

# DIVISION OF THEATRE

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The School of the Arts and Design offers programs leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre. The coursework is offered through the Division of Theatre. Coursework available in the areas of acting/directing, technical/design, theatre education, and musical theatre permits a student to develop a program of study which focuses attention on the desired area as well as on the relationship of all theatrical elements to the whole production process.

The theatre program develops well-rounded theatre artists who have the ability to function creatively and skillfully in a variety of situations. Committed to top-quality performance as well as to excellence in the classroom, the program provides practical as well as academic training for students pursuing careers in professional, educational theatre, and beyond.

Essential to a complete course of study in the theatre is the student's production opportunities within the TWU Theatre season. Through these opportunities, the practical processes of theatre production, as well as academic study, are stressed to give students comprehensive and diverse experiences that will serve them well in pursuit of employment within the realm of theatre as well as in life.

The B.A. in Theatre has three different areas of emphasis. The Acting and Directing Emphasis allows the student to apply their upper-level coursework to the skills most used by actors, directors, and playwrights.

The Technical and Design Emphasis allows the student to apply their upper-level coursework to the skills most used by stage technicians, stage managers, and theatrical designers. A common core of Theatre classes serves as an educational foundation for both areas of emphasis.

Course requirements for a theatre major and a theatre minor follow the degree plans of study. Students seeking Teacher Certification should follow the requirements listed under the Bachelor of Arts with Teaching Certification in Theatre. The Teacher Certification plan of study has a slightly different plan of Theatre courses to allow room for more specialized courses in Education and Teaching.

## Undergraduate Degrees Offered

- B.A. in Theatre (Acting & Directing) (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/arts/music-theatre/theatre-ba-acting-directing/>)
- B.A. in Theatre (Technical & Design) (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/arts/music-theatre/theatre-ba-technical-design/>)
- B.A. in Theatre (EC-12 Theatre Certification) (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/arts/music-theatre/theatre-ba-ec-12-teaching-certification/>)