ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants auditioning for entry into the 2018/19 year:

The BFA Acting program is a combination of 1 year of post-secondary education (referred to as the pre-professional year) and 3 years of intensive study here at the U of A.

To fulfill the pre-professional year requirement, applicants must complete *30 credits of university or college courses that are transferable to the Faculty of Arts at the University of Alberta. Choose your courses carefully – not all courses (even those from other universities) transfer to the UofA. If an applicant does not have the required *30 credits at the time of application, we will allow entry into the program with a minimum of *21 credits with the understanding that they will complete any outstanding credits prior to entering the final year of the program.

For the ★30 credits you must present a combination of:

- ★6 credits junior-level (100-level) English. e.g. ENGL 102, 103, 125 & WRS 101
- ★15 credits other course work
  - Choose from Humanities [includes senior (200-level or higher) English], Social Sciences, Sciences or Fine Arts
  - Maximum of ★12 credits in drama courses allowed. This means anything to do with Drama, Theatre, Theatre History, Acting, Voice, and/or Performance is considered a “Drama” course

- Minimum grade of C- in each individual course (if transferring from outside of the UofA)
- Minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.2 (out of 4.0)
- All credits must be completed by the end of Spring Term (end of May) as the UofA Registrar’s Office must receive final and official transcripts by June 15

IB and AP course work: Visit the “Admissions Information” page for more information at www.admissions.ualberta.ca/AP-IB.aspx

International Students: Information is available online through the UofA’s International site: www.studyincanada.ualberta.ca

FAQ’s

Where should I complete my minimum 1 year of pre-professional study?
Start where you want to finish – take your 1 year here at the UofA in the BA Drama program. It is a strong program in and of itself. There also won’t be any issues with course transferability. You may take your courses at another college or university, as long as they transfer.

How do I know if a course(s) is transferable?
Follow 3 steps:
1) Do a self-assessment using the checklist above
2) Consult with Drama – email Connie Golden (connie.golden@ualberta.ca) - do this ASAP
Consult the Alberta Transfer Guide (for students at other Alberta institutions) to help with your self-assessment. The UofA has more than one campus; ensure your course transfers to the main campus and not Augustana campus (Augustana shows up as “AU” prefix – e.g. AUBIO 100). If you are at a post-secondary institution in another province, consult your provincial transfer guide. If a course transfers to a major University (ex. UBC, McGill, UofT, etc.) there will be a good chance it will transfer to the UofA.

Next, contact Drama to review your assessment – and the earlier the better! This way there may be time to make adjustments to your current timetable if an issue is identified.

May I apply more than 12 credits of Drama course work towards the 21 credit entrance requirements?
No. To obtain a degree from the UofA, there are certain core academic requirements that must be fulfilled, including 3 credits of junior-level English, as well as other options. Once you enter the BFA Acting program, you are focused entirely on acting and theatre, therefore all non-drama requirements must be completed (or be in the process of completion) before you are eligible to audition.

I have more than 12 credits of post-secondary drama/theatre/acting/voice/performance. May I transfer all my credits?
Other than the 12 drama credits you may use as part of your entrance requirements only the equivalent courses of Theatre History or Theory (DRAMA 208 + DRAMA 203) and History of Canadian Theatre (DRAMA 301 + DRAMA 302) will be considered for transfer credit.

I have completed more than one year of a BA program or have received a BA degree or another specialized Acting diploma. Am I required to complete the full three years?
Yes. This is a conservatory style program: the courses are designed to be tightly integrated and taken as a unit.

Do I have to order transcripts?
If you applied through the “Apply Alberta” website and have opted to have your transcripts sent automatically, then you will not have to order transcripts for any participating Alberta institutions (including Alberta Learning). You must request all other documents including IB, AP and out-of-province transcripts and arrange to have them sent to the Registrar’s Office before the deadline.

Where do I send my transcripts?
Submit official and complete transcripts (high school – 1 copy, all post-secondary – 2 copies) by June 15 directly to:

Office of the Registrar
Administration Building
University of Alberta
Edmonton, AB T6C 2M7
Canada

How and when will I receive FINAL ADMISSION?
A successful audition DOES NOT guarantee that you will be granted admission. Final Admission is determined by the Faculty of Arts once all your official documents have been received. Your admission decision can be viewed on Bear Tracks.

When should I start using my UofA email address and Bear Tracks?
Start using both your UofA email address and Bear Tracks regularly as soon as you apply to the UofA. These are the official channels of communication between the university and you.

What is Bear Tracks and how do I access it?
Bear Tracks is an online student services portal. You access it by going to the UofA homepage www.ualberta.ca and clicking on the “Bear Tracks” link in the top right hand corner.