

What Can I Do With a Major in **THEATRE?**

A theater major is your ticket to every corner of the theater world. Minnesota is the third largest employer of Actors, directors and technicians in the United States with over 140 professional and over two hundred Community Theaters. Areas of focus are acting, directing, playwriting, production or design. You'll read, discuss, and write about all kinds of theatrical works. Many theatre students go on to careers as theatre, television, and film artists. Others find that with the combination of theatrical studies and a solid liberal arts education, they are prepared to pursue a career in a variety of fields including teaching, business, performance coaching, and sales/marketing.

Typical Coursework

Acting Theory & Performance
 Fundamentals of Scene Design
 Budgeting and Accounting
 Lighting Design
 Coaching Actors
 Makeup and Costume
 Public Relations
 Theater Marketing & Advertising

Period Studies in Theater
 Scene Analysis
 Directing Theory and
 Production
 Screenwriting & Playwriting
 Dramatic Theory & Criticism

Stagecraft
 Survey of Dramatic Literature
 Comparative Theater/Drama
 Technical Theater
 Theater History
 Theater Workshop

Related Major Skills

Imagination & creativity
 Flexibility
 Attention to Detail
 Appreciation of Aesthetics
 Good work ethic
 Presentation, public speaking skills
 Set design
 Script interpretation
 Rehearsal management

Strong communication skills
 Basic reading, writing, and editing skills
 Interpersonal skills
 Interpretive skills
 Adaptability
 Theatrical production
 Character casting and actor selection
 Genres of dramatic literature

Directly Related Occupations

Acting Coach
 Amusement Park Entertainer
 Booking Manager
 Casting Director
 Director

 Media Planner
 Narrator
 Prop Manager
 Script Coach or Manager
 Stage Manager
 Radio/TV Announcer

Actor/Actress
 Announcer
 Broadcast Journalist
 Costume Designer
 Drama Coach
 Instructor, Theatre Arts
 Model
 Playwright
 Public Relations Specialist
 Set Designer
 Make-Up Artist
 Ticket Sales Coordinator

Advertising/Marketing
 Art Director
 Business Manager
 Critic
 Equipment Manager
 Lighting Designer
 Movie Theatre Manager
 Producer

 Sound Designer
 Talent Scout
 Writer/Editor

Who Hires for this Occupation?

Movie and TV production companies, performing arts companies, advertising companies, sporting events, publishing and broadcasting companies, theatres, and schools.

Minnesota Colleges & Universities with a major in THEATRE

Anoka-Ramsey Community College	Augsburg College
Bethel University	Carleton College
Concordia College	Concordia University
Gustavus Adolphus College	Hamline University
Inver Hills Community College	Macalester College
Metropolitan State University	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Minnesota State University, Moorhead	Normandale Community College
North Central University	North Hennepin Community College
St. Cloud State University	St. Olaf College
University of Minnesota (Twin Cities, Duluth, Morris)	University of St. Thomas
	Winona State University

Professional Association Links

American Association of Community Theatre <http://www.aact.org/>
Clarkstown Summer Theatre <http://www.summertheatrefestival.com/>
Conference of Drama Schools <http://www.dramauk.co.uk/>
Institute of Outdoor Drama <http://www.outdoordrama.org/>
International Playback Theatre Network <http://www.playbacknet.org/drupal/>
League of American Theatres and Producers <http://www.broadway.org/>
Actors Equity Association <http://www.actorsequity.org/>

For More Information

Contact ARCC Career Counseling: (763) 433-1240 (CR campus), (763) 433-1840 (Cambridge campus) or stop by the campus Information Desk

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