

# Theatre



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## Department of Theatre

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## POSSIBLE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

*Additional education, training or experience may be required.*

Actors  
Critic  
Directors  
Education  
Entertainer  
Film Camera Operator  
Lighting Designer  
Lighting Technician  
Playwright  
Producers  
Screenwriter  
Set and Exhibit Designer  
Stage Hand  
Stage Manager  
Stage Technician  
Stunt Person  
Talent Director  
TV Presenter/host  
Wardrobe Specialists

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

University of Southern Maine Department of Theatre offers a broad educational foundation in the art and craft of producing and managing theatre. Areas of concentration include Performance, Design, Technical Theatre, and Dramatic Literature & Theatre History.

The Department of Theatre offers a four-year program leading to a B.A. degree in theatre. An undergraduate degree in theatre offers valuable preparation for careers in educational or professional theatrical activities, as well as other nonrelated disciplines.

USM Theatre students have earned regional and national recognition through the American College Theatre Festival. The Department has traveled to the Kennedy Center on four occasions and captured national awards in performance, design, playwriting, and forensics.

## DEGREES & CONCENTRATIONS OFFERED

**Graduation Planner:** [usm.maine.edu/success/gradplanner](http://usm.maine.edu/success/gradplanner)

**Degree Offered:** Bachelor of Arts

**Major Offered:** Theatre

**Minor Offered:** Theatre



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## ACQUIRED TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

**Active Learning**

**Memorization**

**Near Vision**

**Oral Comprehension**

**Originality**

**Speech Clarity**

**Speech Recognition**

**Time Management**

**Written Expression**

For more information on transferable skills go to:  
[usm.maine.edu/careers/transferable-skills](http://usm.maine.edu/careers/transferable-skills)

## WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS MAJOR?\*

AREA	EMPLOYERS	INFORMATION/STRATEGIES
<b>PERFORMING</b>	Community and regional theaters Touring companies Television/film studios Amusement and theme parks	-Participate in acting workshops, courses, and seminars to get advice and experience and to make contacts with others in the field. -Get as much acting experience as possible. Perform in school productions, community theater, summer stock, etc. -Learn about the entertainment industry as a whole.
<b>DIRECTING</b>	Theaters of varying types Television and motion picture studios Video production companies Other performance venues	-Gain both directing and technical experience by participating in college productions. Gain technical experiences in local theaters. -Participate in the Director's Guild Training Program. -Volunteer with directors in local theaters to become familiar with the environment. Serving as an assistant is a great way to get started in this area.
<b>BEHIND THE SCENES</b>	Theaters Touring companies Television/film studios Acting conservatories	-Develop a sense of artistry and creativity. -Become involved in the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE). -Get experience. Offer your services to school and local theaters.
<b>WRITING</b>	Theaters Television/film studios Magazines and Newspapers Video production companies	-Take courses in English and journalism to hone writing skills. -Review plays, movies, and TV shows for school or local newspaper. -Get as much writing experience as possible. Write for the college newspaper, enter playwriting contests, etc.

\*To learn about these areas and much more visit: [whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major](http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major)  
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## ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Internships

For more information contact the Department of Theatre.

### Study Abroad

For more information contact the USM Office of International Programs.  
[usm.maine.edu/international/study-abroad](http://usm.maine.edu/international/study-abroad)

### Clubs & Organizations

[Student Performing Artists](#), For a complete list of student organizations:  
[webapp.usm.maine.edu/pathways/list](http://webapp.usm.maine.edu/pathways/list)

### USM Corporate Partners

The USM Corporate Partners are over 350 business people, from nearly 100 companies.  
[usm.maine.edu/corporatepartners](http://usm.maine.edu/corporatepartners)

### **Fun Facts**

*Did you know?*  
Emmy Award-winning actor Tony Shalhoub (*Monk*) and award-winning playwright and screenwriter Lynn Sieffert are USM theatre graduates.

## HELPFUL CAREER LINKS

**USM e-Recruiting:** USM's career network for job and internship searches. [usm.experience.com](http://usm.experience.com)

**O\*NET OnLine:** Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with O\*NET. [onetonline.org](http://onetonline.org)

**Occupational Outlook Handbook:** Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with OOH.  
[bls.gov/oooh](http://bls.gov/oooh)

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

[American Association of Community Theatre](#)

[Educational Theatre Association](#)

[Screen Actors Guild](#)

[Actors Equity Association](#)

[American Federation of Television and Radio Artists](#)

[Stage Managers Association](#)

[American Society of Cinematographers](#)

[Directors Guild of America](#)

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