

# Theatre, MA

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ASU is not currently accepting applications for this program.

Are you eager to explore new possibilities as an artist, educator or scholar? Learn to recognize and cultivate your individual strengths through the study of a wide range of theatre practices and related fields.

## Program description

### **Degree awarded: MA Theatre**

The MA program in theatre introduces students to graduate study in the field of theatre and performance studies and provides a broad base of knowledge in the areas of history, theory, dramaturgy, research methods and practice.

Students have the opportunity to tailor their plan of study to specific research pathways and artistic subject areas, such as performance studies, history and historiography, theory, dramatic writing, theatre for youth, performance as research, technology in performance, drama for teaching and learning, dramaturgy, devising, directing, civic engagement and performance.

The program is designed for those who wish to ultimately enter a doctoral program, for K-12 educators seeking to expand and amplify their expertise, and for those seeking to advance their knowledge of theatre and performance studies.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

## Degree requirements

30 credit hours, a thesis and a written comprehensive exam

### **Required Courses (15 credit hours)**

### **Electives (9 credit hours)**

### **Culminating Experience (6 credit hours)**

THE 599 Thesis (6)

## **Admission requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in a related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. current curriculum vitae
4. sample of scholarly writing
5. statement of purpose
6. three letters of recommendation from professionals familiar with the applicant's work
7. proof of English proficiency

### **Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of their current residency.

The statement of purpose should address the applicant's background, experiences, research interests, and future career goals as they relate to their reasons for pursuing the degree program.

Applicants should see the program website for application deadlines.

## **Tuition information**

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

## Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Apply graduate level research methods relevant to one's area of focus in theatre.
- Apply advanced analytical skills in the critical examination of theatre histories, theories, & practices.
- Synthesize advanced graduate research and analytical skills towards a long-range or large-scale project that integrates the customized research plan of study created by each graduate student.

## Career opportunities

Professionals with a Master of Arts degree in theatre have been recruited to doctoral programs in theatre, have obtained jobs as teaching artists, and teach theatre in K-12 settings. Other career examples include:

- creating and forming a theatre company
- creating and producing original devised work
- obtaining highly competitive local and national arts grants and arts residencies
- working within an established arts organization as a teaching artist, program coordinator or event curator

## Contact information

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