

HIGHLIGHTS

Through words on a page, action on a stage, garments on the body, or light across a set piece, you will be encouraged to explore all the ways that the visual, linguistic, and sonic language of theatre can be used to effectively tell a story.

Introduction to the Major

Theatre Arts encourages you to explore storytelling by pulling back the curtain and diving into the various dimensions of performance.

At Clark, we believe that a liberal-arts education is integral to the artist's process. In theatre arts you will engage in collaborative storytelling and world-building in a supportive liberal-arts environment that provides options for double majoring and offers a variety of areas of focus for your creativity. The program places a strong emphasis on live performances as both a teaching tool and form of artistic expression and inquiry.

CORE COURSES

We focus on creating fully immersive worlds on stage and page, collaborating with your peers in studio and fully staged productions, and honing your craft in courses in dance, acting, scenic arts, lighting, sound, costumes, and dramatic literature. As a theatre arts major you will take 14 courses including:

- Introductory classes in performance and analysis
- Five theatre arts courses specializing in a single area such as acting, directing, playwriting
- Three courses outside of theatre such as art history, photography, music
- Senior year capstone course

"My experiences with Clark and its faculty, staff, and students have shaped who I am and helped me find a potential career path that could be exciting, rewarding, and fun."

— LIAM DAY



75+

students participate in
the New Play Festival

THEATRE ARTS

Bachelor of Arts



DESIGN
YOUR
JOURNEY



Explore
and navigate
Clark curriculum



Connect
and engage
with communities



Discover
and pursue
your passions



Develop
professional
skills



Reflect,
design
and plan

YEAR

1

YEAR

2



□ Explore the theatre arts major

Visit the Little Center to explore the classrooms and introduce yourself to faculty and staff. Explore the theatre arts curriculum.



□ Identify potential Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) courses with the support of an adviser

How can these courses support your general interests and your educational goals? Your adviser will help you find courses that encourage your creativity and broaden your understanding of diverse topics.



□ Learn about campus resources

Make ClarkYou your homepage and explore a new resource every week related to academics, health and wellness, campus life, and student services. Go to the Writing Center, visit the Career Lab in ASEC, and log in to Handshake to find career exploration events.



□ Get connected

Meet like-minded peers by joining a student club like the Clark University Film Society, STIR Magazine, or the Clark University Player's Society.



□ Explore off campus

Check out the local art scene in Worcester by visiting events at Arts Worcester, the Hanover Theatre, and the Worcester Art Museum.



□ Reflect on what sparks your interest

What classes did you enjoy the most? What topics and mediums spark your interest? What do you still want to try?



□ Dig in and declare your major

Declare your major in your second year. Consider a double major.



□ Practice storytelling and visual language

Since theatre is a way of communicating human experience, you learn both to read this language and to visually represent your own ideas. Training in theatrical methods and technical support is provided in the context of intellectual inquiry and critical analysis.



□ Start networking

Start making connections with faculty and peers to see if there are creative projects that you'd like to be a part of. Drop in to the Career Lab for support building a portfolio or a LinkedIn profile.



□ Pursue another point of view

Consider taking a PLS course in another area of the Visual and Performing Arts Department.



□ Expand your horizons

Visit The Office of Study Abroad and Away to explore options for theatre arts majors.



□ Pre-flight check

Work with your adviser to make sure you're on track with your coursework. What new interests have you discovered? What career options are you now considering that you want to test out?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

JOBS & EMPLOYERS

Theatre arts majors work as actors, designers, theatrical technicians, directors, playwrights, arts educators, filmmakers, and even at the Library of Congress!

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Alumni have pursued graduate programs at Tulane, Purdue, Northwestern, Hofstra, Long Island University, Carnegie-Mellon, and more.

YEAR 3



You are a theatre artist!

If you haven't realized it yet, you are an artist! By this point in theatre arts, you've learned to make connections across disciplines and learn how to use "visual language" to express your ideas, make social commentary, effect change, or celebrate beauty.



Plan for senior year and beyond

What are your goals for after graduation? Explore if graduate school is right for you with these resources through the Career Connections Center (CCC).



Engage and strengthen your networks—both on campus and off

Your classmates are soon to become your colleagues. Make sure to connect and share with one another as you improve your artistic skills.



Test fly your career

Find an internship, job, or research opportunity to explore your career interests! Meet with your career adviser to get started. Join ClarkCONNECT to meet alumni who share your interests.



No regrets!

Push yourself as an artist and see what you're capable of! Try new types of theatre, new styles of storytelling, and new approaches to your work. Clark provides time and space to explore and grow as an artist, critical thinker, and citizen of the world.



Pull it together with your capstone

Take the capstone course for senior theatre arts majors. Unlike many other theatre courses that are workshop-oriented and involve in-class practice, these class meetings are devoted to discussion, presentation, and critique. Hone your skills in collaboration, presentation, and critique.



Design your own path

Seek departmental approval to undertake a senior thesis project created by you and guided by your faculty mentor.



No regrets!

What's on your Clark undergraduate bucket list? Take an elective or two. Where do you need to build confidence or clarity?



Connect with alumni

Keep networking with alumni through ClarkCONNECT. Attend career-related and alumni events.



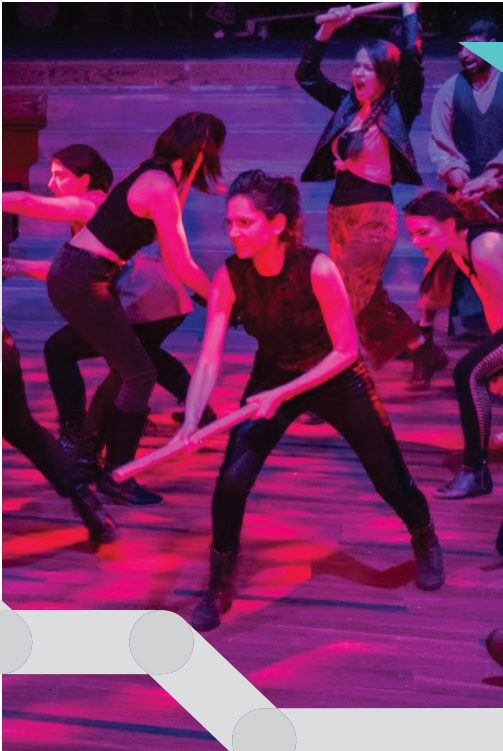
Get ready to launch

Meet with your career adviser to prepare for the job market post-graduation. Update your professional profiles including LinkedIn. Find ways to demonstrate qualities such as leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and initiative.



Ask the big questions

Reflect on your growth and how you have changed at Clark. What have you learned that you value? What have you excelled at? Recognize a powerful and unique synergy to lead your work into the future and amplify your impact on the world. And keep in touch!



AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR!

All the world's a stage... Play your part!

Students in Technical Theatre often attend the annual USITT (United States Institute of Theatre Technology) conference which connects you to graduate schools, summer theater jobs and post-graduate careers. In addition, you have the opportunity to attend multiple professional workshops and regional conferences throughout the academic year. Students also have the opportunity to apply for funding to support projects away from Clark during the summer, including the Sara Bickman Music and Arts Summer Internship and the Steinbrecher Fellowship.

CONNECT WITH US!

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Advising

We are here to help at all stages of your Clark journey.

In your first year at Clark, you will be assigned an adviser to help you select your courses and programs. Once you declare your major, theatre arts faculty will advise you.

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