

## What is Theatre Arts?

The Theatre Arts program offers study of the art form in both theoretical historical context and the practice of live dramatic performance. Course offerings include theatre history and dramatic literature; acting, movement, and voice; directing; design and technology for scenery, costume, lighting, makeup, and sound; and management. Coursework also embraces theatre as a group art, an art in which individual excellence is often fully realized only in collaboration with other artists. The practical application of the art encourages students to test classroom experiences under the pressure of public performance in the laboratory of the University Theatre.

## 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 a Theatre Arts major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits. The earlier you declare, the sooner you can get involved in the departmental laboratory and functions.

1. Talk with either the director of undergraduate studies or the PEERs about the major and the requirements.
2. To declare a Theatre Arts major, set up a meeting with the director of undergraduate studies for Theatre Arts and complete a Major Program form. After this point, you will need to meet a minimum of once per year with your theatre adviser (the director of undergraduate studies).
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 Theatre Arts?

### Skills

Theatre arts 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, technical management, technical work

## For more information:

### About the theatre arts 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>

### 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/honors@class.cla.umn.edu](http://www.cla.umn.edu/honors/honors@class.cla.umn.edu)

- 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!**