Are you eager to explore new possibilities as an artist, educator or scholar? Learn to recognize and cultivate your individual strengths through this program that encourages 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 and historiography, theory, literature and dramaturgy, and practice.

Students have the opportunity to tailor their plan of study to specific research and artistic subject areas, and they prepare a research thesis as the culmination of their studies.

The program is designed for those who wish to later enter a PhD 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 campus

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 current residency.

The statement of purpose should address the student's background and experiences as they relate to the student's reasons for pursuing the doctorate, describe the student's research interests and indicate future career goals.

Applicants should see the program website for application deadlines.

Contact Information