

Department of Theatre and Dance
Senior Capstone guidelines and criteria

THDA 4995 – Senior Capstone
4 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Departmental consent, senior status

Description: The capstone course is a method of summative evaluation in which the student is given an opportunity in their final year of study to demonstrate integrated knowledge and growth in the major. With supervision of the department of theatre and dance faculty, each individual senior theatre student will create a substantial work. Application must be approved.

A Capstone project is required for graduation by every BFA and BA in the department of Theatre and Dance at Austin Peay State University. The purpose of the senior capstone is for a graduating student to demonstrate knowledge of theatre, dance, musical theatre or design through research, dramaturgy or performance. The purpose continues with the utilization of theatrical skills in the mounting of a production/performance. The students' evaluation of their process and product will demonstrate their ability to think in a critical manner. The capstone will demand the student draw from all of their studies in the arts as well as their training in theatre, dance, musical theatre and or design.

Application must be submitted during student's Jr. year. The deadline is April 8, 2024 at 5pm and all materials should be sent via email to pickardd@apsu.edu.

BA - Written project – research paper. Examples may include but are not limited to dramaturgy, score, vocal arrangements or scripts.

MLA - 25-30 pages

Outline

Literature review if appropriate

Citation page

Bibliography

BFA - Production project w/written component – Examples may include but not limited to dance, musical or theatrical production, choreography, direction or design of a full production, are possible production projects.

Written portion required: MLA 10-15 pages

Outline

Process Journal – to include evidence of research, reading, rehearsals, progress, problems and strategies.

Self assessment

Citation page if appropriate

Bibliography

BFA Capstone students will have access, with permission, to selected departmental production items.

Please note; in lieu of a course fee or textbook, students will be responsible for any additional costs incurred by their proposed Capstone.

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Name: _____ Graduation Semester/Year: _____

Academic Advisor _____

Committee Members: _____

GPA _____ Degree: BA or BFA Major Concentration _____

Semester/Year of Capstone Registration: FALL _____ SPRING _____

(PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR CAPSTONE MUST BE COMPLETED THE SEMESTER IN WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERED.)

Type of Capstone Project: Please consider the criteria listed on cover page

(Check one)

Research Paper (BA) Poster Session (BA)

Presentation (BA) Workshop (BA)

Lecture/Demonstration (BA)

Production w/written component (BFA)

Collaborative w/written component

Please note that any student proposing a Collaborative Capstone project must submit separate, individual applications, which outlines the collaboration in detail and turn them in at the same time.

Proposal: Please attach your **1 page, type -written**, Capstone proposal

Proposals will either be accepted as proposed, accepted with revisions, or denied.

1. Title:

2. Overview:

3. Explain how this Capstone relates to your degree concentration

4. Explain how this is a summative product of your 4 years

5. Describe your proposed process

6. List your three primary resources

7. List your proposed time line