

University of Florida
School of Theatre and Dance
THE 6941: Internship, Acting

Meeting Times: To Arrange

MFA Acting Coordinator: Tim Altmeyer

Office Hours: Varies with Instructor of Record

Credits: 9

Prerequisites: Approval of MFA Acting Graduate Coordinator

Course Description:

Practical experience in residence with a professional theatre or equivalent.

The Professional Internship is a part of the MFA curriculum. MFA Acting students are required to complete an off-campus internship, preferably in the third year of the program. This internship is defined as a full-time, full-semester working experience with a reputable theatre company or discipline-related company or organization. Students will arrange the internship based on their career and geographic preferences. The students, in conjunction with the specific institution, may specify the duties of the internship.

Objectives:

Develop ethical behaviors, cultural sensitivity, teamwork skills, collegiality, and communication skills relevant to working in professional theatre and related industries.

Requirements:

Assistantship and Fellowship stipends continue to be paid during the internship semester. However, in order to fulfill the requirements of .5 FTE employment as well as earn 9 credits of internship credit, it is expected that students work “full-time”, approximately a total of **640 hours** (40 hours x 16 weeks).

Intern Proposal & Application Form:

1. Students are required to submit a letter or email from the on-site supervisor at the location of the internship explaining the expected nature of the internship and the inclusive dates of the proposed residency. The letter/proposal must include the beginning and ending dates as well as number of hours the student will be working per week.
2. Students must also fill out an application form and receive signatures approving the prospective internship from the Graduate Coordinator, Performance Area Coordinator, and the Director of the School of Theatre and Dance before beginning the internship experience. The MFA Acting Graduate Coordinator will act as the instructor of record.

Report:

Students are required to submit a report of activities (5-10 pages) detailing their duties and

accomplishments during their internship experience. The student should comment on their application or growth in the following categories in their paper:

- Maintaining ethical standards
- Respect for diversity
- Cooperation/compromise
- Team-mindedness
- Oral communication skills
- Written communication skills
- Sense of responsibility
- Punctuality
- Commitment
- Professional demeanor

Grading:

Successful completion of the MFA Acting Internship is based on

1. Letter of review and completed internship rating sheet provided by the on-site supervisor
2. Report of activities (5-10 pages)

Both are to be submitted by the student no later than 1 week before grades are due during the internship semester.

Grading is on an S/U (pass/fail) basis.

Academic Honesty Policy:

UF students have the responsibility to conduct themselves in an honest and ethical manner while pursuing their studies. They are expected to abide by the UF Academic Honesty Policy, which defines an academic honesty offense as "the act of lying, cheating, or stealing academic information so that one gains academic advantage." In the context of this course, this includes conducting original research and properly citing sources for any materials (both printed and online) used in writing the supporting research paper. *Submitting work that has been plagiarized will result in a failing grade.*

For more information on the UF Academic Honor Code see:

<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code>.

Disabilities:

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter, which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation.

Campus Resources:

Health and Wellness

- *U Matter, We Care*: If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu or 352 392- 1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.
- *Counseling and Wellness Center*: <https://counseling.ufl.edu/>, 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.
- *Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)*: Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.
- *University Police Department*: 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies). <http://www.police.ufl.edu/>

Academic Resources

- *Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138*. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. <http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>
- *Library Support*, <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Course Evaluations:

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open.

Course Fees:

Information about associate course fees can be found at <https://one.ufl.edu/soc/2188>