

Department of Theater Arts

Mission Statement

Through a program of rigorous training, the Department of Theater Arts (<https://www.apu.edu/vpa/theater/>) prepares outstanding, innovative, and influential artists in an ever-growing and multifaceted performing arts profession.

Department Overview

The Department of Theater Arts offers undergraduate programs that equip students for professional careers in theater, film, and television. The department also produces five theater productions annually, as well as a web series. Additionally, several off-campus performance opportunities exist: the Azusa Renaissance Project, which works with local schools; a study-away opportunity at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland; and the BFA Senior Industry Showcase, which premieres the web series and introduces the graduating class to agents and casting directors in Los Angeles. The department hosts many events each year, including Spotlight panels of industry professionals; one-act opportunities for student directors, actors, and playwrights; and professional on-camera experience and participation in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival.

APU faculty and alumni are working professionals in film and television and have performed on Broadway, with national touring companies, and in regional theaters.