

# THEATRE, B.A.

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**Begin Campus:** University Park

**End Campus:** University Park

## Program Description

This program offers the theatre student a general background in the various facets of theatre. A broad liberal education is provided and complemented with advanced courses to best serve student interests, talents, and career objectives. Though a strong emphasis is given to the areas of production and performance, majors may also wish to emphasize an area of special interest such as literature, design, dance, playwriting, directing or acting. All B.A. students spend a semester in study abroad studying at the Theatre Academy of London (TAL), a program that balances academic courses with advance studio work.

Students who pursue the B.A. in Theatre learn to research, analyze and synthesize information. Majors develop strong oral and written skills and many go on to postgraduate study not only in theatre but also in areas such as law, business and education.

The B.A. in Theatre degree program includes a Theatre Studies Option and three additional options, Theatre Performance, Dance Performance and Multicultural Performance. All four options are available at University Park; the Theatre Studies and Theatre Performance options only are available at Penn State Berks.

## What is Theatre?

Theatre is a collaborative art form; an art form where different disciplines converge to create a sensorial experience much greater than the sum of its parts. Theatre is history, culture, entertainment and social responsibility. Theatre engages and transforms. Theatre is storytelling, told with equal parts artistry, skill, and technology. A theatre artist is a resourceful problem solver, effective communicator, and a great collaborator. These life skills empower theatre professionals to pursue their individual paths and rise up to their potential, well beyond the theatre walls and into their everyday life.

## You Might Like This Program If...

- You are a playwright, director, or dramaturg—or want to learn more about these practices.
- You enjoy devising, seeing, and writing about performance.
- You want to practice your theatre studies crafts in a department with a pre-professional season of plays and musicals.
- You plan to pursue an MFA in Dramaturgy or a PhD in Theatre or Performance Studies after graduation.
- You are transferring from another Commonwealth campus, and you would like to deepen your study of theatre.