THEATRE, B.F.A.

Begin Campus: University Park

End Campus: University Park

Entrance to Major

Acceptance into the Design and Technology option is based on a faculty interview and portfolio review. Acceptance into the Stage Management option is based on a faculty interview and production book review.

Entrance Procedures

Incoming First Year Students

Incoming first year students must apply to Penn State first. Undergraduate applications for admission to Penn State must be complete and submitted before uploading the required documentation for application to the major. Within the B.F.A. degree in Theatre, students have two options to pursue: Theatre Design and Technology option (with emphasis areas in costume design, lighting design, set design, sound design or technical direction) or Stage Management option. All application materials for either of the two options should be uploaded at least two weeks prior to an applicant’s preferred interview date.

B.F.A. Theatre, Design and Technology option application information can be found at: https://arts.psu.edu/how-to-apply/#specific.

B.F.A. Theatre, Stage Management option application information can be found at: https://arts.psu.edu/how-to-apply/#specific.

Interviews are required for both options, and applicants will have the opportunity to choose from several interview dates scheduled every year between November and February. Applicants who are accepted will be directly admitted to the Theatre, B.F.A. major and pursue their training at University Park.

Change of Major/Change of Campus Students

Change of Major/Change of Campus students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or above to be eligible for the Theatre, B.F.A. major. Within the B.F.A. degree in Theatre, students have two options to pursue: Theatre Design and Technology option (with emphasis areas in costume design, lighting design, set design, sound design or technical direction) or Stage Management option. Application materials for either of the two options should be uploaded at least two weeks prior to an applicant’s preferred interview date.

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Interviews are required for both options and applicants should contact the program head to schedule an interview. Change of Major/Change of Campus requests are reviewed on a semester by semester basis, applicants who are accepted will be directly admitted to the Theatre, B.F.A. major and pursue their training at University Park.

Transfer Students

Transfer students must apply to Penn State first. Within the B.F.A. degree in Theatre, students have two options to pursue: Theatre Design and Technology option (with emphasis areas in costume design, lighting design, set design, sound design or technical direction) or Stage Management option. Application materials for either of the two options should be uploaded at least two weeks prior to an applicant’s preferred interview date.

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On-campus interviews are required, and applicants will have the opportunity to choose from several interview dates scheduled every year between November and February. Applicants who are accepted will be directly admitted to the Theatre, B.F.A. major and pursue their training at University Park.