

STAGE DESIGN MFA

Degree Requirements

The following requirements are in addition to, or further elaborate upon, those requirements outlined in The Graduate School Policy Guide (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/>).

Master's

Total Units Required: 33

Course	Title
THEATRE 312-0	Text Analysis
THEATRE 321-1	Advanced Design Process: Scene
THEATRE 321-2	Advanced Design Process: Costume
THEATRE 321-3	Advanced Design Process: Lighting
THEATRE 325-1	Drawing and Painting for the Theatre: Graphic Arts for the Stage Designer
THEATRE 325-2	Drawing and Painting for the Theatre: Rendering the Theatrical Space
THEATRE 325-4	Drawing & Painting for the Theatre: Drafting
THEATRE 326-1	Drawing and Painting for the Theatre: Freehand Drawing
THEATRE 326-2	Drawing and Painting for the Theatre: The Figure in Space
THEATRE 328-1	Period Pattern Drafting and Draping
THEATRE 329-0	Computer Graphics for the Theatre Artist
THEATRE 420-1	Collaboration: American Realism
THEATRE 420-2	Collaboration: Contemporary Drama
THEATRE 420-3	Collaboration: Shakespeare in the 21st Century
THEATRE 462-1	Advanced Studies in Lighting Design
THEATRE 462-2	Advanced Studies in Lighting Design
THEATRE 462-3	Advanced Studies in Lighting Design
THEATRE 463-1	Advanced Studies in Scenic Design
THEATRE 463-2	Advanced Studies in Scenic Design
THEATRE 463-3	Advanced Studies in Scenic Design
THEATRE 464-1	Advanced Studies in Costume Design
THEATRE 464-2	Advanced Studies in Costume Design
THEATRE 464-3	Advanced Studies in Costume Design
THEATRE 450-0	Topics in Stage Design (primary field)
Theatre Special Topics: Design Theory	
THEATRE 590-0	Research
THEATRE 324-0	Scene Painting
Electives	
THEATRE 328-2	Period Pattern Drafting and Draping
THEATRE 328-3	Period Pattern Drafting and Draping
THEATRE 499-0	Independent Study
Additional electives chosen from available offerings in Schools of Speech and Music, and Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences	

(In the third year, 1-3 units may be replaced with THEATRE 380-0 Special Topics in Playwriting with permission of the MFA faculty.)

Other MFA in Stage Design Degree Requirements

- **Examinations:** assembly of yearly design portfolio for evaluation by faculty
- **Research/Projects:** produced and theoretical design projects assigned by faculty

- **Master of Fine Arts Thesis:** thesis portfolio demonstrating mastery of full range of graphic and conceptual skills pertaining to major area(s) of concentration and mastery of fundamental skills in secondary area(s)
- **Other:** defense of thesis portfolio