Degree Requirements

The Department of Drama, Undergraduate at Tisch School of the Arts offers a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Theatre. Candidates for the bachelor's degree must fulfill the following requirements:

1. A minimum of 48 credits of Professional Training
2. A minimum of 28 credits of Theatre Studies
3. A minimum of 32 credits of General Education
4. A minimum of 20 credits of Electives

Students should finish with enough credits in Professional Training, Theatre Studies, General Education and Electives to total 128 credits.

1. Professional Training (minimum of 48 credits):
   - **Primary Studio Training**: Complete 4 sequential semesters (32 credits) in the same studio. This is known as the “4-in-1 requirement”. Students must earn a grade of “C” or better to receive Primary Training credit.
   - **Additional Professional Training**: Complete 16 credits of additional professional training. Additional Professional Training includes Advanced Studios and Internships and is sometimes available at Study Abroad sites. Students must earn a grade of “C” or better to receive Additional Professional Training Credit.

2. Theatre Studies (minimum of 28 credits):
   - There are two required introductory courses: **Intro to Theatre Studies (ITS)** for 4 credits and **Intro to Theatre Production (ITP)** for 4 credits. Transfer students are not required to take ITP but must make up the credits with another theatre studies class. Students must earn a grade of “C” or better to receive theatre studies credit for either of these courses. Students who fail ITS must retake the course in the next possible semester and in each subsequent semester until they pass the course. Students who fail ITP do not need to retake the course but must make up the credits with another theatre studies class. Students who pass ITS and/or ITP with a grade of “C-” or “D” do not need to retake either course but must make up the credits with another theatre studies class.
   - Students must also take 20 credits (5 courses) of **Advanced Theatre Studies** in courses offered only by the Department of Drama. At least 8 of these credits (2 courses) must be Group C. The classes will be labeled B or C every semester in the Department of Drama course listings. Students must earn a grade of “C” or better to receive Theatre Studies credit. A grade of “C-” or “D” will count as Elective credit. Students who complete the requirements for a declared double major may graduate with only 24 credits of theatre studies, which include ITS, ITP and 8 credits of Theatre Studies C.
The Department of Drama accepts up to 8 credits of Theatre Studies transfer credit toward the theatre studies requirement, provided that the courses are comparable to courses offered in the Department of Drama.

3. General Education Requirement (minimum of 32 credits):

- **Expository Writing** (through TSOA’s Department of Art and Public Policy): 8 credits required for Freshmen; 4 credits for Transfer students. *See “Expository Writing” for full policy.
- **Humanities**: Two courses for a total of 8 credits from one or more of these areas: Art History, Classics, Comparative Literature, East Asian Studies, English (except Dramatic Literature), European Studies, French*, German*, Hellenic Studies, Irish Studies, Italian*, Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Music (history not theory), Philosophy, Portuguese*, Russian and Slavic Studies*, Spanish*, or other areas as defined in the General Education Guide for NYU Tisch Drama Students. *See “Foreign Language Policy” on how to receive Humanities credit.
- **Sciences**: Two courses for a total of 8 credits from one or more of these areas: Animal Studies, Anthropology, Biology, Chemistry, Child & Adolescent Mental Health Studies, Computer Science, Economics, Environmental Studies, Journalism (history or theory, not skills), Law and Society, Linguistics, Mathematics, Neural Science, Physics, Politics, Psychology, Sociology, or other areas as defined in the General Education Guide for NYU Tisch Drama Students.
- **Balance of Liberal Arts**: Additional credits of Humanities and/or Science to reach the minimum General Education requirement of 32 credits.

4. Electives (20 credits):

- Any NYU course can count as an Elective except those offered through the School of Continuing and Professional Studies (SCPS)

Students must complete a total of 128 credits to graduate.