



MERRIMACK COLLEGE

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

THEATRE ARTS



The Theatre Arts major is based on a strong liberal arts foundation while providing students with a series of core theatre courses in various aspects of theatrical art, including history and criticism, literature, performance, directing, design, management and technical production. It provides group-oriented problem-solving opportunities for students that encourage research, collaboration and cooperation, while also encouraging individuals to realize the importance of self-exploration, self-discipline, and creative expression.

ENGAGING COURSEWORK

A dynamic curriculum builds strong theoretical and practical knowledge from introductory classes, specialized coursework, and fully staged productions. The major was designed to easily and effectively combine with other disciplines to create a double or dual-degree major program of study.

The major prepares and encourages students to embrace theatrical art as an effective and necessary form of human inquiry, exploration, and critique.

A selection of program coursework includes:

- FAA 2550 American Musical Theatre
- FAA 2540 Introduction to Playwriting
- FAA 2580 Design for the Theatre
- FAA 2505 Politics of Performance: Theatre, Government, and Social Change

REWARDING CAREER PATHS

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre Arts prepares students for careers in live theater production, arts management and/or performance. Graduates will be equipped to pursue a range of opportunities – actor, director, writer, technician, designer, etc. – in a number of arts-related fields including theatre, television, film, corporate communications, advertising, and more. A Theatre Arts Major is also valuable in other careers that require collaborative skills, creative imagination, and discipline – education/training, management, and the law, for example. For budding entrepreneurs, a Theatre Arts degree will sharpen their creative abilities, especially when paired with a co-major or minor in Business. The degree also provides the necessary foundation for further graduate school training.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Performance Opportunities

Students majoring in Theatre are required to participate in departmental productions, as determined by the needs of the student and the production. Students also have the opportunity and are encouraged to participate, onstage or off, in the OnStagers Dramatic Society productions at the college. The OnStagers is one of Merrimack's oldest and most beloved student-run organizations, producing two major theatrical performances each year.

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QUESTIONS?

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