Undergraduate Program

In our BA program, you will make theater the foundation of your liberal arts degree. Choose from three tracks of study: performance for acting and directing; design and technical, which includes projections, sound, lighting, set and costume design; or writing for performance, where work developed in the Missouri Playwrights Workshop is showcased in the annual Mizzou New Play Series.

You are not required to audition to be admitted to an emphasis area. Freshmen and non-majors participate in all aspects of theater work and scholarship. You won’t have to wait until later in your academic career to get real experience. Our students act, direct, write, and design from the first semester on.

MU Theatre also offers a minor available to students from any division or major.

Join Others Who Began at MU

Tom Berenger • Brent Briscoe • Bryson Bruce
Linda Bloodsworth-Thomason • Kate Capshaw
• Chris Cooper • Brooke Dillman • Jon Hamm
• Cleo King • Robert Loggia • Jill Cordle Mont
Melanie Paxton • Brad Pitt • Lacretta Ross
George C. Scott • Tennessee Williams • Jules Wilcox, and more!

Writing for Performance

The Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Region V honored MU Theatre with a special Gold Medallion recognizing our Writing for Performance Program. This was the result of consistently winning awards at the festival both in the regional division and at the national level in
Washington, D.C. With the current explosion of high-quality drama, there is more need than ever for writers who know how to tell a story through performance.

Other Special Programs
Along with a sophisticated theatrical season during the academic year of eight to nine performances, we host several innovative programs in writing, acting, and directing including the World Theatre Workshop featuring diversity initiative drama; Interactive Theatre, part of the Center for Applied Theatre and Drama Research; the Missouri Playwrights Workshop, where play writing is polished in a peer setting; the Mizzou New Play Series, where new plays are launched and performed; and the Larry D. Clark Summer Repertory Theatre, developed to allow students to work in paid positions with theater professionals for six exciting weeks each summer.

Center for Applied Theatre & Drama Research
Neuroscientists now understand that meaningful learning takes place more effectively when the emotions are involved. At CATDR, we apply this research to real-life situations by developing customized theatrical presentations to help organizations teach people, through live theater, about how to deal with challenging real-life situations.

Facilities
Rhynsburger Theatre, 300 seats
Studio 4, 150 seats
Costume shop
Scene shop

Scholarships
We have several scholarships available to rising sophomores and one available to freshmen.

Career Tracks
Acting
Academic Research
Writing for Performance
Teaching
Directing
Musical Theatre
Technical Design

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