

Theatre

Why should I major in Theatre?

If you enjoy performing, working backstage, stage management, or arts administration, you should consider majoring in Theatre. This program prepares you for a variety of aspects within the collaborative field of theatre. You will develop your fundamental performance skills such as acting approaches, body and voice training, and movement. You will also be trained in the design and technical coordination of scenery, lighting, costumes, and makeup.

What type of degree would I earn at Iowa Western if I enroll in this program?

Graduates of our two-year theatre program earn an Associate of Arts (AA) degree.

If I major in Theatre, can I transfer to a four-year college or university?

The theatre program at Iowa Western is designed to transfer the credits to a four-year degree granting institution. Depending on your choice of study, you can apply your credits toward a baccalaureate degree in fine arts, theatre, speech, education or several other areas.

What is the job outlook for graduates of this program and what types of jobs will I be qualified for?

With a degree in Theatre, you can pursue avenues of performance, technical design and building, directing, teaching, or administration. Hands-on experience and skill is highly valued in the theatre business. Work is often sporadic and low-paying, but persistence and dedication can lead to a highly successful and satisfying career. Acquiring skills in all aspects of theatre is recommended for job security, and advanced degrees are generally required for specific levels of teaching and administration jobs. Your annual salary will vary based on the career path you choose.

* Contact the Program Chair prior to the first week of each semester to discuss auditions for department productions.

* Scholarships are available through the Program Chair.



Program of Study

The Theatre program of study prepares students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities in order to pursue undergraduate majors in theatre, speech or related fields in education. Students who complete the degree have both a sound theoretical background and a varied practical experience in the theatrical arts with an improvement in interpersonal and public performance skills in communication. Graduates of this program are awarded an Associate of Arts degree.

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester		Cr.
DRA 282	*Theatre Lab	1
DRA 165	*Stagecraft	3
DRA 101	*Introduction to Theatre	3
DRA 130	*Acting I	3
ENG 105	Composition I	3
	A.A. Mathematics Requirement (MAT 121 - 227)	3-4
		16-17
Second Semester		Cr.
DRA 282	*Theatre Lab	1
DRA 132	*Acting II	3
DRA 177	*Stage and TV Lighting	3
ENG 106	Composition II	3
	Math/Science Elective	3
	Social Science Elective	3
		16
Third Semester		Cr.
DRA 282	*Theatre Lab	1
DRA 114	*Theatre History I	3
	Theatre Elective	3
SPC 112	Public Speaking <u>OR</u>	3
SPC 122	Interpersonal Communication	4
	Lab Science Elective	3
	Social Science Elective	3
		17
Fourth Semester		Cr.
DRA 282	*Theatre Lab	1
DRA 250	*Directing for the Stage	3
	Theatre Electives	6
	Social Science Elective	3
	Non-Theatre Humanities Elective	3
		16

*Required courses for the program

One elective must also satisfy the diversity requirement.

64 semester hours required

**For More Information,
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