

Department of Theatre Arts

Department Information

- www.ndsu.edu/finearts/theatre

Undergraduate Programs of Study

- Theatre Arts (major, minor)

Degrees Offered

- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
- Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.)

Department Description

The requirements for all degree tracks prepare students to be versatile life-long theatre artists through a rigorous, broad-based curriculum in theatre practice, theory, and history. Additional opportunities for specialized study are provided in the areas of acting, musical theatre, and design/technology. Through the course work students are given the opportunity to prepare the audition materials and/or portfolios necessary to enter professional theatre regionally and nationally.

Little Country Theatre, now known as **Theatre - NDSU** has been an important part of campus life at NDSU since 1914. Productions consists of **Theatre NDSU**, the student-run **Newfangled Theatre Company**, and the improv comedy troupe, **To Be Determined**. A typical season includes four fully produced main-stage plays at least one of which is a musical, four newfangled productions, various student projects, and improv shows. Productions are chosen in such a way to expose the students to a variety of styles and genres through a four-year rotation of play styles. Students gain practical experiences through **Theatre - NDSU** which reflect the best of professional practices and current technology. In addition to academic course work, every theatre major is required to participate in some way in at least one **Theatre - NDSU** production per semester. Participation in **Theatre - NDSU** is open to all NDSU students regardless of major.

The Department of Theatre Arts is accredited by the National Association of Theatre Schools (NAST)), and hosts a student chapter of the United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT).

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) with a major in Theatre Arts are general baccalaureate degrees providing a liberal arts background with major emphasis in theatre. The Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) with a major in Theatre Arts is a professionally-oriented program and can be entered only by audition. This degree program provides in-depth study of a theatre specialization: Performance, Musical Theatre, or Design/Technology.

A minor in Theatre Arts is available with a general studies emphasis, dance emphasis, or with selected electives a student could design a minor with an emphasis either in theatrical design and technical theatre, or in performance (acting and directing).

A student who wishes to teach theatre in high school should select a teaching major approved by the School of Education (<https://www.ndsu.edu/education>) and complement that major with a major or minor in Theatre Arts.

Courses for Theatre Arts majors and minors are grouped into tracks and emphasis areas.