Theatre (Acting), BA

Your ability to lose yourself in a story helps transport others to worlds unknown. Whether your interest is in live performance or film, come hone your skills to better express and convey the emotions that bring a story to life.

Program Description

The BA program in theatre with a concentration in acting provides students with a rigorous academic and hands-on theatre education that emphasizes performance in both live theatre and recorded media. Within the context of a comprehensive liberal arts education, the program prepares students for both advanced graduate study in the field and entry-level careers in acting and performance. The program offers specialty coursework in the following areas:

- film
- movement
- new work development
- performance styles
- theatre for youth
- voice and speech

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
- **Location:** Tempe campus

- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics OR MAT 117 College Algebra OR MAT 119 Finite Mathematics
Required Courses (Major Map)

2021 - 2022 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Additional Requirements:

Students interested in the BA in theatre with a concentration in acting are admitted directly into the major by indicating their degree preference on their ASU admission application.

Transfer Admission Requirements:

Direct transfer of courses from other accredited institutions to the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts are subject to the existence of parallel and equal courses in the college's curriculum and subject to departmental or school evaluation of studio courses with respect to performance standards.

Every candidate for the bachelor's degree must earn a minimum of 30 hours in resident credit at ASU. Transfer students enrolled in the college must complete a minimum of 15 hours of resident credit in the major as approved by the faculty.

Change of Major Requirements

An ASU student who would like to change majors to one offered by the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 (scale is 4.00 = "A").

Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU™ to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.
ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Students studying theatre can find inspiration and deepen their understanding of theater through a study abroad program. Countries like England, New Zealand and Italy provide a beautiful setting for cultural and artistic experiences. Vital qualities in the field of theater such as leadership, teamwork and communication can be developed and honed abroad. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. https://goglobal.asu.edu/

Career Opportunities

The bachelor's degree program in theatre with a concentration in acting provides an excellent broad-based foundation for work in the profession. It prepares students for advanced graduate study and independent career pursuits in performance. It offers students advanced study that can lead to careers in professional theatre, film, television, media, education and other related arts disciplines.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<th>Career</th>
<th>*Growth</th>
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<tr>
<td>Actor</td>
<td>3.1%</td>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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