



What can I do with a major in... **THEATRE**

Theatre at University of Northwestern—St. Paul builds upon its outstanding tradition of integrating the arts into a Christian worldview. Students have the opportunity to explore and experience every aspect of the phenomena of theatre while encompassed in a Christian liberal arts university. These students are encouraged to incorporate theatre into their cultural experience, to aspire to academic excellence, to equip themselves for theatrical contribution to their culture, and to formulate a Christian perspective of the whole.

What types of work are related to this degree?

Performance
Direction/technical direction
Casting
Set/stage/lighting/property design
Stage or house management
Sound design
Wardrobe, hair and makeup design
Prop Management
Script writing, screenwriting, playwriting
Publicity and promotions
Agent/talent management
Marketing and advertising
Fundraising and development
Arts administration
Box office sales or management
Promotion

Who employs people with this degree?

Theaters
Arts councils and arts organizations
Broadway and road company productions
Regional, community and summer stock theatres
Children’s theater or dinner theatre companies
Video production companies
Summer stock theaters
University theater groups
Amusement and theme parks
Television/film/ radio
Cruise lines
Acting conservatories
Public or community education
Theme parks

More information online at ONETonline.org

Strategies for Success:

- Gain as much experience as possible, join professional groups and expand your network to find out about jobs and opportunities.
- Read newspapers and periodicals related to the theater to keep up with new developments.
- Get your foot in the door and get involved with productions any way you can. Be prepared to do various tasks assigned by stage managers or producers.
- Volunteer with fundraising efforts for the arts.
- Be aware of scams. Check out the legitimacy of agencies and companies before paying any fees.
- Theater helps students develop verbal and written communication, public speaking, and teamwork skills. These transferable skills are valued by many types of employers. In particular, positions in sales, marketing, management, and public relations may be open to students with theater degrees.

Professional Associations:

Media Fellowship International
American Association of Community Theatre
Educational Theatre Association
Screen Actors Guild
Actors Equity Association

American Federation of Television and Radio Artists
Professional Lighting and Sound Association
Stage Managers Association
Directors Guild of America

This information represents possible occupations and strategies for careers with this major. As with any job or career, there may be additional qualifications or experience needed. For more information and options, make an appointment with Career Development or check out our online resources on our website or on theROCK, Career Development tab.