

Theatre

The Theatre major can help prepare students for many career opportunities including work in the specific areas of theater production or performance as well as the related areas of advertising, television, film, recreation, education, and management. Theatre study includes a comprehensive study in theater, practical experience in professional production, and a solid background in the liberal arts. Talent, commitment, energy, and discipline are key personal qualities required for successful theater careers.

The following list contains a representative sample of job titles of former graduates with a Theatre major. Use this as an idea list, and remember that it represents some, but certainly not all, of the careers you might consider.

Students obtaining employment immediately upon graduation are usually those with the best college records and a willingness to relocate to find a job. Some of these jobs also require education beyond a bachelors' degree.

Salaries vary widely according to the specific production field, professional level, type and location of theatre or other venue. Theatre production jobs are often free-lance and contracted, on a show or season basis. Salaries are dependent upon the number of performances, the size, location and type of show and theatre venue. In 2000, for example, an Equity actor's weekly wage in a Broadway play may be \$1180, \$1667 in a Broadway musical, \$592 in a regional theatre, from \$250 to \$425 in a stock theatre, or \$136 in a smaller specialized theatre. An Equity stage manager's weekly earnings for a Broadway musical might be \$1939, \$706 for a regional theatre production, from \$310 to \$485 in a stock theatre, or \$168 in a small theatre company. In either case, salary usually depends upon the location of theatre and the number of performances (usually 3 to 8) per week. Similar positions in film and television generally offer a higher salary, but they, too, are usually on a project or season basis. Some actors, designers, directors, stage managers, and crafts persons work on an annual or longer-term contract basis as members of resident theatre companies. Career opportunities with more conventional, annual or longer-range contracts, in theatre companies and arts organizations are enjoyed by artistic and executive directors, producers, marketing, public relations, development, and business personnel

Related Career Titles for Theatre Majors

*Acting Coach	*Costumer	*Media Planner
*Script Coach	*Actor	*Critic
*Media Salesperson	*Script Manager	*Actress
*Customer Service Manager	*Mediator	*Special Events Coordinator
*Admissions Director	*Fund Raiser	*Mime
*Stage Manager	*Advertising Specialist	*Director
*Model	*Stand-In	*Agent

*Drama Coach	*Movie Theater Manager	*Student Affairs Specialist
*Amusement Park Entertainer	*Equipment Operator	*Narrator
*Stunt Coordinator	*Animal-Talent Coordinator	*Facilities Manager
*Negotiator/Mediator	*Stunt-person	*Announcer
*Foreign Correspondent	*Paralegal	*Talent Manager
*Art Director	*Health Educator	*Playwright
*Talent Scout	*Booking Manager	*Human Resource Specialist
*Producer	*Teacher	*Broadcast Journalist
*Impersonator	*Program Assistant	*Theater Manager
*Business Manager	*Instructor, Theater Arts	*Prop Manager
*Ticket Sales Coordinator	*Buyer	*Labor Relations Specialist
*Public Affairs Officer	*Tour Guide	*Casting Director
*Lighting Designer	*Public Relations Specialist	*Tourism Director
*Communication Technology Specialist	*Lighting Operator	*Puppeteer
*Training & Development Specialist	*Community Affairs Officer	*Lobbyist
*Radio/TV Announcer	*Video Store Manager	*Copy Writer
*Magician	*Recruiter	*Writer/Editor
*Costume Designer	*Make-up Artist	*Sales Representative
*Draftsman	*Exhibit/Display Designer	*Faux Painter
*Scene Painter	*Set Designer	*Sound Designer
*Rigger		

Related Major Skills & Characteristics

Imagination & creativity	Strong communication skills
Good work ethic	Flexibility
Basic reading, writing and editing skills	Presentation, public speaking skills
Attention to detail	Interpersonal skills
Adaptability	Appreciation of aesthetics
Interpretive skills	