during a performance.

After the Christmas break we will begin rehearsals six weeks out from opening (last week in January) with just music rehearsals for the first week at least. The director and I have already confirmed that we're only scheduling rehearsals every other day to ensure their voices stay healthy. The next step for us will be adding in the pianist and I cannot give that a specific time without knowing the budget and how much the pianist will charge. However, I will have to meet separately with the pianist and other musicians about three weeks from opening to make sure I can focus on bringing together the musicians and actors during tech week. The deadline I've set for hiring musicians is the end of the Christmas break since the musicians also need a lot of time to learn the music. By week before opening (tech week) I should be able to conduct the orchestra and give notes to the actors without having stop and correct.

During the Christmas break and the rehearsal process I plan to write the research portion of my forty-five-page paper. For further research and resources, I will also keep a journal and take notes of the rehearsals; how the actor's voices are holding up, unexpected outcomes, etc. When the project is completed I will be able to use that journal and focus on writing on things I learned, what I would've possibly changed, and what I wish I would've known before the process. I should be able to finish writing the second or third week of March and have my defense in April with a week for revisions.

I'm confident that my goals, expectations, and timeline are attainable, will be achieved, and that this thesis project will assist me in my long-term career goals. This timeline even gives me the opportunity to get ahead if I choose, and allows for some flexibility if I get a little behind, or if unforeseeable events occur. Both the director and I are very organized and have very high expectations for our project. I know that we can rise to those expectations and exceed them. More than anything, I'm so pleased that all of these years of hard work and dedication have led me to this project. Using music and theatre to share an intimate and touching story with others is the best way to realize all of my formal education and training, coming full circle as I bring my academic phase of life to a close.

(On a separate page)

Thesis Project Calendar of Deadlines

‘The Last Five Years’

Sept.-Nov 22nd → Research portion/outline expectations

Nov. 23rd-Dec.5th → Putting research together for presentation to advisor

Nov. 26th-Dec.7th → Auditions for Spring 2013 (role of Jamie)

Dec. 6th-14th→ Present research to advisor

Christmas Break→ Mark music and begin writing process, finalized musicians

Jan.-14th-18th → Present music score to advisor

Jan. 21st-Mar.9th → Rehearsal/Performance process/journals/paper writing

- Jan. 21st-Feb.2nd → Music rehearsals only
- Feb. 18th → Begin extra work with musicians

Mar.7th – 9th → Performances

Mar. 7th – Mar. 17th → Edit/ finalize paper

Mar. 18th → turn in paper

March 28th -April 2nd → Defend

April 2nd- April 9th → Edits and approval

April 10th – April 12th (deadline) → Acquire signatures and turn in to graduate school