

THEATRE AND DRAMA, BS

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The Theatre and Drama major may be completed either as the primary major or as an additional ("double") major.

Primary Major in Theatre and Drama

Undergraduate students interested in completing the Bachelor of Science–Theatre and Drama degree program will fulfill the School of Education's liberal studies and other degree requirements in addition to the 43 credits required for the Theatre and Drama major.

Additional Major in Theatre and Drama

Undergraduate students from all schools and colleges on campus (including the School of Education) may declare Theatre and Drama as an additional major. Students completing Theatre and Drama as an additional major do not need to complete the School of Education's liberal studies and other degree requirements. For application information, go directly to the Additional Major in Theatre and Drama (p. 2) section below.

ENTERING THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

New and Current UW–Madison Students

Incoming freshmen enter directly into the Bachelor of Science–Theatre and Drama degree program upon admission to UW–Madison; list Theatre and Drama as the intended major. No additional application to Theatre and Drama is required. See UW–Madison Office of Admissions and Recruitment (<http://admissions.wisc.edu/>) for application information.

All other on-campus students will submit an application following a meeting with the department's academic advisor.

Prospective transfer students

Transfer students must be admissible to the university to enroll in a School of Education degree program. See UW–Madison Office of Admissions and Recruitment (<http://admissions.wisc.edu/>) for application information. Transfer students enter directly into the Bachelor of Science–Theatre and Drama degree program upon admission to UW–Madison; list Theatre and Drama as the intended major. No additional application to Theatre and Drama is required. Prospective transfer students are strongly encouraged to meet with the Department of Theatre and Drama academic advisor before coming to campus. Coursework taken at another institution may need to be evaluated by the department academic advisor or a faculty member in the Department of Theatre and Drama. Prospective transfer students are also strongly advised to meet with an advisor in the School of Education Student Services office in advance of their application; to schedule, call 608-262-1651.

Students with a previous degree

Prospective students who already hold an undergraduate degree must be admissible to the university to enroll

in a School of Education degree program. See UW–Madison Office of Admissions and Recruitment (<http://admissions.wisc.edu/>) for application information.

Applicants must also meet the following criteria for admission as a second undergraduate degree candidate in the School of Education. Candidates must:

- be seeking a new major that is substantially different from their previous degree work;
- need to complete at least 15 upper-level credits in the new major;
- need to complete at least 30 credits beyond their previous coursework.

When admitted, second degree candidates enter directly into the Bachelor of Science–Theatre and Drama degree program. No additional application to Theatre and Drama is required.

Prospective students who already hold an undergraduate degree are strongly encouraged to meet with the Department of Theatre and Drama academic advisor before coming to campus. Coursework taken at another institution may need to be evaluated by the department academic advisor or a faculty member in the Department of Theatre and Drama. Prospective second degree candidates are also strongly advised to meet with an advisor in the School of Education Student Services office in advance of their application; to schedule, call 608-262-1651.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

While new freshmen and off-campus transfers are admitted directly to the BS–Theatre and Drama degree program, all other current UW–Madison students seeking to enter the BS–Theatre and Drama program must apply for admission to the program. Students must make an appointment with the departmental advisor to complete the declaration form. Requirements and selection criteria may be modified from one application/admission period to the next.

Criteria for Admission

Eligibility for admission consideration to BS–Theatre and Drama:

- Cumulative grade-point average on all transferable college-level coursework of at least a 2.50 (on a 4.00 scale).¹
- Cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.5 based on UW–Madison campus coursework, as modified by the Last 60 Credits Rule (detailed below).
- Submission of all required application materials, including program application and transcripts.

¹ A comprehensive cumulative GPA of all college-level, transferrable coursework attempted on both the UW–Madison campus coursework and coursework taken at any other colleges or universities may be calculated for the exclusive purpose of establishing an applicant's eligibility for consideration. Both the comprehensive cumulative GPA and the comprehensive cumulative GPA based on a student's last 60 credits may be calculated. See Last 60 Credits Rule (detailed below). If admitted, students must earn the minimum cumulative GPA for UW–Madison coursework established by their program and the School of Education each semester after admission.

Last 60 Credits Rule

Two grade point averages will be calculated to determine candidates' eligibility to programs. GPAs will be calculated using

- all transferable college level coursework attempted, and
- the last 60 credits attempted.

The higher GPA of these two will be used for purposes of determining eligibility. If fewer than 60 credits have been attempted, all credits will be used to calculate the GPA. Graded graduate coursework will also be used in all GPA calculations. ("Attempted" coursework indicates coursework for which a grade has been earned.) More information on this rule is available here (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#policiesandregulationstext>).

ADDITIONAL MAJOR IN THEATRE & DRAMA

Undergraduate students from all schools and colleges on campus (including Education) may declare Theatre and Drama as an additional major. Students wishing to declare the additional major must make an appointment with the departmental advisor to complete the declaration form. The declaration must also be approved by the student's home school/college.

Please note that the requirements of the additional major must be completed before or concurrently with the degree program and primary major.