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

EP.27.072 Report of Changes in Temporary Admission Status Through November 9, 2026

Listed below are changes in temporary suspensions to admissions status (including adding, removing, or extending such an extension) reported at the November 2, 2026 meeting of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EP). Additional information for each proposal is attached.

A. Graduate Programs

1. **Reactivate admission to the Master of Arts in Theatre in the College of Fine Arts and the Graduate College (key 60)** - Removing temporary suspension to allow for fall 2027 applications. The Department of Theatre, with approval of the Department Head and Dean of the College, is ready to remove the temporary suspension for Fall 2027 applicants to the MA. Following the one-year pause, the department is prepared to resume admissions to the MA in Theatre as the temporary measure has provided time for the large cohort of current students to make progress toward degree completion. Reinstating admissions will allow the program to continue serving students while maintaining a focus on timely degree progress and high-quality graduate education. The suspension was intended to be for one year and the unit plans to have the MA available on the graduate application again for Fall 2027. To update the academic catalog with this information and open up the graduate application, the removal is submitted for fall 2027. The PhD in Theatre (key 59) will continue to have its temporary suspension and this will be reexamined in Spring 2027.

10KS0162MA: THEATRE, MA

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History

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Changes proposed by: Nicole Turner

Proposal Type:

Major (ex. Special Education)

This proposal is for a:

Revision

Administration Details

Official Program Name

Theatre, MA

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Fine & Applied Arts

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Theatre

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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

Catalog Term

Desired Effective Catalog Term

Fall 2027

Effective Catalog

2027-2028

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)

Reactivate admission to the Master of Arts in Theatre in the College of Fine Arts and the Graduate College

Are there other related proposals that should be considered simultaneously with this one? If yes, please list the program keys and/or titles. 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.

Provide a list of numbered items of what changed and why each change was necessary.

Removing temporary suspension to allow for fall 2027 applications. The Department of Theatre, with approval of the Department Head and Dean of the College, is ready to remove the temporary suspension for Fall 2027 applicants to the MA. Following the one-year pause, the department is prepared to resume admissions to the MA in Theatre as the temporary measure has provided time for the large cohort of current students to make progress toward degree completion. Reinstating admissions will allow the program to continue serving students while maintaining a focus on timely degree progress and high-quality graduate education. The suspension was intended to be for one year and the unit plans to have the MA available on the graduate application again for Fall 2027. To update the academic catalog with this information and open up the graduate application, the removal is submitted for fall 2027.
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Instructional Resources

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?

No

Program Features

Academic Level

Graduate

Does this major have transcripted concentrations?

No

What is the longest/maximum time to completion of this program?

2 years

What are the minimum Total Credit Hours required for this program?

32

What is the required GPA?

3.0

CIP Code

500501 - Drama and Dramatics/Theatre Arts, General.

SOC Code(s) (Should be completed only for Certificates:)

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

Statement for Programs of Study Catalog

Thesis Option

Code	Title	Hours
Theatre history, literature, and theory to be selected from departmental list		20
Applied theatre		4
THEA 599	Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree)	0 min
Total Hours		**32**

Other Requirements

Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
At least two semesters in residence	
Final comprehensive examination	
Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall:	12
Minimum GPA:	3.0

Non-Thesis Option

Code	Title	Hours
Theatre history, literature, and theory to be selected from departmental list		20
Applied theatre		4
Electives		8
Total Hours		**32**

Other Requirements

Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
At least two semesters in residence	
Final comprehensive examination	
Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall:	12
Minimum GPA:	3.0

Corresponding Degree

MA Master of Arts

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

Demonstrates a broad knowledge of theatre and performance history, theory, and practice in specific contexts.
Shows an ability to apply a range of contemporary analytical and research methods in critical writing, dramaturgy, and creative research.
Understands and successfully applies contemporary practices in dramaturgy, directing/devising, playwriting, and/or new play development.
Demonstrates an ability to undertake, design, and complete independent research projects.

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

No

Program Description and Requirements Attach Documents

Delivery Method

This program is available:

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

Admission Requirements

Is this revision a change to the admission status of the program?

Yes

Please describe the admission status change, whether suspension or resumption of the admission status:

We are requesting the removal of a temporary suspension of of admissions to this program. The Graduate College will open the FA27 application for the program. ~~No students will be admitted for AY 2026-2027.The plan is for a one year temporary suspension of admission, with no recruitment during AY 2025-2026.It is estimated that in August 2026, a removal of the temporary suspension will be submitted so that recruitment will occur in AY 2026-2027 for Fall 2027 admission.~~

Provide a brief narrative description of the admission requirements for this program. Where relevant, include information about licensure requirements, student background checks, GRE and TOEFL scores, and admission requirements for transfer students.

This program will be administered by the existing admissions structure in the Department of Theatre.

Enrollment

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.

No impact for current students.

What is the matriculation term for this program?

Fall ONLY

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

What tuition rate do you expect to charge for this program? e.g, Undergraduate Base Tuition, or Engineering Differential, or Social Work Online (no dollar amounts necessary)

FAA Graduate Differential

Are you seeking a change in the tuition rate or differential for this program?

No

Is this program requesting self-supporting status?

No

Attach letters and self-supporting documents as applicable

Program Support

Provide a brief description of the support for this program, including the financial, faculty, space, advisors/staff. Discuss plans to acquire any additional support that will be needed. If new or additional facilities or significant improvements to already existing facilities is needed, describe the Facility Need, Year 1 and 5 cost, and any other applicable notes.

This program will be served by the current resources in the Department of Theatre.

Attach any supporting documents as applicable.

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.

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

EP Documentation

EP Control Number

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Attach Rollback/Approval Notices

Non-EP Documentation

U Program Review Comments

Rollback Documentation and Attachment

DMI Documentation

Attach Final Approval Notices

Banner/Codebook Name

MA:Theatre -UIUC

Program Code:

10KS0162MA

Minor Code

Conc Code

Degree Code

MA

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 Comments

Allison McKinney (agrindly) (Thu, 22 Oct 2026 13:46:33 GMT): Administratively approved.

Key: 60