This program leads to a profession which requires an occupational license as defined under Texas Occupations Code 58.001. This requires that all applicants seeking to become licensed must undergo a criminal background check prior to licensure. Students in this program should check with the College of Education and P-16 Integration on the requirements for a criminal background check prior to student teaching.

The Bachelor of Arts in Theater with focus on Theater/Television/Film prepares a student to work in the arts and entertainment industries, in either live theater or recorded media such as film, television, commercials, and music videos. Depending upon their concentration within the program, students may be prepared for performance or direction in multiple media; theatrical design and technical production jobs; and/or film and television production. The BA in Theater also prepares students for entry into graduate school or secondary education. Other employment opportunities in related fields, such as advertising and development, exist due to the liberal arts emphasis of this degree. Students also gain social skills, including teamwork and project leadership that are valuable to employers in any field.

A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 42 HOURS
Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements. The courses listed below satisfy both degree requirements and General Education core requirements.

Required

090 - Integrative and Experiential Learning – 3 hours
Choose one:
COMM 1311 Introduction to Communication
COMM 1315 Public Speaking

Recommended

050 - Creative Arts – 3 hours
Choose one:
THTF 1310 Theatre Appreciation
THTF 2366 Cinema Appreciation

B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 42 HOURS (27 advanced)

1 – Theatre/Television/Film Core – 21 hours (12 advanced)
THTF 1351 Acting I
THTF 1336 Television Production
THTF 2361 Video and Film Editing I
THTF 4311 Directing I
THTF 4312 Directing II
THTF 4316 History of Theatre I
THTF 4317 History of Theatre II

2 – Design Technical Electives – 21 hours (15 advanced)
THTF 1330 Stagecraft
THTF 1342 Costume Technology
THTF 3321 Creative Drama
Choose one:
THTF 3311 Contemporary Drama
THTF 3312 World Drama
Choose one:
THTF 3331 Scene Design
THTF 3333 Costume Design
THTF 4120 Practicum Theatre Television Film
THTF 4120 Practicum Theatre Television Film
THTF 4120 Practicum Theatre Television Film
THTF 4351 Theory and Styles of Acting

C – TEACHER CERTIFICATION – 27 HOURS (24 advanced)

Area of Certification: Theatre (EC-12)
EDFR 2301 Intercultural Context of Schooling
EDUC 3301 The Teaching Profession and Student Learning in Contemporary Schools
EDUC 3302 Human Development, Learning Theories, and Student Learning
EDUC 3303 Teaching in Today’s Diverse Classrooms
EDUC 3304 Instructional Planning, Classroom Management, and Assessment to Promote Student Learning
EDUC 4306 Implementing and Assessing Effective Secondary Content Pedagogy
READ 4305 Content Area Literacy
EDUC 4611 Student Teaching Secondary or All-Level

D – FREE ELECTIVES – 9 HOURS

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 120 HOURS
TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 51 HOURS

ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:

Progression requirements
All courses in the major require a grade of ‘C’ or better. For teacher certification, students must apply for admission and be accepted to the College of Education and P-16 Integration prior to enrolling in teacher certification courses, except for EDFR 2301 which is open to all students. Students unable to be admitted to student teaching program will be required to substitute EDUC 4611 for 6 advanced hours, as recommended by advisor.

Graduation requirements
In addition to the graduation requirements listed in the UTRGV 2017-2018 Undergraduate Catalog, demonstration of proficiency in a language other than English is required at the undergraduate level equivalent to a minimum of six credit hours. Proficiency can be demonstrated by a college credit exam, a placement test approved through the UTRGV Department of Writing and Language Studies, and/or up to six credit hours of college-level language coursework.