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# The University of Georgia

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University Council  
Athens, Georgia 30602

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Margaret M. Robinson, Chair  
Executive Committee

FROM: Dr. Jan M. Hathcote, Chair  
University Curriculum Committee

DATE: September 24, 2004

SUBJECT: Name and Major Changes, Department of Drama and Theatre

Attached is the proposal from the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences requesting a Department name change:

From: Department of Drama and Theatre

To: Department of Theatre and Film Studies

Also enclosed is a proposal requesting a major name change under the A.B., M.F.A., and Ph.D. majors:

From: Drama

To: Theatre

These changes were approved by the University Curriculum Committee at our September 21, 2004 meeting.

## NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

School/College

Name: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Proposed

Name: Department of Theatre and Film Studies

### Department Name Changes:

Current Department Name:

Department of Drama and Theatre

Proposed Department Name:

Department of Theatre and Film Studies

### Major Name Changes:

Current Major Name: Drama

Drama

Drama

Degree: AB

MFA

PhD

Proposed Major: Theatre

Theatre

Theatre

### Minor Name Change:

Current Minor Name: Drama

Degree: N/A

Proposed Minor: Theatre

### Prefix Changes:

A prefix change package should be submitted after the name change has been approved.

### JUSTIFICATION:

See Attachment

### SIGNATURES:

Department:

David Z. Saltz, Head

School/College:

Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

## JUSTIFICATION

The Department of Drama and Theatre gained its name in 1968 when it was separated from the Department of Speech and Drama. Since that time the programs of the Department have expanded considerably. It now incorporates theatrical production, dramatic literature, theory and history and film history and theory. We offer two undergraduate majors, one in drama and one in film studies. The new title, Department of Theatre and Film Studies, better reflects our enterprise. The change will occasion altering of the prefix for our courses from the present DRAM to either THEA or FILM.

Additionally, we offer three degrees in Drama: an A.B., MFA, and PhD. Each of these majors will be changed to Theatre.