

# Theatre

Theatre at University of Northwestern—St. Paul builds upon its outstanding tradition of integrating the arts into a Christian worldview. Students have the opportunity to explore and experience every aspect of the phenomena of theatre while encompassed in a Christian liberal arts university. These students are encouraged to incorporate theatre into their cultural experience, to aspire to academic excellence, to equip themselves for theatrical contribution to their culture, and to formulate a Christian perspective of the whole.

### What Type of Work are Related to this Degree?

- Performance
- Directing
- Casting
- Agent/talent management
- Stage management
- Technical direction
- Scenic/props design
- Lighting/projections/sound design
- Costumes/hair and makeup design
- Theatre management
- Playwriting
- House management
- Publicity and promotions
- Fundraising and development
- Arts administration
- Box office sales or management
- House management

### Who Employs People with this Degree?

- Theaters
- Arts councils and arts organizations
- Broadway and touring productions
- Regional, community, and summer stock theatres
- Dinner theatre companies
- Children's theatre productions
- Dance companies
- Video production companies
- Television/film/ radio
- Amusement and theme parks
- Cruise lines
- Acting conservatories
- Schools or community education

**More information at [ONETonline.org](http://ONETonline.org)**

### General Strategies for Success:

- Gain as much experience as possible in a variety of positions to become a well-rounded theatre professional.
- Expand your network to find out about jobs and opportunities.
- Read articles related to theatre to keep up with new developments.
- Work on improving and refining your skills in acting, singing, dancing, design, stage management, directing, etc. through lessons, workshops, classes, or mentorships.
- Volunteer with fundraising efforts for the arts.
- Be aware of scams. Check out the legitimacy of agencies and companies before paying any fees.
- Theatre helps students develop verbal and written communication, public speaking, and teamwork skills. These transferable skills are valued by many types of employers. In particular, positions in sales, marketing, management, and public relations may be open to students with theatre degrees.

### Professional Associations

Actors Equity Association (AEA)  
Screen Actors Guild/American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA)  
International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE)  
United States Institute for Technical Theatre  
Stage Managers Association  
Stage Directors and Choreographers Society  
American Association of Community Theatre  
Educational Theatre Association  
Professional Lighting and Sound Association

This information represents possible occupations and strategies for careers with this major. As with any job or career, there may be additional qualifications or experience needed. For more information and options, make an appointment with Career & Leadership Development or check out our online resources on our website or on myUNW, Career & Leadership Development tab.