

First-year course planning 2026-27



Bachelor of Arts, Major in Theatre (Acting) (BA)

The guide below can be used to assist you with your first-year course selection. Use the table below, the [academic timetable](#) and the blank fillable schedule to build your schedule. It is recommended that you schedule your required courses first, and then choose your electives based on your interests and future goals. The Course Planning Worksheet is meant as a reflective tool to plan your courses. For complete program requirements, see the Dalhousie Academic Calendar at www.dal.ca/calendar or ask your advisor at fspa.theatre@dal.ca.

Fall 2026	Winter 2027
Arts and Social Sciences (ASSC) 1111.03: Academic Writing* (Lecture and Tutorial)	Performance (PERF) 1002.03: Writing About Stage and Screen (Lecture and Tutorial)
Theatre (THEA) 1801.03: Introduction to Acting & Performance** (Lecture only)	Theatre (THEA) 1802.03: Introduction to Acting & Performance** (Lecture only)
Arts and Social Sciences (ASSC) 1300.03: Intro to the Humanities (Lecture and Tutorial)	Language Course (Lecture and Tutorial)
Language Course (Lecture and Tutorial)	Science Course (Lecture ((and Lab/and Tutorial))
Social Science or Science Course (Lecture ((and Tutorial or Lab if applicable))	Social Science Course (Lecture ((and Tutorial))
*ASSC1111 by itself satisfies the writing requirement	
**Note: The first year acting course (THEA 1801 & 1802) is open to any student. Auditions for the second year of the acting program take place at the end of the first-year course, except for those students who have already secured a place by auditioning directly out of high school.	

Language Requirement Course

Select a Language Course and record it in the course selection box above. To satisfy the language requirement, **you must take six credit hours in a single subject** sometime before you graduate. Students considering a study-abroad opportunity later in the degree should begin any relevant language study in the first year. On the next page, there is a list of courses that fulfill the language requirement.

- **Arabic:** ARBC1021.03 & ARBC1022.03

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- **Chinese (Mandarin):** CHIN1031.03 & CHIN1032.03
- **Latin:** CLAS2401.03 & CLAS2402.03
- **Classical Hebrew:** CLAS1901.03 & CLAS1902.03
- **Ancient Greek:** CLAS2505.03 & CLAS2506.03
- **French:** any course(s) taught in French
- **German:** GERM1003.03 & GERM1004.03 or GERM1010.06
- **Mi'kmaw:** INDG2901.03 & INDG2901.03
- **Italian:** ITAL1000.03 & ITAL1001.03
- **Spanish:** SPAN1021.03 & SPAN1022.03 or SPAN1035.06

Subject Group Requirements

Between now and graduation, you must select 6 credit hours from each of the three Subject Groupings: Social Science, Languages and Humanities, and Life and Physical Science. You are encouraged to begin fulfilling these Subject Groupings in your first year, but consider your intended major, interests, and strengths when selecting your first-year courses. If, for example, you anticipate difficulties in completing the Life and Physical Science requirement simultaneously with the Language requirement, we recommend that you delay completion of the Life and Physical Science requirement until a subsequent year.

Tip: Some subjects appear in more than one box. For example, History is considered either a Social Science or a Humanity. If you use History as a Social Science, you will need to select a different subject from the Languages and Humanities subject grouping.

Subject Grouping 1: Languages and Humanities (6 credit hours)	Subject Grouping 2: Social Science (6 credit hours)	Subject Grouping 3: Life Sciences and Physical Sciences (6 credit hours)
Arabic, Black and African Diaspora Studies, Canadian Studies, Chinese (Mandarin), Cinema and Media Studies, Classics, Comparative Religion, Contemporary Studies, Creative Writing, Early Modern Studies, English, European Studies, French, Gender and Women's Studies, German, Greek, History, History of Science and Technology, Indigenous	Black and African Diaspora Studies, Canadian Studies; Contemporary Studies, Early Modern Studies, European Studies, Economics, Gender and Women's Studies, History, History of Science and Technology, Human Geography, Indigenous Studies, International Development Studies, King's Foundation Year; Law, Justice and Society, Political Science, Psychology,	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth Sciences, Economics, Engineering, Environmental Science, Human Physiology, Informatics, Marine Biology, Mathematics, Microbiology and Immunology, Neuroscience, Oceanography, Physics, Psychology, Science, Statistics, Sustainability.

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Studies, Italian Studies, King's Foundation Year, Latin, Music, Performance Studies, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Spanish, Theatre.	Sociology and Social Anthropology.	
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Note: Every BA student must complete the General Degree Requirements before graduation. Many students choose to complete these in their first year, but this is not required. However, we strongly recommend completion of both the Writing Requirement and the Language Requirement in the first year. To complete any of the Subject Group Requirements, you may take either 6 credit hours in a single subject, or 3 credit hours in two different subjects.

Questions? Contact the Theatre Advisor at fspace.theatre@dal.ca.

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