

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

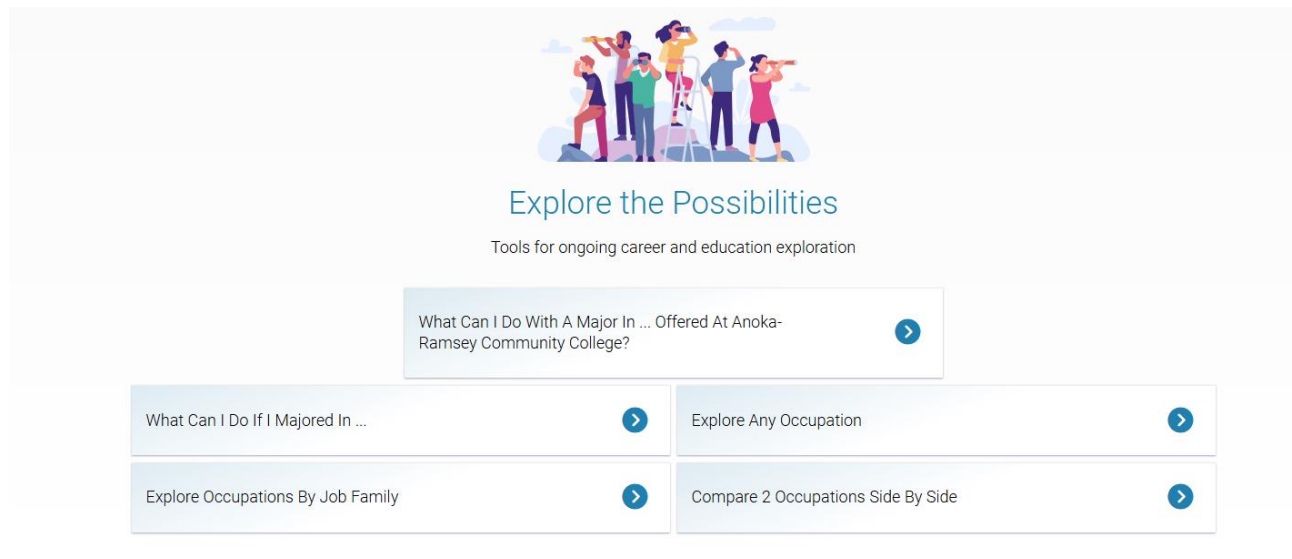
Sound Designer
Talent Scout
Writer/Editor

Who Hires for this Occupation?

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

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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

*Anoka-Ramsey Community College offers an [Theater Transfer Pathway Associate of Fine Arts Degree](#) with general education courses that typically transfer as all or part of the first two years of a baccalaureate degree and also directly to designated Theater Bachelor's Degree programs at Minnesota State System Universities.

Search for majors and colleges at [Minnesota State System Colleges and University](#).

Professional Association Links

[American Association of Community Theatre](#)

[Institute of Outdoor Drama](#)

[League of American Theatres and Producers](#)

[Actors Equity Association](#)

For More Information

Contact ARCC Counseling (Coon Rapids and Cambridge) at (763) 433-1100 or stop by the campus Information Desk

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