

# INTERDISCIPLINARY PHD IN THEATRE AND DRAMA (IPTD)

## 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/>).

### PhD (For students starting in Fall 2023 or later)

*(Students starting in Fall 2022 have the choice of adhering to the new or former core course requirements)*

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### Coursework Requirements

**Total Units Required: 18**

Course	Title
<b>Required Core Courses (6 units)</b>	
TH&DRAMA 501-0	Doctoral Studies in Theatre & Drama (Research Methods and Methodologies)
TH&DRAMA 502-0	Topics in Theatre (Research Design and Prospectus)
<i>At least four 400-level or 500-level course in areas below: *</i>	
Three classes in theatre/dance/performance history and theory with geographical and temporal breadth (at least one of which must focus on pre-1920)	
One class in arts practice, pedagogy, or public humanities	
<b>Electives (12 units)</b>	

### PhD (For students starting in Fall 2021 or earlier)

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<i>At least one 400-level or 500-level course in each area below: *</i>	
European theatre and drama prior to 1650	
European theatre and drama after 1650	
Performance theory	
Theatre and drama of the Americas, Africa, or Asia	
<b>Electives (12 units)</b>	

\* Courses satisfying these requirements must have prior approval of the program director.

### Other PhD Degree Requirements

- **Examinations:** late in second year or early in third year, qualifying examination for admission to candidacy consisting of three three-hour written sections followed by one two-hour oral examination; examination materials focus on reading lists identifying (usually) three examination fields approved by the student's dissertation committee and the IPTD Executive Committee
- **PhD Dissertation:** written dissertation and oral defense
- **Other:** at the beginning and end of the academic year the student submits a statement of current progress and goals on GSTS, which is added to the student's program record; the Executive Committee reviews these statements each year and makes recommendations to program director and in written statements to student