

THEATRE AND DRAMA, BS

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Prospective off-campus and on-campus BS–Theatre and Drama students will meet with department academic advisor Jim Stauffer, Department of Theatre and Drama, 6004 Vilas Communications Hall, 821 University Ave., (main office) 608-263-2329, jbstaufer@wisc.edu. Students are also strongly encouraged to confer with an advisor in the School of Education Student Services office on a regular basis (see below).

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION ADVISING

Academic Advising in the School of Education

Dedicated to supporting and promoting student success, academic advisors (<https://education.wisc.edu/academics/undergrad-majors/academic-advising/>) are here to assist students with the adjustment to college, understanding their degree and career goals, and connecting them to resources. Advisors support prospective and current School of Education students in all programs through:

- Course selection
- Mentoring and advocacy for underrepresented and international students
- Understanding degree requirements and progression
- Interpreting academic policies
- Helping students recognize their strengths and suggesting ways to expand their skills
- Expanding learning through activities such as study abroad, volunteering/work/internship, and by assuming leadership roles

To schedule an appointment: Current students can schedule an appointment online through the Starfish app (<https://advising.wisc.edu/facstaff/starfish/starfish-student-resources/>) in MyUW. Appointments can also be made through email at studentservices@education.wisc.edu, by calling 608-262-1651, or in person.

Career Advising in the School of Education

Through individual appointments, events, courses, and online resources, the Career Center provides students and alumni with the tools needed to be successful in their career development.

Career and Internship Advisors are prepared to help students with:

- Exploration of career and academic pathways (<https://careercenter.education.wisc.edu/explore-career/>)
- Resumes
- Cover letters
- Job/Internship search
- Interview preparation
- Mock interviews
- Graduate school search, applications and decisions

- Negotiating job or internship offers
- Professional networking
- Connecting with employers

Students are encouraged to meet with their Career and Internship Advisor early in their college experience to take full advantage of the resources and support available.

To make an appointment: log into Starfish (<https://wisc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/>) from the MyUW dashboard.

For more information, visit the School of Education Career Center website (<https://careercenter.education.wisc.edu/>) or reach out at career-center@education.wisc.edu.

Potential careers for Theatre and Drama majors include: theatrical or on-camera acting, stage management, design or technical production, directing, arts administration, youth theater education, or playwriting. Our graduates work in local, regional, and national theaters, businesses, non-profits, and community agencies, as well as many other fields.

Students develop important skills that employers look for, including:

- Diverse forms of communication, personal expression and connection
- Collaboration
- Creative problem-solving/critical thinking
- Advancing creative concepts into action
- Adaptability, versatility, and improvisation
- Resilience; ability to receive and provide feedback
- Dedication and attention to quality
- Time management and respect for deadlines

Applied experiences, including paid internships, apprenticeship programs, career treks, and professional networking events, are available to UW Theatre & Drama students.