

# Theatre

Bachelor of Arts in Musical Theatre

## MAJOR MAP

### 1ST YEAR

### 2ND YEAR

### 3RD YEAR

### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

### WHERE COULD I GO AFTER GRADUATION?

#### COURSES TO TAKE

Explore theatre as a force in and on the world around you with Introductory courses: Intro to Theatre, Acting I. General Education courses help to position you within your Washburn Community and the world that surrounds you.

Take core courses in Theatre History or start Theatre production courses in Costumes, Lights/Sound, Set/ Props and Makeup. Develop performance skills in Dance/Movement and vocal training sequences.

Take advanced performance classes in Acting, Production and Directing. Take electives in film (Depts of English and Mass Media), mass media and business to prepare for mediums beyond the stage.

Finish advanced level coursework. Take Special Project courses to receive credit for mainstage directing or designing as appropriate.

#### RELEVANT 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 practice.

- Take on larger roles in departmental productions on stage and in production crews.
- 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 and Design opportunities for Student Driven productions. Work as assistant designer, assistant director and stage manager on departmental productions.

Direct, Design, Perform in Student driven mainstage productions. Manage Front-of-House

#### BUILD YOUR NETWORK

Get involved in Washburn Players; going to see plays in the area and planning and participating in guest workshops.

Participate in a Washburn Transformational Experience. Work with community theatres as an actor, technician, or business office volunteer.

Present playwriting and performance work at Aperion (in April). Take Leadership courses and challenges to prepare you for career environments.

Participate in fundraising events; connect with local arts organizations

#### GLOBAL THINKING

Attend lectures/talks at the International house; learn about the opportunities available for Study Abroad for your next semesters. Inquire about Edinburgh Fringe Festival during your 4 year rotation.

Take language courses for your BA requirement that prepare you for Study Abroad opportunities you are considering in your next few years.

Apply for Washburn Transformational Experience opportunities. Build performance experiences for international travel.

Participate in Study Abroad or International Festival opportunity.

#### POST-GRAD PREPARATION

- Attend KCACTF Regional Festival. 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 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.

- 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.

- Prepare for Graduate school, portfolio, interviews and auditions.
- Participate in regional auditions or interviews for professional companies and graduate schools.

#### Performance and Production:

- Actor/Actress • Voice over artist
- Director
- Scenic Artist, Designer, Construction
- Lighting Designer, Electrician
- Costume Designer, Stitcher, Hair/Makeup Designer, Sound Designer, Engineer
- Cutter/Draper
- Property Designer
- Special Effects technician
- Stage Manager
- Dramaturg
- Technical director
- Artist-in-Residence
- Playwright
- Arts Admin & Advocacy
- Choreographer
- Media Relations
- Development director
- Drama therapy
- Educational Outreach
- Producer

#### Outside traditional Theatre:

- Real Estate • Sales
- Event Planning • Tour Guide
- Human Resources
- Recruiting
- Administrative or Personal Assistant
- Simulations Training (medical, emergency, etc.)
- Customer Experience Consulting
- Project Management
- Escape Room Entertainment Creation
- TV/Radio broadcasting

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