

BA in Theater Arts

45 units

The Bachelor of Arts in Theater Arts program (<https://www.apu.edu/vpa/programs/theater-arts-major/>) uniquely equips students to pursue creative entrepreneurial careers in a broad range of theater arts areas including stage management, playwriting, and directing. Students can pursue elective courses in theater education, technical design, and new media. Opportunities for working side by side with industry professionals and participating in prestigious internships prepare students to thrive in theater arts careers. Students' course and production work gives them experience and materials for creating a professional résumé and portfolio. Their final year culminates in an industry showcase where they share their work with professional directors, writers, designers, projectionists, editors, and stage managers.

Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Core Courses		
THTR 110	Introduction to Acting ¹	3
THTR 210	Fundamentals of Stagecraft	3
THTR 217	Technical Theater Practicum (must be taken twice)	1
THTR 218	Production Crew (must be taken four times)	1
THTR 224	Introduction to Stage Management	3
THTR 225	History of Theater to the Nineteenth Century ²	3
THTR 226	History of Theater: 19th Century to the Present	3
THTR 374	Writing 3: Playwriting ³	3
THTR 423	Directing	3
THTR 499	Capstone Project in Theater Arts ⁴	3
Electives		
Select five of the following:		15
THTR 115	Introduction to Theater ¹	
THTR 215	Script Analysis	
THTR 221	Theatrical Sets and Properties	
THTR 222	Theatrical Lighting and Sound	
THTR 223	Theatrical Makeup	
THTR 233	Improvisation	
THTR 355	Theater Education, K-12	
THTR 365	Theater for Social Change ⁵	
THTR 424	Advanced Directing	
THTR 435	Acting Styles and Techniques	
THTR 440	Musical Theater Workshop	
THTR 455	Theater and the Church	
THTR 460	Dramatic Theory and Criticism	
THTR 490	Internship	
THTR 495	Special Topics	
THTR 496	Writing 3: Ethics in Theater, Film, and Television ³	
Total Units		45

¹ Meets the General Education Humanities: Fine Arts requirement.

² Meets the General Education Intercultural Competence requirement.

³ Meets the General Education Writing 3 requirement.

⁴ Meets the General Education Integrative and Applied Learning requirement.

⁵ Meets the General Education Civic Knowledge and Engagement requirement.

Program Learning Outcomes

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Students who successfully complete this program shall be able to:

1. Artistry: Able to integrate the technique and skills needed to become an interdisciplinary theater artist.
2. Professional Development: Apply professional production techniques.
3. Knowledge: Able to evaluate the historical development of theater as an art form.
4. Analysis: Apply analytical approaches to drama.
5. Spiritual/Faith: Able to identify the contribution and impact of Christian faith and practice in the theatrical arts.