

THEATRE ARTS

Bachelor of Arts



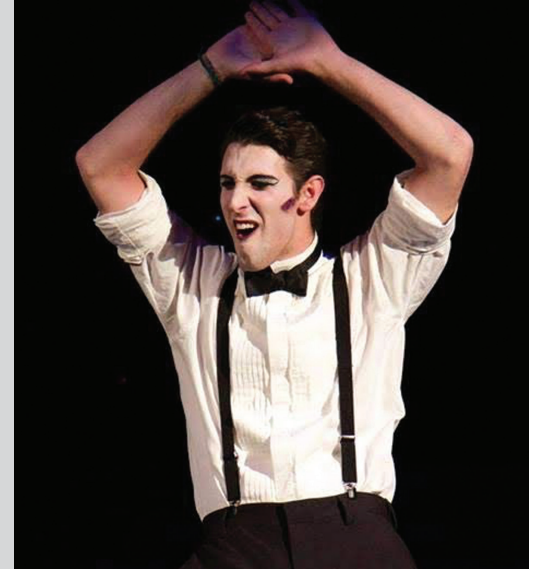
Introduction to the Major

Theatre Arts encourages you to explore storytelling by pulling back the curtain and diving into the various dimensions of performance.

At Clark, we believe that a liberal arts education is integral to the artist's process. In Theatre Arts, you will engage in collaborative storytelling and world-building in a supportive liberal-arts environment that provides options for double majoring and offers a variety of areas of focus for your creativity. The program places a strong emphasis on live performances as both a teaching tool and form of artistic expression and inquiry.

Highlights

Through words on a page, action on a stage, garments on the body, or light across a set piece, you will be encouraged to explore all the ways that the visual, linguistic, and sonic language of theatre can be used to effectively tell a story.



"At Clark, I was able to tailor my theatre education to my areas of interest—the combined benefit of taking diverse liberal arts classes along with my theatre courses has made me a smarter, more well-rounded artist. I'm a proud member of Actor's Equity Association and a proud working actor."

- Alison Russo, '14



What can I do with my major?

JOBS & EMPLOYERS

Clark Alumni in the Visual and Performing Arts Clark continue to pursue their creative passions after graduation in some way. Theatre arts majors work as actors, designers, theatrical technicians, directors, playwrights, arts educators, filmmakers, project managers, and even archivists at the Library of Congress include founders of Company One in Boston, comics, actors, directors, filmmakers, theatre technicians, arts educators, and librarians.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Alumni have pursued graduate programs at Tulane, Purdue, Northwestern, Hofstra, Long Island University, Carnegie-Mellon, and more.

Foundational Courses

TA 112 - Acting 1: The Creative Actor

The basic tools necessary to the art of acting.

TA 120 - Technical Theatre

Introduction to theatrical production.

TA 144 - Theatre History 1: Greeks to Shakespeare

Surveys the traditional dramatic canon of the western tradition.

TA 153 - Moliere to Modern

Introduction to the major dramatic writers from the 17th century to the present.

TA 203 - Script Analysis

In-depth analysis, research and discussion of the theatrical script, in the context of the life and times of the playwright.

Find out more at clarku.edu/programs/major/theater-arts-ba/

YOUR CLARK EXPERIENCE



Discover and Demonstrate your Purpose



Cultivate Your Communities



Engage Locally & Globally



Develop your Professional Identity

Year 1



Explore the Theatre Arts major

Visit the Little Center to explore the classrooms and introduce yourself to faculty and staff. Explore the theatre arts curriculum.



Get Connected

Meet like-minded peers by joining a student club like the Clark University Film Society, STIR Magazine, or the Clark University Player's Society. Go to the Writing Center, visit the Career Lab in ASEC, and log in to Handshake to find career exploration events.



Explore off campus

Check out the local art scene in Worcester at the Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts, Arts Worcester, the Worcester Art Museum, and the Technocopia makerspace.

Year 3



You are a theatre artist!

By this point in theatre arts, you've learned to make connections across disciplines, as well as how to use "visual language" to express your ideas, make social commentary, effect change, or celebrate beauty. Try new types of theatre, new styles of storytelling, and new approaches to your work.



Plan for senior year and beyond

Explore if graduate school is right for you through the Career Connections Center (CCC).



Identify opportunities for gaining experience

Find an internship, job, or research opportunity to explore your career interests! Attend as many visiting artists and workshops as you can. Apply to be an intern at the KCACTF annual conference, audition for the Hanover, apply for Wester MA summer theatre positions. Meet with your career adviser to get started.

Year 2



Practice storytelling and visual language

Learn both to read language of theatre and to visually represent your own ideas. Training in theatrical methods and technical support is provided in the context of intellectual inquiry and critical analysis.



Start networking

Once you declare your major in Theatre Arts, you are plugged into more theatre activity on campus and also in the greater NE area. Every winter, Clark TA Majors have the opportunity to attend the regional Kennedy Center American Collegiate Theatre Festival. Lean on the connections you make to get a larger picture of the Theatre World and where you fit in it.



Expand your horizons

Visit The Office of Study Abroad and Away to explore options for theatre arts majors.

Year 4



Pull it all together with your capstone

Take the capstone course for senior VP&A majors. This course builds on your earlier workshop-oriented theatre courses with a studio model encompassing all seniors across the V&PA department of majors.



Design your own path

Have a play simmering in your brain? Want to direct your own show? Seek departmental approval to undertake a Senior Honors Thesis project created and driven by you and guided by your faculty mentor.



Get ready to launch

Meet with your career adviser to prepare for the job market post-graduation. Update your professional profiles including LinkedIn. Find ways to demonstrate qualities such as leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and initiative.