



THEATRE

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/advising/degreeplanning

Degree Offered: Bachelor of Arts

Major Offered: Theatre

Minor Offered: Theatre

Department of Theatre

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Career Possibilities*

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

* Additional education, training or experience may be required.

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/community-engagement-career-development/career-tools

What can I do with this major?*

AREA	EMPLOYERS	INFORMATION/STRATEGIES
Performing	Community and regional theaters Touring companies Television/film studios Amusement and theme parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Directing	Theaters of varying types Television and motion picture studios Video production companies Other performance venues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Behind the Scenes	Theaters Touring companies Television/film studios Acting conservatories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Writing	Theaters Television/film studios Magazines and Newspapers Video production companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

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Enrichment Opportunities

Internships

For more information contact the Department of Theatre.
usm.maine.edu/cecd

Study Abroad

For more information contact the USM Office of International Programs.
usm.maine.edu/international/study-abroad

Clubs & Organizations

Student Performing Artists
For a complete list of student organizations:
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

Helpful Career Links

USMCareerConnections:

USM's career network for job and internship searches. usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/usmcareerconnections

O*NET OnLine:

Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with O*NET. onetonline.org

Occupational Outlook Handbook:

Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with OOH. bls.gov/ooH

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS To name a few...

[American Association of Community Theatre](#)
[Educational Theatre Association](#)
[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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