

THEATRE, B.F.A.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: University Park

End Campus: University Park

Program Description

The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre offers two options: Design and Technology, and Stage Management.

Design and Technology Option

The B.F.A. degree in Theatre with the Design and Technology option is intended to develop a level of competence that will enable students who wish to pursue professional careers in theatre design, theatre technology and related entertainment fields to prepare themselves for specialized graduate studies, specialized professional training and/or immediate participation in creative work. The prescribed core curriculum introduces students to each of the theatre design areas and provides them with a basic skill level in technology. The curriculum also features acting, directing, script analysis, theatre history and criticism.

Stage Management Option

For the B.F.A. degree in Theatre with the Stage Management option is intended to provide students with specialized training leading to a high level of competence in the stage management field. Graduates should be able to begin professional work or pursue further training at the graduate level. The Stage Management option is intended to educate students for a career in stage management for theatre.

What is Theatre?

Theatre is a collaborative art form; an art form where different disciplines converge to create a sensorial experience much greater than the sum of its parts. Theatre is history, culture, entertainment and social responsibility. Theatre engages and transforms. Theatre is storytelling, told with equal parts artistry, skill, and technology. A theatre artist is a resourceful problem solver, effective communicator, and a great collaborator. These life skills empower theatre professionals to pursue their individual paths and rise up to their potential, well beyond the theatre walls and into their everyday life.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You are inspired by theatre and story telling.
- You thrive in teamwork and collaboration.
- You are at your best in collaborative environment.
- You are a creative problem solver and you love the combination of artistry and technology.
- You are dynamic and detail oriented.
- You are awestruck by the way all the design and theatrical elements come together.
- You love theatre but not as a performer.