

PHS Theatre Courses - Student Pathway

Grade 9

Theatre
MYP Arts Level 4
Open to IB and non-IB students
Prereq: None

Grade 10

Advanced Acting & Production
MYP Arts Level 5
FRCC THEA 111 - Concurrent Enrollment
Open to IB and non-IB students
Prereq: Theatre or Teacher Permission
Note: Starting in 2020, students have taken or be enrolled in this course to attend the CO Thespian Conference

Technical Theatre Certification
Prereq: None
Can be taken multiple times

Grade 11

IB HL Theatre-Year 1
(Prep Year)
Open to IB and non-IB students
Prereq: None

Theatre Foundations
FRCC Thea 105 - Concurrent Enrollment
Prereq: FRCC Admission

Grade 12

IB HL Theatre-Year 2
(Exam Year)
Open to IB and non-IB students
Prereq: IB DP Theatre Year 1

IB SL Theatre
Open to IB and non-IB students
Prereq: Seniors only or teacher permission

Capstone
(9-12)

Music Theatre Production
FRCC THEA 131 - Concurrent Enrollment
Can be taken multiple times
Prereq: Must be participating in fall musical production

Theatre Practicum
FRCC THEA 132 - Concurrent Enrollment
Can be taken multiple times
Prereq: Must be participating in spring theatre production

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Frequently Asked Questions

Do I get credit for being in a production at Poudre?

Students in the Fall Musical will be enrolled in Music Theatre Production and will get a semester of elective credit for being a part of the production. Students in one of the spring shows will be enrolled in Theatre Practicum and will receive a quarter of elective credit for each production. Students can register to receive free college credit for all production courses!

Do I have to be in IB to take MYP/IB Theatre courses?

All theatre courses are open to all students, IB or not. At the MYP level, there are no additional requirements for MYP students in theatre classes, nor are there any modified expectations for non-IB students. Everyone takes the same course. For the Diploma Level classes, non-IB Course Candidates still create the IB assessments (fees required), and are scored by IB, but these scores are applied to the student's class grade, rather than for the IB diploma requirements. Many non-IB students over the years have thrived in the DP class.

What is a Capstone?

The capstone is an application of skills, knowledge, and competencies learned during the course of study at PHS. This is often a "final project" that shows all you have learned over 4 years of high school. In Theatre, the capstone involves a collection of production experiences, plus a final reflection paper. Students may take the Capstone courses at any grade level, and as often as they like. Completion of the Capstone will be recognized by the program, school and district.

How does the Drama Club fit in?

The Poudre Theatre program has three components, comprised of our course offerings, our productions, and our club. Each part of the program compliments and supports the others. Students are not required to participate in the club, but often what the club is doing provides assistance to students in classes or involved in productions. Drama Club is also the home of our International Thespian Society troupe, which offers trips, scholarships, performance opportunities, and other perks to active members.

How do Concurrent Enrollment classes work?

Students have the option of taking several theatre courses for college credit. In order to get that free credit, students must take the Accuplacer to be admitted to FRCC (see your counselor for details and deadlines). The classes themselves are college-level courses; they require quite a bit of reading and writing, but there is no additional cost for the credits earned. Over 4 years, students can earn over 24 free college credits in theatre!

Can I take any of these courses more than once?

You can take Theatre Practicum or Music Theatre Production as many times as you want. The only prerequisite is that you must be involved in the current production. Students may repeat Technical Theatre Certification as often as they like.

I am going to be a senior, and I want to take IB Diploma Level Theatre, but I did not do the first year as a junior. What can I do?

We are now offering a one-year SL for seniors who are interested in the course but did not do the first year. See Mr. Smith for more information. We still recommend students do the full two-year course.

What graduation requirements are satisfied by Theatre classes?

Theatre classes satisfy a wide range of requirements, from Fine & Applied Arts to Humanities to English/ Language Arts. Check the course catalog and talk with your counselor and/or Mr. Smith to determine what courses will satisfy what requirements for graduation and/or college admission.

Coming Soon: CTE Certification for Technical Theatre!