About The Major

If you’ve ever acted in a play, you know how much work it takes to put a production together. Whether you specialize in acting or design, theatre majors learn everything there is to know about working backstage and onstage. A degree in theatre involves reading, discussing, and writing about all kinds of theatrical works and applying what you learn in class as you build sets, design costumes, direct, or act in department productions.

Sample Course Work

- Foundations of Theatre
- Movement for the Actor
- Stagecraft: Scenery/Lights
- Body, Voice, Awareness
- Creative Drama
- Acting Styles

Skills Needed

- Creativity
- Strong Oral Communication skills
- Commitment and motivation
- Ability to work collaboratively
- Time-management skills
- Promptness
- Ability to learn quickly and under pressure

Possible Careers

- Actor
- Teaching Artist
- Recruiter
- Stage Fabricator
- Director
- Producer
- Entertainment Management
- Filmmaker
- Professor
- Theatrical Supply
- Talent Agent
- Drama Teacher

UNI Graduates: Where Are They Now?

- Theatre Cedar Rapids
- Waterloo Community Playhouse
- Hearst Center for the Arts
- SAG-AFTRA
- Guthrie Theater
- Waukee Community School District
- American Shakespeare Center
- University of Northern Iowa
- Paramount Theater for VenuWorks
- News 7 KWWL
- The Children’s Theatre Company
- Commonweal Theatre Co.
- Windsor Theatre
- Michael’s Theatrical Costuming
- Positive Outlook Association
- 31st Productions

*Some titles may require further education