

University at Buffalo
Department of Theatre & Dance

**Requirements & Expectations for Maintaining Good Standing in the
BFA in Design & Technology Program**

Maintenance of required grade average:

- Overall minimum grade point average of 2.0 must be maintained to enter and stay in degree program.
- A minimum 2.5 g.p.a. is required in all departmental courses.
- A minimum 2.0 g.p.a. is required from previous semester to participate in theatre performances and projects.

Registration for and completion of General Education requirements:

- BFA students must be registered for at least one (1) Knowledge Area required course per semester until General Education requirements are successfully completed.

Theatre class attendance policy:

- 2 cuts per semester are allowed, unless otherwise stated in a syllabus.
- 1 late equals ½ cut, unless otherwise stated in syllabus.
- Any cuts over maximum limit (2) will lower letter grade by at least ½ a grade per cut, unless otherwise stated in a syllabus.

Overall work within Department:

- Mandatory attendance at Student/Faculty Evaluations.
- Positive faculty, student and peer interaction. Good work ethic and follow-through.

BFA Theatre –Design/Technology Program requirements:

- The student is expected to request, in writing, production positions for departmental productions annually and for each year they are registered at the University.
- Attendance at Fall BFA student evaluations (portfolio reviews).
- Minimum of 2 significant production assignments.
- BFA students cannot accept outside artistic commitments without written approval of the Theatre faculty.

Students who are not in Good Standing in any one of the above capacities, may be removed from production assignments. Consistent failure to maintain these standards will result in dismissal from the BFA degree program.

The Design/Tech faculty makes all decisions regarding dismissing a student from the BFA program. Listed below is the sequence for dismissal.

- **WARNING STATUS** – Students will be warned in writing by the end of any given semester if they are in danger of losing Good Standing status. Students in “warning status” will be given a set of individual guidelines for improvement. If guidelines are met after one semester, student will be returned to Good Standing.
- **PROBATION STATUS** – Students who fail to return to Good Standing one semester after having been warned, will be placed on probation. If the warning status guidelines are met after this second semester, student may be returned to Good Standing, reduced to Warning Status, or remain on Probation. A student who is on Probation for two or more consecutive semesters will automatically be dismissed from the BFA program.
- **DISMISSAL** – Automatic removal from BFA degree program will ensue if the above guidelines for improvement are not met. All students wishing to be re-instated into the degree program must resubmit a letter of intent and meet all other appropriate requirements.