CAREER RESPONSIBILITIES

The collaborative art of theatre brings a full range of artistic, intellectual, and technical skills to bear on the analysis, preparation, performance, and criticism of the theatrical event. The playwright, actors, director, scenic and lighting designer, makeup artist, stage manager, and technicians all help produce what the audience finally experiences in the auditorium. As a theatre major, you will explore the nature of the art form, will have the chance to broaden and deepen your knowledge of acting, directing, history, and technical theatre before heading on to advanced studies or launching a career in such areas as regional or professional theatre, film, television, and arts management.

Skills Associated with Theatre Majors:

• Appreciation of written and oral communication; strong public speaking ability
• Desire to influence others
• Poised and self-confident
• Ability to respond spontaneously
• Ability to understand and communicate information
• Friendly, outgoing, creative, work well under pressure
• Understand and communicate forms and strategies in other cultures

Sample Career Titles

Acting Coach
Actor/Actress
Admissions Director
Advertising/Marketing Specialist
Agent
Amusement Park Agent
Entertainer
Animal Talent Coordinator
Announcer
Art Director
Artist-in-Residence Specialist
Arts Management Impersonator
Audience Relations Instructor, Theatre Arts
Specialist Lighting
Booking Agent
Booking Manager
Box Office Manager
Casting Director
Choreographer
Comedian
Communication
Technology Specialist
Community Affairs Officer
Composer
Copy Writer
Costume Designer
Costumer
Critic
Dancer
Dance Instructor
Development Officer

Director
Draftsman
Drama Coach
Drama Therapist
Educator
Exhibit/Display Designer
Fashion Coordinator
Film Director
Fundraiser
Human Resources Specialist
Impersonator
Instructor, Theatre Arts
Lighting
Designer/Engineer
Make Up Artist
Manager
Marketing Director
Media Planner
Media Salesperson
Mediator
Merchandise Display
Mime
Model
Motion Picture
Coordinator
Photographer
Production Support
Musician
Music Director
Music Librarian

Music Teacher
Narrator
Orchestra Conductor
Press Agent
Producer
Prop Manager
Radio/TV Announcer
Scenic Artist
Scenic Designer
Script Coach
Script Manager
Script Writer
Singer
Sound Designer
Special Effects Coordinator
Special Events Coordinator
Stage Manager
Stand In
Stunt Person
Talent Agent
Talent Manager
Talent Scout
Teacher
Theatre Educator
Theatre Manager
Theatrical Photographer
Ticket Sales Coordinator

** Some careers may require additional training and/or education

To find out more about the daily work of these professions, skills needed, and salary ranges, go to Occupational Outlook Handbook and type a career title into the search field.

Visit Career Education & Development, 124 Bailey Library, to discuss these occupations and career opportunities with a Career Counselor.