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Theatre Arts, B.A.

To be or not to be? The fact that we are all familiar with this line, even though it is more than 400 years old, shows the enduring importance of Theatre Arts. And one needn't be an actor to participate in one of humankind's oldest traditions. There are myriad careers backstage and behind the scenes. Specific job skills learned in theatre classes include creative problem solving, teamwork, time management, and good communication, all of which are highly valued by employers in all professions.

Experience Your Learning

Theatre is a practical craft, involving all kinds of opportunities for hands-on learning. From building sets to setting lights to developing sound effects, Theatre majors can immerse themselves in their studies.

Take advantage of several work opportunities offered by the department. Make wigs for the Costume Shop, hone your technical theatre production skills in the Electrics and Sound Shop, and learn how to set the stage in the Scene and Props Shop.

The annual theatre production season involves students at all levels in a variety of theatrical works such as classics, modern/contemporary plays, and original pieces. Musical productions, in collaboration with the Music program, provide opportunities for students every other year.

In contributing to department productions, Theatre Arts majors analyze and evaluate scripts and projects.

Students create new designs, scripts, interpretations, and solutions.

Did you know?

- Humboldt has three theaters for live performances. Among those theaters is the largest performing arts venue in the county and seats 750 and is supported by extensive technology and equipment.
- Unique to our Theatre Arts program is the close collaboration with the Film program.



Academics & Options

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The Theatre Arts major allows students the flexibility to study performance, design/technology, or a combination of the two through elective units. The major prepares students for careers in theatre and offers skills essential in film, television, radio, and other production-oriented fields.

Minors

Theatre Arts Minor

The Theatre Arts minor requires the study of theatre history and criticism, and a practicum course.



Careers

Being a Theatre Arts major isn't just about being on stage in front of an audience. There is a wide spectrum of related behind-the-scenes careers that a degree will prepare you for.

- Actor
- Casting Director
- Costume Designer
- Director
- Lighting Designer
- Makeup Designer
- Playwright
- Publicist
- Scenic Artist Set Designer
- Stage Manager

