

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEATRE

The Bachelor of Arts in Theatre at Penn State Berks provides a solid foundation for both professional theatre artists and theatre educators. Penn State Berks offers a B.A. Theatre with options in Performance and Theatre Studies. Students at Penn State Berks benefit from small class sizes and the frequency of productions. Students are able to gain a breadth of knowledge through the full theatre curriculum and production program while developing a deep set of skills in a chosen area of concentration.

Gain Marketable Experience in College

Through thorough classroom training and multiple experiences in performance and production, the B.A. in Theatre at Penn State Berks strives to develop a knowledge base and a skills set in students that will help them become competitive for employment in their field. The work undertaken by students cultivates analytical skills, a spirit of collaboration as a team member, and the ability to problem solve within a project with specific deadlines. These are vital skills in today's job market.

Continuing Education

Students in the Theatre program will also be well prepared for graduate and professional schools, and many have enjoyed success in graduate programs at Rutgers State University, Yale School of Drama, Wayne State, California Institute of the Arts, American Conservatory Theater, and University of Madison-Wisconsin.

Academic Minors

Enhance your degree with one of the college's academic minors; the following are recommended for Theatre majors.

- Business
- Communication Arts & Sciences
- Professional Writing
- Psychology



Job Titles and Salaries

The following is a list of job titles and salaries, which was compiled from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics *Occupational Outlook Handbook*. This is only a partial list to provide you examples of the kinds of jobs available to graduates with a B.A. in Theatre. Some positions require additional experience.

Title	2012 Median Pay
Actor	\$36,100
Film/Video Editors	\$46,280
Multimedia Artist	\$61,370
Playwright/Writer/Author	\$55,940
Producer/Director	\$71,350
Sound Engineering Technicians	\$41,200



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Theatre is a creative, imaginative, and critical art form that can be studied most productively in an interdisciplinary liberal arts environment. The theatre is a natural place to provide an outlet for students to engage with peers and the larger community. The Bachelor of Arts in Theatre at Penn State Berks engages students in three complementary processes: the individual creative process, the collaborative process, and the critical/analytical process.

Students majoring in Theatre at Penn State Berks will gain hands-on experience, participating in every aspect of theatre production, including acting, design, directing, stage management, and technical production. Whether on the stage, behind the scenes, in the box office, or working with the public, there are many opportunities for students to engage in real-world theatre positions.

Career Opportunities

Depending on their area of emphasis, graduates may choose careers as actors, directors, producers, playwrights, dramatic coaches, critics, dramaturges, designers, educators, administrators, and managers. These careers can be pursued within universities, performing arts organizations, related nonprofits organizations, and the media.

An education in Theatre will provide students with crucial life skills that can be used in a wide range of professions. Students will learn to think precisely in the moment, to speak confidently, to write with clarity and intelligence, and to work productively with others. These skills are essential to a wide variety of professions in business, government, journalism, literature, the fine arts, and related disciplines.

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Admission Process

Applying for degree admission to Penn State Berks is simple. Applications are available on the web at berks.psu.edu. Penn State reviews applications throughout the year. Students can expect a decision within four to six weeks after completing the process. Contact Berks Admissions Office with your questions at 610-396-6060.

Transfer Students

Penn State Berks welcomes students who began their education at other institutions. Prospective transfer students are invited to use the online course evaluation guide at admissions.psu.edu/myadmissions/tas as a preliminary tool to learn how credits earned at another institution can be transferred to Penn State. Contact the Berks Admissions Office with your transfer questions at 610-396-6060.

Financial Aid

Eligibility for all financial aid is determined by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form available on the web at fafsa.ed.gov. Contact the financial aid coordinator at Berks or check the web at psu.edu/studentaid for a complete description of the types of available student aid and the application process at 610-396-6070.

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