

Theatre Arts

The Field of Theatre Arts

The theatre arts major and minor include studies in acting, dance, directing, management, children's theatre, technical production, design, history, literature and teaching.

Theatre studies enhances a student's ability to pursue either an advanced degree or a professional career in the performing arts. Theatre can also provide the skills of self-expression essential to many successful careers.

The Department of Theatre Arts

California State University, Fresno's national and international award-winning Theatre Arts Department offers extensive preparation in all aspects of theatre and dance. The broad curriculum, combined with an annual production schedule of more than 10 plays and dance concerts, provides the opportunity for intensive training. To ensure a rich and varied experience for students, the department makes use of guest artists as master teachers in workshops and courses, as well as provides exposure to accomplished performers, directors, and designers.

At Fresno State, opportunities for a variety of theatre experiences abound. In addition to the five-play major season, the Experimental Theatre Company and University Dance The-

atre present several all-student productions. Theatre for Young Audiences produces plays for young people on campus and on a spring school tour throughout the Valley. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the Contemporary Dance Ensemble, and the Black Theater Contingent.

Fresno State's B.A. in Theatre Arts is accredited by The National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST).

The Theatre Arts Department's 12 faculty members are professionally active in acting, dance, directing, design, and management. Students also have the exciting opportunity to work with visiting guest directors. The complex consists of a 90-seat Lab Theatre, the 190-capacity Woods Theatre, and the 370-seat John Wright Theatre, a proscenium theatre.

Options Available

The dance option is designed for students interested in a career in dance, choreography, or teaching.

The drama program includes acting, design/technology, and general theatre studies.

Careers in Theatre Arts

The theatre arts major provides training for the many

performance and production opportunities in theatre, film, and television, as well as related areas such as radio, concert performance, and journalism. Educational theatre — teaching at the high school and college levels — is another important career opportunity.

Future Education

A Master of Fine Arts or Ph.D. in Theatre is usually required for careers in higher education involving the teaching of theatre arts.

General Preparation

Involvement in community or academic theatre and participation in music, art, and dance are encouraged.

High School Preparation

Students should meet California State University's admission requirements in terms of college preparatory course requirements, grade point average, and test scores.

College Program

Students should consult a California State University, Fresno *General Catalog* for specific major and university requirements. Community college transfers should consult their catalogs to

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B.A in Theatre Arts

Option:

Dance

**Minor in Theatre Arts
and Dance**

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ensure that courses taken are CSU transferable (baccalaureate level).

General Education

Students should complete as many of the Fresno State General Education requirements as possible during the freshman and sophomore years, whether they are attending Fresno State or a community college. Community colleges can certify up to 39 of the units required in Fresno State's General Education pattern.

Course Requirements

Since program changes may occur, students should consult the *General Catalog* and a Fresno State adviser prior to registering for courses.

Lower Division

Freshman-Sophomore level courses
(some may be taken at a community college)

Theatre Arts

- Art of Theatre (Fresno State DRAMA 10)
- Dramatic Arts Laboratory (DRAMA 15)
- Fundamental of Acting (DRAMA 33)
- Theatre Crafts (DRAMA 34)

Dance

- Dance Laboratory (DANCE 115)
- Fundamentals of Acting (DRAMA 33) or Introduction to Acting (DRAMA 32)
- Physical Theatre (Fresno State DANCE 20)
- Theatre Crafts (DRAMA 34)

Upper Division

Junior-Senior level courses
(to be taken at Fresno State)

Theatre Arts

- Dramatic Arts Laboratory
- Dramatic Literature
- Fundamentals of Play Direction
- History of the Theatre and Drama
- Design for the Theatre

Dance

- Advanced Theatre Craft or Costume Design for Theatre or Stage and Television Lighting
- Ballet Technique
- Balance Body/Mind
- Dance Choreography
- Dance History
- Dance Laboratory
- Modern Dance Technique
- Music in Choreography
- Philosophical Bases and Trends in Dance

Approved Lower/Upper-Division Concentration Courses

Courses in theatre arts may be selected to prepare for a specialization in acting, design/technology, or for a general theatre concentration. A representative listing is presented here.

- Advanced Acting: Scene Study
- Advanced Acting: Period Styles
- Children's Theatre
- Puppetry
- Creative Dramatics
- Physical Theatre
- Musical Theatre
- Voice and Speech for Performance
- Costume Design
- Stage and Television Lighting
- Scene Design
- Theatre Graphics
- Stage and Production Management
- Fundamentals of Playwriting
- Sound in the Theatre
- Creative Movement for Children
- Voice and Speech for Performance
- Makeup for the Theatre
- Intermediate Acting

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