

## START WELL

## STAY ON COURSE

## FINISH STRONG



## Learn

- Meet with your advisor
- See [sample schedule](#) for your degree
- Explore theatre as a force in and on the world around you with introductory courses: Intro to Theatre, Acting I
- Take WU 101 seriously
- Practice the study strategies & time management skills from [The Learning Scientists](#)
- Do not be afraid to ask for help
- Explore [scholarship opportunities](#)

- Consult with your advisor each semester
- Check your degree progress with [DegreeWorks](#)
- General Education courses help to position you within your Washburn Community and the world that surrounds you
- Take electives in film (Departments of English and Mass Media), mass media, music and business to prepare for mediums beyond the stage
- Develop performance skills in Dance/Movement and vocal training sequences

- Finish advanced level coursework
- Take Special Project courses to receive credit for mainstage directing or designing as appropriate
- Verify graduation requirements



## Experience

- Audition for department productions
- Assist backstage with run crews and production crews on set, lights, costumes, props and sound
- Participate in the end-of-semester showcases to add to performance

- Take on larger roles in departmental productions (stage and crew)
- Audition for student film projects in Mass Media
- Learn techniques on Costume and Set crews
- Submit suggestions to play selection committee for future productions
- Apply for directing, design and performance opportunities for student driven productions
- Participate in a [Washburn Transformational Experience](#) (WTE)

- Direct, Design, Perform in Student Driven mainstage productions
- Build professional relationships
- Complete WTE



## Engage

- Get involved in Washburn Players
- Go see plays in the area and planning and participating in guest workshops
- Attend [Apeiron](#) presentations

- Present performance work at [Apeiron](#)
- Work with community theatres as an actor, technician, or business office volunteer
- Begin developing professional references
- Take [Leadership courses](#) and join the Leadership Challenge Event planning team to prepare you for career environments
- Consider a [Study Abroad](#) opportunity
- Inquire about Edinburgh Fringe Festival during your 4 year rotation

- Participate in fundraising events; connect with local arts organizations
- Participate in Study Abroad or International Festival opportunity
- Contact alumni or network at events with people working in careers of interest
- Join the [WU alumni association](#)



## Launch

- Take workshops from professionals and network with students and professionals in the region
- Start portfolio building for end-of-year major review

- Audition at KCACTF and amusement park summer programs for Summer Stock and Professional companies
- Submit design, playwriting and auditions for evaluation at festival
- Add to portfolio for end of year major review. Start looking for internships at area theatres for junior year summer opportunities
- Junior year: In fall/winter apply for summer internships at area professional and community theatres. Submit work for evaluation at KCACTF. Submit portfolio for mid-year and end of year review

- Complete Portfolio
- Work as an intern at local theatres or businesses that allow you to sharpen your professional skills
- Build a personal brand
- Seek employment

## WHAT'S NEXT?

The program prepares you for positions in diverse areas such as:

Acting  
Arts administration  
Arts advocacy  
Choreographer  
Corporate trainer  
Costume/Set/Light/Sound design and production  
Development director/associate  
Director  
Drama therapy  
Dramaturgy  
Early childhood education  
Educational outreach  
Human resources  
Law  
Marketing  
Musician  
Playwright  
Producer  
Project management  
Public relations/Media relations  
Simulation development and training (medical, emergency, etc.)  
Social media coordinator  
Stage management  
Talent representation  
Teaching  
Theatre production  
Tourism  
TV/Radio broadcasting  
Vocal coach

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