

Theatre Arts

A degree in theatre arts prepares students for performances and technical production in live theatre, film, television and multimedia. California Lutheran University's Theatre Arts Department offers a series of fundamental and advanced courses in theatre along with numerous opportunities to participate in its Mainstage, Blackbox and Film and Video productions.

An average of four major live theatre productions, including musicals, are staged each year, along with performance opportunities in Improvisational Theater, original films and videos and the student-produced Blackbox series. Students are encouraged to take positions of responsibility in all areas of production including publicity, sound, light, makeup, scene and costume design.

Every theatre arts major has the opportunity to direct or design a play production on campus. Cal Lutheran students have brought home top regional awards from the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival. Students are encouraged to work as professional theatre interns during the summer with Camp Shakespeare and the Kingsmen Shakespeare Company, a professional theatre company performing on campus. Students also intern at local art centers like the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza. The University's close proximity to Los Angeles provides an arena for students to explore a variety of screen, stage, television and musical presentations and connections with industry professionals.

Many Cal Lutheran theatre arts graduates have achieved careers in the competitive world of professional theatre, film, and television. The theatre arts curriculum also provides practical performance, management, communication, and work skills that relate to many other career fields. Cal Lutheran theatre arts graduates have been accepted into graduate theatre programs at universities throughout the United States.

Theatre Arts Scholarship

Visual and Performing Arts scholarships in Theatre Arts are available to those students who have a high school 3.0 grade point average and whose talent, interest, or experience indicates that they would contribute to our program. Awards are made to talented students whether they are theatre arts majors or non-theatre arts majors. Application for the scholarship and scheduling of an audition/interview should be completed prior to February 1. For further information, please contact the Chair of the Theatre Arts Department.

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts

42 credits minimum, 31 credits upper division.

Performance Emphasis Requirements

TA 133	Acting I	4
TA 160	Production Lab: Costumes	1
or TA 161	Production Lab: Scenery	
TA 167	Design and Production for the Stage and Media	4
TA 331	Advanced Scene Study	4
TA 333	Acting: Styles	4
TA 334	Stage Speech	2
TA 335	Movement for the Stage	2
TA 342	History of Theatre and Drama I	4
TA 343	History of Theatre and Drama II	4
TA 367	Light/Sound Design for Stage and Media	4
or TA 368	Scenic Design for Stage and Media	
or TA 369	Costume Design for Stage and Media	
TA 451	Creative Project/Portfolio	1
TA 475	Directing I	4
TA 477	20th Century Theatre-Capstone	4
Total Hours		42

Technical Theatre Emphasis Requirements

TA 133	Acting I	4
TA 160	Production Lab: Costumes	1
or TA 161	Production Lab: Scenery	
TA 162	Production Lab: Sound/Lighting	1
TA 163	Production Lab: Makeup	1
TA 167	Design and Production for the Stage and Media	4

TA 342	History of Theatre and Drama I	4
TA 343	History of Theatre and Drama II	4
TA 360	Advanced Production Lab (2 credits total - 1 credit each)	1
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TA 367	Light/Sound Design for Stage and Media	4
TA 368	Scenic Design for Stage and Media	4
TA 369	Costume Design for Stage and Media	4
TA 451	Creative Project/Portfolio	1
TA 475	Directing I	4
TA 477	20th Century Theatre-Capstone	4
Total Hours		42

Theatre Arts Major (Performance Emphasis) with additional Interdisciplinary Emphasis in Musical Theatre Requirements

12 credits minimum.

MUS 142	Voice	1
or MUS 342	Voice	
MUS 142	Voice (two courses minimum)	1
or MUS 342	Voice	
MUS 107	Music Theory I	2
MUS 109	Musicianship Skills I	1
MUS 111	Keyboard Harmony I	1
MUS 403	History of Musical Theater	2
TA 337	Dance for Music Theatre	2
TA 370	Acting for Music Theatre	2
Total Hours		12

Requirements for a Minor in Theatre Arts

21 credits minimum, 12 credits upper division.

TA 131	Beginning Acting	4
or TA 133	Acting I	
TA 160	Production Lab: Costumes	1
or TA 161	Production Lab: Scenery	
TA 342	History of Theatre and Drama I	4
TA 475	Directing I	4
TA 477	20th Century Theatre-Capstone	4
One elective in theatre		4
Total Hours		21