

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 |
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| 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.