The master of fine arts degree program in Theatre pursues the following objectives:

1. to assist each student in acquiring discriminating taste and critical judgment in theatre;
2. to help each student attain skills and proficiencies in theatre;
3. to provide the training, discipline, and opportunities essential to the development of a professional ability in at least one area of theatre; and
4. to prepare each student for an active career in academic and/or professional theatre or other areas within the entertainment industry.

Facilities include the Playhouse, a 450-seat proscenium theatre; the Pavilion, a 249-seat thrust theatre; a 150-seat proscenium theatre in the heart of downtown State College; theatre production studios for scenic, property, and costume preparation; two computer-assisted design laboratories; a lighting laboratory; a sound and media studio; and rehearsal and dance studios.