

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY  
(Final; Information)

EP.25.104 Report of Changes in Temporary Admission Status through April 28, 2025

Listed below are changes in temporary suspensions to admissions status (including adding, removing, or extending such an extension) reported at the April 14, 2025 meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy. Additional information for each proposal is attached.

**A. Graduate Program**

- 1) **Temporary Suspension of Admission to the Concentration in Acting in the Master of Fine Arts in Theatre in the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College** – The acting concentration regularly admits a cohort of students every three years. The next cycle was to be entry for the 2025-2026 academic year. Instead, a temporary suspension is requested to allow for one year of curricular revisions with no active students. The current cohort of students (8) are all graduating in May 2025. Therefore, no students will be enrolled in the concentration for the 2025-2026 academic year while the curricular revisions are determined and submitted for approval. The next cohort of students in the acting concentration will apply to begin in the 2026-2027 academic year.



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**Report to the Senate Educational Policy Committee  
of a Temporary Suspension of Admission  
of a Degree, Major, Concentration, or Minor**

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

1. Official Program Name (*Example: Business Administration, MS*):  
MFA Theatre: Acting concentration
2. What is the anticipated duration of the suspension of admission?  
*Be specific – list in semesters or years.*  
One academic year for 2025-2026
3. What governance process was used to make this decision?  
The acting faculty met and discussed revising the curriculum after this current MFA class graduates. This will give them a year to do that. Then, it was presented to the Department of Theatre as a whole and approved.
4. Have students been accepted, but have not yet matriculated into the program?  
*No*
5. How many students are currently enrolled in the program?  
*8 (They all graduate in May 2025)*
6. Are there plans to direct prospective students to a different program during the suspension period? *No*
7. Indicate any advising or other impact on continuing students in the suspended program: No current students will be impacted as we only take a cohort every three years and the current cohort graduates in May 2025.
8. How will you ensure that current students in the suspended program will be able to continue their degree progress? No current students will be impacted as we only take a cohort every three years and the current cohort graduates in May 2025.

## INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

9. Does this suspension affect any other units on campus? No
10. Does this suspension affect any other units on campus? No
11. Does this suspension affect students outside of the unit? No
12. Catalog Page Text: *The text below will appear on the Academic Catalog page for the program unless the sponsoring unit needs alternative text. If that is the case, provide the text below.*

**The M.F.A. Acting program accepts applications every three years; the next academic years in which applications will be accepted are 2025-26 for Fall 2026 admission.**

# Program Change Request

Date Submitted: 01/27/25 12:49 pm

Viewing: **10KS0272MFA : Theatre: Acting, MFA**

Last approved: 01/14/21 3:27 pm

Last edit: 04/18/25 12:46 pm

Changes proposed by: Nicole Turner

Theatre: Acting Concentration, MFA

Catalog Pages Using  
this Program

Proposal Type:  
Concentration (ex. Dietetics)

This proposal is for  
a:  
Revision

## In Workflow

- 1. U Program Review
- 2. 1883-THEAT  
Committee Chair
- 3. 1883-THEAT Head
- 4. KR Dean
- 5. University Librarian
- 6. Grad\_College
- 7. COTE Programs
- 8. Provost
- 9. Senate EPC
- 10. Senate
- 11. DMI

## Approval Path

- 1. 02/06/25 1:42 pm  
Donna Butler  
(dbutler): Approved  
for U Program  
Review
- 2. 02/07/25 9:39 pm  
Jeffrey Jenkins (jej):  
Approved for 1883-  
THEAT Committee  
Chair
- 3. 03/27/25 3:29 pm  
Valleri Robinson  
(valleri2): Approved  
for 1883-THEAT  
Head
- 4. 04/04/25 11:56 am  
Nicole Turner  
(nicturn): Approved  
for KR Dean
- 5. 04/04/25 6:21 pm  
Tom Teper (tteper):  
Approved for

- University Librarian
6. 04/09/25 10:01 am  
Allison McKinney  
(agrindly): Approved  
for Grad\_College
7. 04/09/25 11:49 am  
Suzanne Lee  
(suzannel):  
Approved for COTE  
Programs
8. 04/10/25 8:01 am  
Brooke Newell  
(bsnewell):  
Approved for  
Provost

## History

1. Aug 1, 2019 by Deb  
Forgacs (dforgacs)
2. Jan 14, 2021 by Deb  
Forgacs (dforgacs)

## Administration Details

Official Program Name	Theatre: Acting, MFA		
Diploma Title			
Sponsor College	Fine & Applied Arts		
Sponsor Department	Theatre		
Sponsor Name	<a href="#"><u>Jeffrey Jenkins</u></a>		
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College Contact	<a href="#"><u>Nicole Turner</u></a>	College Contact Email	
	<a href="#"><u>nicturn@illinois.edu</u></a>		
College Budget Officer	<a href="#"><u>Greg Anderson</u></a>		

College Budget

[gnanders@illinois.edu](mailto:gnanders@illinois.edu)

Officer Email

If additional stakeholders other than the Sponsor and College Contacts listed above should be contacted if questions during the review process arise, please list them here.

Does this program have inter-departmental administration?

