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.

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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.
**Forth Year**
Various types of Performing arts
Freelance
Private instruction
Self
Public and private
and locate
Research
Visit my.UTRGV.edu

**Milestones**
**First Year**
- 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 the Kuder Journey.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Create a resume and set up your profile on the Career Connection icon (My.UTRGV.edu).
- Get 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 the Career Center portal!
- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger.
- Participate in a campus-sponsored diversity based community event.
- Complete your core English classes (section 010) during First Year and attend one student workshop.

**Second Year**
- Shoot for a GPA of 3.0.
- Complete 30 hour film courses.
- Attend all theatre productions the department produces. These are learning experiences as well as great entertainment.
- Want to explore different careers? Check out Kuder Journey!
- 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.
- To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.
- Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to England in the summer with Dr. Brian Hauser Lab.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch and information.
- Engage in an independent study project or a professional internship to complement and/or complete your major, especially an alumnus currently in the field you aspire to work in.

**Third Year**
- 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.
- Apply for admission and be accepted to the College of Education and P-16 integration prior to enrolling in teacher certification courses.
- 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!
- So 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 THFT 4315 Scriptwriting or become the secretary for your student organization.
- Consider becoming a student leader and make a difference for your friends!
- 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 counselling on studentloans.gov.

**CAREERS**
- Private instruction
- Teaching
- Research
- Self-enrichment teaching
- Public and private schools, K-12
- Colleges and universities
- Performing arts centers
- Various types of theater
- Freelance
- Self-employed

**Fourth Year**
- 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.
- Register for Clinical Student Teaching
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- Discuss future plans with your faculty mentor or advisor that includes employment, finances, and other life goals.
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- 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.
- Identify a field of interest and seek them out at job fairs, online, at on-campus information sessions, staffing agencies, etc. The Career Center can help.
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