

DEPARTMENT OF

THEATRE



Mission Statement

We are committed to building on the mission of Brigham Young University-Idaho and of the College of Performing and Visual Arts. Our highest aim is to embrace talented students throughout the Church and provide them with spiritual and academic opportunities in all aspects of the creative process of theatre. This is achieved within an environment that fosters individual creativity and commitment to the principles of the restored Gospel. We are committed to training artists and disciple leaders--in various theatrical disciplines--who are prepared for lifelong learning as artists, parents, citizens, and church members.

What is this major?

There are lots of reasons why people choose to study Theatre at BYU-Idaho. Chief among them is the unique opportunity to receive professional artistic training in an environment where shared values and beliefs guide the work. You will be challenged to learn new and useful skills and techniques within a setting where standards are not compromised. We have some of the best practitioners and teachers of theatre in the country, and state of the art venues and resources at your disposal. A degree in Theatre will prepare students for a meaningful career in the theatrical and educational fields.



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Welcome to Theatre! My name is Justin Bates and I currently serve as the Theatre and Dance Department Chair. The Theatre area has a great deal to offer students in terms of training and performing experiences. Our faculty and facilities are among the best in the region and our modest size allows students increased faculty contact and leadership/artistic opportunities. Graduates in theatre from BYU-Idaho are versatile and adaptable with real-world experience in stagecraft, design and performance. I invite you to use the information below to know your options and get started on your journey of discovery.

Options

There are 2 Bachelor of Art degrees to choose from:

- Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Theatre Education for students pursuing a career in secondary education. This degree is a large portion of classes in the Education Department and results in a teaching certification endorsement for the State of Idaho Public Schools.
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Theatre Studies. This degree program is an open enrollment, liberal arts style program with a basic core of study and a selection of emphases that can be tailored to address the career or life plans of individual students. These emphases are:
 - General Theatre Studies
 - Performance and Directing
 - Theatre for Youth
 - Theatre Design and Technology

We also have an Associate of Arts (AA) degree for those looking for a shorter degree with the same core skills and knowledge as the BA degree. There is also a Concentration, which is smaller than a major and larger than a minor, which would be combined with another Concentration, Minor or cluster to create an Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) degree of your own choosing.

First thing to do:

All majors and concentrations should begin their first year of study with:

- TA 105 (Career and Orientation options)
- TA 115 (Intro to Theatre)
- TA 116 (Dramatic Structure and Analysis)
- TA 123 (Acting 1)
- TA 119 / TA 160 (these two classes are really the same class – Beginning Technical Theatre – one is the classroom experience and the other is the ‘hands-on’ laboratory experience).

These courses will provide you with a solid foundation of theatrical skill and knowledge and a firm grasp of the various options and emphases open to you.

Advising

When you declare a major, you will be assigned a member of the faculty as a mentor. Get to know them as soon as possible, and let them know who you are, what you love, and what you want to become. Then, they can help you navigate the confusing degree requirements and options open to you during your precious, short time at BYU-Idaho. If, for any reason, you would like to change your mentor, you can visit the Academic Advising office in Chapman 104 and have them change it for you. The faculty are here to help you, but if you don't ask the questions, we don't know how to help.

If you have questions regarding classes, contact your Academic Advisor in the College of Performing and Visual Arts:
(208) 496-9870 or
CPVAadvising@byui.edu

Performing at BYU-Idaho

We do more than six performances per year in the Theatre Department. We have two mainstage productions (one proscenium and one black box show) each semester and numerous smaller-scale and external opportunities for performance on campus. We provide students the chance to play a major role in the creation of these performances with 'hands on' experience in design, constructing, managing, directing and acting. In this way, our students graduate with both the theoretical and practical experience they need to immediately make an impact in their work.

Our auditions are open to all students and non-students alike. We have a 'call board' outside 126 Snow building where casting notices and audition announcements are posted regularly. We also have announcements for workshops, graduate programs, and local casting calls posted there as well.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or visit our social media including Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube, which can be accessed on our website at <http://www.byui.edu/theatre>

Thank you,
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BYU-Idaho Campus Map

Theatre classes are primarily held in the Snow building.

