Theatre

Theatre majors focus their studies in Performance & Directing, Design & Technical training, Arts Administration, or General Theatre. All prepare students for careers in the professional world of promoting, staging, or conducting theatrical performances. An undergraduate theatre major also prepares students for graduate studies in theatre.

The employment outlook varies by activity, but is tied to the state of the entertainment industry in general. Presently, it is expected that the industry will continue to grow at about the average for all industries, fueled by the expansion of entertainment broadcast media—such as satellite, cable, and personal viewing devices—as well as content forms, such as interactive media, direct-for-Web movies, and mobile content, produced for cell phones or other portable electronic devices.

Competition for positions will remain very high, demanding both talent and stamina (ability to endure unstable and short-term contracts, as well as frequent periods of unemployment) for success.

**Some career possibilities for Theater majors:**

- Actor
- Agent
- Audio Engineer
- Animator/Animation
- Coordinator
- Announcer
- Art Director
- Background Singer
- Booking Agent/Manager
- Camera Operator
- Casting Director
- Choreographer
- Costume Designer
- Critic (Book/Theater)
- Dancer
- Director
- Drama Teacher/Coach
- Drama Therapist
- Dramatist (Playwright)
- Editor
- Fashion Designer
- Film Editor
- FX Artist
- Graphic Artist/Designer
- Hairstylist/Cosmetologist
- Lighting Artist
- Look Artist (3D character finishing)
- Marketing Specialist
- Model
- Motion Picture Projectionist
- Musician
- Photographer
- Playwright
- Producer
- Production
- Manager/Coordinator
- Prop Stylist/Master
- Publicist/Public Relations Coordinator
- Rigger
- Screenwriter
- Service Technician
- Set Designer
- Singer
- Sound Technician
- Stage Manager
- Stagehand
- Stunt Actor/Coordinator
- Talent Manager
- Teacher
- Teleprompter Operator
- Voice Coach
- Voice Actor/Artist
- Web Designer
- Writer/Author

**Possible employers for Theatre majors:**

- Animation Studios
- Booking Agencies
- Casting Agencies
- Colleges & Universities
- Communications Companies
- Community Arts Programs
- Cruise Lines
- Dance Studios
- Entertainment Companies
- Fashion Houses
- Film Studios
- Marketing/Publicity Agencies
- Newspapers & Magazines
- Radio Studios
- Record/Sound Production Studios
- Resorts
- Schools
- Talent Services
- Television Studios
- Theatre Production Companies
- Theatres
- Theme Parks
- Video Studios

**Professional Organizations & Additional Information:**

- **The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees**
  1430 Broadway, 20th Floor
  New York, NY 10018
  www.iatse-intl.org

- **Directors Guild of America**
  (Represents film & television directors)
  7920 Sunset Boulevard
  Los Angeles, California 90046
  110 West 57th Street
  New York, New York 10019
  www.dga.org

- **Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers**
  1501 Broadway, Suite 1701
  New York, NY 10036
  www.ssdci.org

- **The Actors’ Equity Association**
  (Represents stage actors)
  165 West 46th Street
  New York, NY 10036
  www.actorsequity.org

- **Screen Actors Guild**
  (Represents Screen actors)
  5757 Wilshire Blvd, 7th floor
  Los Angeles, CA 90036
  360 Madison Ave, 12th floor
  New York, NY 10017
  www.sag.org

- **American Federation of Television and Radio Artists**
  (Represents entertainment performers and journalists)
  260 Madison Avenue
  New York, New York 10016-2401
  5757 Wilshire Boulevard, 9th Floor
  Los Angeles, California 90036-3689
  www.aftra.com

- **The Online Center**
  http://online.onetcenter.org