No

### Effective Catalog Term

Effective Catalog Term      Fall 2025

Effective Catalog      2025-2026

### Proposal Title

Proposal Title (either Establish/Revise/Eliminate the Degree Name in Program Name in the College of XXXX, i.e., Establish the Bachelor of Science in Entomology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, include the Graduate College for Grad Programs)

Temporary Suspension of Admission to the Concentration in Acting in the Master of Fine Arts in Theatre in the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College

Does this proposal have any related proposals that will also be revised at this time and the programs depend on each other? Consider Majors, Minors, Concentrations & Joint Programs in your department. Please know that this information is used administratively to move related proposals through workflow efficiently and together as needed. Format your response like the following "This BS proposal (key 567) is related to the Concentration A proposal (key 145)"

### Program Justification

Provide a brief description, using a numbered item list, of the proposed changes to the program.

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Did the program content change 25% or more in relation to the total credit hours, since the most recent university accreditation visit? See the italicized text below for more details.

No

Provide the reasoning for why each change was necessary, using a corresponding numbered item list as it relates to the brief description numbered list above.

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## Instructional Resources

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Will there be any reduction in other course offerings, programs or concentrations by your department as a result of this new program/proposed change?

No

Does this new program/proposed change result in the replacement of another program?

No

Does the program include other courses/subjects outside of the sponsoring department impacted by the creation/revision of this program? If Yes is selected, indicate the appropriate courses and attach the letter of support/acknowledgement.

No

## Program Features

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Academic Level      Graduate

Is this program part of an ISBE approved licensure program?

No

Will specialized accreditation be sought for this program?

No

Additional concentration notes (e.g., estimated enrollment, advising plans, etc.)

Does this program prepare graduates for entry into a career or profession that is regulated by the State of Illinois?

No

# Program of Study

Revised programs      [Report of Temp Suspension of Admission Theatre 2025-2026.docx](#)

## Catalog Page Text - Overview Tab

Catalog Page Overview Text

Statement for  
Programs of Study  
Catalog

Acting	48
Theatre History	4
Departmental approved electives	20
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>72</b>

### Program Relationships

Corresponding  
Program(s):

Corresponding Program(s)
Theatre, MFA

## Program Regulation and Assessment

### Plan to Assess and Improve Student Learning

*Illinois Administrative Code: 1050.30(b)(1)(D) Provision is made for guidance and counseling of students, evaluations of student performance, continuous monitoring of progress of students toward their degree objectives and appropriate academic record keeping.*

Are the learning outcomes for the program listed in the Academic Catalog?

Yes



## Student Learning Outcomes

By the end of the program, students will be able to:

Analyze, prepare, and rehearse dramatic material and to collaboratively engage in performance of works for the stage.

Speak clearly and expressively in communication of dramatic material and to develop practices of healthy voice and speech preparation.

Demonstrate acquisition of expressive movement skills, including stage combat techniques, and development of sustainable physical practices of performance.

Understand the expectations of auditioning for and working in professional live and screen performance.

Demonstrate an ability for instruction in acting and performance-related courses, including voice, speech, and movement.

Did you make any revisions to the learning outcomes you copied and pasted from the current academic catalog?

No

Describe how, when, and where these learning outcomes will be assessed.

Describe here:

Identify faculty expectations for students' achievement of each of the stated student learning outcomes. What score, rating, or level of expertise will signify that students have met each outcome? Provide rating rubrics as necessary.

Explain the process that will be implemented to ensure that assessment results are used to improve student learning.

Program

Description and

Requirements

Attach Documents

### Delivery Method

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This program is  
available:

On Campus - Students are required to be on campus, they may take some online courses.

### Enrollment

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Describe how this revision or phase down/elimination will impact enrollment and degrees awarded. If this is an elimination/phase down proposal include the plans for the students left in the program.

All current students in the concentration will graduate in May 2025. No current students will be enrolled nor admitted students accepted for the 2025-2026 academic year. This will delay the acting cohort of three-year increments by one year, with a new cohort entering for fall 2026.

## Budget

Are there budgetary implications for this revision? No

Will the program or revision require staffing (faculty, advisors, etc.) beyond what is currently available? No

Additional Budget Information

Attach File(s)

## Financial Resources

How does the unit intend to financially support this proposal?

Will the unit need to seek campus or other external resources?

No

Attach letters of support

Is this program requesting self-supporting status? No

## Faculty Resources

Please address the impact on faculty resources including any changes in numbers of faculty, class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratios, etc.

Acting faculty at the graduate level will focus on a full curricular revision and continue their workload with undergraduate students.

Library Resources

Describe your proposal's impact on the University Library's resources, collections, and services. If necessary please consult with the appropriate disciplinary specialist within the University Library.

Library resources, collections, and services are sufficient to meet the needs of the program outlined in this proposal.

EP Documentation

EP Control Number     EP.25.104

Attach Rollback/  
Approval Notices

Non-EP Documentation

U Program Review  
Comments

Rollback  
Documentation and  
Attachment

DMI Documentation

Attach Final  
Approval Notices

Banner/Codebook  
Name

MFA:Theatre (MFA-Acting) -UIUC

Program Code:            10KS0272MFA

Minor	Conc	0272	Degree	
Code	Code		Code	Major
				Code
0162				

Senate Approval  
Date

Senate Conference

Approval Date

BOT Approval Date

IBHE Approval Date

HLC Approval Date

DOE Approval Date

Effective Date:

Program Reviewer      **Allison McKinney (agrindly) (04/09/25 10:01 am):** Administratively approved.  
Comments