

What about a major in...?

# Acting (B.F.A.)

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## What is Acting?

The B.F.A. in acting is an intensive, individualized, actor training program that uses both faculty from theatre and dance as well as the Guthrie Theater's professional artistic staff to provide selected students with the physical, vocal, emotional, and intellectual skills necessary to succeed as working performance artists. The degree is intended to prepare students for entry into advanced education at a conservatory and/or graduate school, for professional employment. Entry into the B.F.A. acting program is by audition only and students are admitted only in fall semester.

## What are the major requirements?

Go to [www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html](http://www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html) and select "Undergraduate majors."

## How do I declare an Acting major?

Acceptance into the B.F.A. program is based on audition as well as a good academic record. Each year in January and February, program representatives embark on an audition tour throughout the United States, including Minneapolis. Starting in September, you can apply for an audition appointment online or call 1-800-752-1000 to receive application materials in the mail. You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant, to learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. When you decide upon an Acting major, meet with the Director of Undergraduate Studies to complete a Major Program form.
3. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.
4. If you decide to change your major, contact your CLA student community for information on the new major's declaration process.

## What can I do with a major in Acting?

### Skills

Acting majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers.

These skills include:

- Verbal communication skills
- Ability to work individually and as part of a team
- Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
- Creative problem solving skills
- Collaboration and compromising skills
- Project management skills

### Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- Arts and Entertainment—acting, directing, managing, producing, playwriting, design,

## For more information:

### About the Acting major:

Undergraduate Advising  
580 Rarig Center  
(612) 625-6699  
<http://theatre.umn.edu/>

### About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:

CLA Arts Student Community  
560 Heller Hall  
(612) 624-7504  
<http://arts.class.umn.edu>

or

CLA Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Program  
19 Johnston Hall  
(612) 625-2300  
<http://www.class.umn.edu/mlk/>  
[mlk@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:mlk@class.cla.umn.edu)

### About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:

Career and Community  
Learning Center  
135 Johnston Hall  
(612) 624-7577  
[www.cclc.umn.edu](http://www.cclc.umn.edu)  
[cclc@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:cclc@class.cla.umn.edu)

### About graduation with honors:

CLA Honors Division  
20 Nicholson  
(612) 624-5522  
[www.cla.umn.edu/honors/](http://www.cla.umn.edu/honors/)  
[honors@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:honors@class.cla.umn.edu)

- technical management, technical work
- Education—teaching, research, admissions, advising, student affairs
- Business—marketing, human resources, sales
- Public Relations and Advertising—corporate public relations, lobbying
- Nonprofit—fundraising, programming, management
- Management and Development—project management, project development
- Audio design and technology
- Graphic design

Today's workplace requires individuals with interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate effectively, an ability to solve problems, and adaptability. CLA graduates find that they are well-prepared in all these areas and that their education—especially when combined with experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, past jobs, and other collegiate involvement—makes them competitive.

The **Career & Community Learning Center** provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

## **Remember!**

You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program form with your major adviser,
- filed a copy with the major department,
- and filed a copy with your CLA student community.

**Don't forget: keep a copy for yourself!**