



What Can I Do with a Major in... Theatre

Possible Career Options

(some career areas require advanced education)

Actor/Actress
Advertising/Marketing Manager
Booking Agent-Resort Industries
Campaign Director
Children's Theatre Director
Community Affairs Liaison
Convention Director
Costume Designer
Costume Shop Supervisor
Development Officer
Director, Public Relations
Director, Student Affairs
Director, Tourism
Events Coordinator
Fashion Merchandiser
Fund Raiser
Graphic Designer
Journalist
Lighting Designer
Marketing Communications Director
Minister/Clergy
Museum Manager
Non-Profit Arts Manager
Professor/Theatre
Props Designer
Publicist
Recreational Supervisor
Sales Rep-Theatre Industry
Scenic Designer
Sound Designer
Stage Manager
Technical Director
Theatre Educator
Theatre Manager
Travel Agent
Universal Information Specialist
Wedding Planner
Visual Merchandiser

Leadership/Management Skills

- Inventing
- Taking risks
- Identifying problems and needs
- Predicting and evaluating future trends and patterns
- Identifying people who can contribute to the solution of the problem
- Selling, promoting, negotiating, persuading
- Managing time, energy and resources effectively

Communication/Writing Skills

- Dealing with the public
- Critiquing, editing, proofreading
- Articulateness
- Coordinating or directing others in a group performance
- Expressing ones feelings honestly

Research/Analytical Skills

- Evaluating information against appropriate standards
- Reviewing large amounts of material and extracting essence
- Applying information creatively to solve specific problems
- Perceiving and defining cause and effect relationships
- Analyzing the interrelationships of events and ideas from several perspectives

Artistic/Creative Skills

- Fashioning or shaping things or materials
- Dealing creatively with colors and shapes
- Designing costumes and scenery for a performance
- Conveying feeling and thoughts through creative expression
- Directing a performance

Other Skills

- Doing detailed and accurate work

Print and Web Resources

OCS Books

Career Opportunities in Theatre and Performing Arts
Careers for the Stage-struck and Other Dramatic Types
Great Jobs for Theatre Majors
How to Run a Theatre

Online Career Resources

Occupational Outlook Handbook
www.bls.gov/oco/ocos093.htm
(Actor/Producer/Director)
www.bls.gov/oco/ocos094.htm
(Dancer/Choreographer)
www.bls.gov/oco/ocos095.htm (Musician/Singer)
www.bls.gov/oco/ocos169.htm (Make-up Artist)
www.bls.gov/oco/ocos291.htm (Designer)

Internship Electronic Resources

After College
www.aftercollege.com

Idealist and Action Without Borders
www.idealists.org

Local Internships
www.hope.edu/knowhope/internships/index.cgi

Employment Opportunity Electronic Resources

American Association of Community Theatre
www.aact.org/cgi-bin/webdata_jobs.pl?cgifunction=Search

Showbiz Jobs
www.showbizjobs.com

Spotlight on Careers
www.spotlightoncareers.org

Theatre Jobs
www.theatrejobs.com

More resource links are available at the Office of Career Services website:

www.hope.edu/student/career

Professional Associations

American Alliance for Theatre & Education
www.aate.com

American Association of Community Theatre
www.aact.org

Actors' Equity Association
www.actorsequity.org

Association of Theatre in Higher Education
www.athe.org

Association of Theatrical Press Agents and Managers
www.atpam.com

Costume Society of America
www.costumesocietyamerica.com

Institute of Outdoor Drama
www.unc.edu/depts/outdoor

International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees
www.iatse-intl.org

Music Theatre International
www.mtishows.com

National Association for Drama Therapy
www.nadt.org

Screen Actors Guild
www.sag.org

Stage Directors & Choreographers Foundation, Inc.
www.sdfoundation.org

Stage Managers' Association
www.stagemangers.org

Theatre Communications Group
www.tcg.org

The Dramatists Guild of America
www.dramaguild.com

United States Institute of Theatre Technology
www.usitt.org

Hope Graduates in the Theatre World

Actor.....	CBS Studios
Actor.....	The Les Miserables Co. L.P.
Actor.....	Walt Disney Theatrical
Advertising Sales.....	Crain's Chicago Business
Animation Director.....	Lawrence Production
Assistant Stage Manager.....	Showboat Dinner Theatre
Audiovisual Music Specialist.....	BMI
Business Manager.....	Carolina Performing Arts Center
Church Relations and Special Projects Coordinator.....	Youth for Christ
Development Director.....	Grand Rapids Ballet
Director of Communications.....	Greater Ottawa County United Way
Director of Foundation & Government Grants.....	St. Louis Symphony Orchestra
Instructor.....	Allegan Area Arts Council
Manager, Usher Services.....	John F. Kennedy Center for the Arts
Managing Director.....	About Face Theatre Company
Media Planner/Buyer.....	Starcom MediaVest Group
Operations Manager.....	Detroit Symphony Orchestra
President.....	Opera Grand Rapids
Associate Director.....	Lion King on Broadway
Public Relations.....	Edelman PR Worldwide
Self-Employed Wedding Planner.....	
Senior Vice President and Partner.....	Slack Barshinger
Senior Vice President, Pottery Barn Creative.....	Pottery Barn/Williams-Sonoma, Inc.
Special Events Coordinator.....	League of Chicago Theatres
Stage Manager.....	The Blue Man Group
Theatre Professor.....	University of Southern Alabama
Theatre Technician.....	American Repertory Theatre