

FIRST YEAR

Choose 1	Communication	THTF 1336	Introduction to Film & Video Production
Choose 1	Mathematics	THTF 1330	Stagecraft
		THTF 2361	Video and Film Editing I
		UNIV 1301	Learning Framework
Choose 1	Communication	Choose 1	
Choose 1	COMM 1311 Intro to Comm. or COMM 1315 Public Speaking	THTF 1351	Acting I
		THTF 4120	Practicum Theatre Tele. Film
		THTF 1331	Lighting and Sound Technology
		THTF 1342	Costume Technology

SECOND YEAR

Choose 1	Government/Political Science	Choose 1	Government/Political Science
Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences
Choose 1	Creative Arts	THTF 3333	Costume Design
		THTF 3331	Scene Design
Choose 1	Government/Political Science	Choose 1	Government/Political Science
Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences
Choose 1	Social and Behavioral Sciences	THTF 4120	Practicum Theatre Television Film
Choose 1	Lighting for the Stage, Film, and Television	THTF 3332	Lighting for the Stage, Film, and Television

THIRD YEAR

Choose 1	American History	Choose 1	American History
Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture	Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture
Free Elective	13XX-23XX	Free Elective	13XX-23XX
Free Elective	13XX-23XX	Free Elective	13XX-23XX
THTF 4311	Directing I	THTF 4311	Directing I
THTF 4120	Practicum Theatre Television Film	THTF 4120	Practicum Theatre Television Film
Choose 1	American History	Choose 1	American History
Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning
Free Elective	13XX-23XX	Free Elective	13XX-23XX
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THTF 3311	Contemporary Drama	THTF 3311	Contemporary Drama
or THTF 3312	World Drama	or THTF 3312	World Drama
THTF 3330	Drawing and Rendering	THTF 3330	Drawing and Rendering
THTF 4615	Summer Theatre Workshop	THTF 4615	Summer Theatre Workshop

FOURTH YEAR

Free Advanced Elective	33XX-33XX	Free Advanced Elective	33XX-33XX
Free Advanced Elective	33XX-33XX	Free Advanced Elective	33XX-33XX
THTF 4316	History of Theatre I	THTF 4316	History of Theatre I
THTF 4303	Special Topics or	THTF 4303	Special Topics or
Choose 1	THTF 4321 Children's Theatre Workshop	Choose 1	THTF 4321 Children's Theatre Workshop
Free Advanced Elective	33XX-33XX	Free Advanced Elective	33XX-33XX
Free Advanced Elective	33XX-33XX	Free Advanced Elective	33XX-33XX
THTF 4317	History of Theater II	THTF 4317	History of Theater II
THTF 4312	Directing II	THTF 4312	Directing II

Courses in red are part of the General Education Core Curriculum (GEC). "Choose 1" indicates course options. If options are not listed, please review the General Education Core or the degree plan for this major: www.utrgv.edu/degreepians.

2019-2020 ACADEMIC PLAN

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THEATRE (BA)

*Design

Catalog: 2019-20

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Degree Info

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.

Additional Info

Progression Requirements

All courses in the major require a grade of 'C' or better.

Design Track

1. Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively in the visual mode.
2. Demonstrate basic general knowledge of the principles of design - scene, costume, and lighting.
3. Demonstrate specific knowledge of the elements necessary to successfully execute a scene, costume, or lighting design.

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BLUEPRINT EXPERIENCES

FIRST YEAR

SECOND YEAR

THIRD YEAR

FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND

CAREERS

MILESTONES

- UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. Make it a point to visit them!
- Complete your core English classes (section 010) during your first year.
- Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.
- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0.
- Take your core courses in your first year.

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- Complete major foundation classes, such as Theatre Appreciation.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Attend all theatre productions the department produces. These are learning experiences as well as good entertainment.

- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.
- Take advantage of the theatre and film productions the theatre department produces and/or supports. Get working experience while you can.

- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0.
- "I have a plan for after graduation." If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or the Career Center!
- Start preparing your demo reel/portfolio.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.

ADVICE & SUPPORT

- Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!
- Choose a major with confidence- Visit my.UTRGV.edu and check out MyMajors!
- Visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about class.
- Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your group.
- Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits.

- Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors!
- Come ready with course suggestions and questions when you visit your academic advisor.
- Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your speeches.
- Trouble making your tuition payment? The Financial Aid Office can help. Payment plans and emergency loans are also available

- Seek out research opportunities within Theatre and join a professional organization.
- Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for graduation next year.
- Apply for internship and/or job shadowing opportunities. Discuss this with your advisor, faculty mentor, or Career Center.
- Direct, write, and act; do all the disciplines of theatre. You may be surprised by what you really enjoy or what you are really great at!

- Engage in an independent study project or a professional internship to complement and/or complete your major,
- Discuss future plans with your faculty mentor or advisor that includes employment, finances, and other life goals.
- Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated date. Visit the Academic Advising Center to ensure you are on track.

APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN

- Look for a service-learning course! For guidance, visit Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project.
- Ask a student in class to study with you.

- To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.

- Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!
- Sharpen your writing skills! Take an intensive writing course such as THTF 4315 Scriptwriting or become the secretary for your student organization.

- Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium.
- Set up an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in.

GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.
- Attend a diversity based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service).
- Attend a departmental program such as our Latino Theatre Initiative Theatre for Young Audience programs.
- Join a student organization! Consider looking into Alpha Psi Omega National Honorary Theatre Society or visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.

- Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to England in the summer with Dr. Brian Warren, one of our faculty members.
- Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.
- Join another student organization. Visit VLink for options.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch- bring a friend!

- Consider serving on a campus life/community committee or become a student leader and make a difference. Visit VLink or speak with your Student Government Association for more information!
- Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for International Programs & Partnerships.

- Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job fairs, online, at on-campus information sessions, staffing agencies, etc. The Career Center can help.
- Before a job interview, schedule a mock interview with the Career Center or speech coaching with the Communication Hauser Lab.

LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake icon: (My.UTRGV.edu).
- Got summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some job shadowing.
- Take advantage of the theatre department's summer film and theatre programs.
- Research shows that students who work on campus perform better than those who work off campus. Look for a job on Handshake!
- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger- locate and attend one student workshop.

- Update your resume in Handshake and have it reviewed.
- Visit the Career Center site to find a job fair to attend. At the event, approach a recruiter and discuss internships.
- Will a minor expand your career options? We recommend the film minor.
- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.
- No minor is required but you might take the film minor in any case.

- Check out the Theatre Department website for postings on career/graduate school.
- Think about three people you can ask for letters of recommendation (professors, mentors, advisors, supervisors, etc.). Give them at least two weeks' advance notice!
- When is the deadline for your graduate school application? Visiting the program admissions webpage. Most do not accept late applicants!

- Have you received your acceptance for graduate school or an employment offer? If not, network: talk to faculty, the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.
- Formulate and implement a strategy for life after graduation: attend career fairs, graduate fairs, apply to fellowships, etc.
- Update your information with Alumni Relations. Enjoy alumni mixers, events and continued access to Career Center services!
- Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov.

- Stage management
- Stage direction
- Set design/construction
- Costume design
- Hair/Make-up
- Special effects
- Wardrobe
- Prop management
- Broadcast technology
- Rigging
- Electrical work
- Carpentry/Scenic artistry
- Community theaters
- Regional theaters
- Commercial theaters
- Summer stock theaters
- Dinner theaters
- Children's theaters
- Repertory companies
- University theater groups
- Touring companies
- Industrial shows
- Show groups
- Amusement/theme parks
- Television/film studios
- Radio stations
- Nightclubs
- Cabarets
- Cruise lines
- Acting conservatories
- Public or community programs

For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out "What Can I Do With This Major?" www.utrgv.edu/careercenter