School of Theatre & Music

Department of Theatre
BA in Acting, BA in Theatre Design, and BFA in Acting

The Theatre Program's curricula emphasize a balance between history, theory and practice, and integrate traditional performance theories and forms with contemporary interdisciplinary performance practices. With a commitment to ensemble-based learning, the program fosters student exploration from originating impulse or idea to realization in course work, performance, and production. All majors take courses in acting, voice, movement, directing, and/or playwriting, history, and design in order to develop a broad understanding of the field. BA in Acting majors have the opportunity to take full advantage of a wide range of courses across the discipline. Likewise, BA in Theatre Design majors take courses across the discipline with a particular focus on theatre design. BFA in Acting majors pursue a structured course of study that focuses on developing the actor for professional work and training.

All majors are required to actively participate in the department's productions in conjunction with their ongoing class work. Theatre majors participate in the UIC's Mainstage Season performances and student-generated projects under the direction and coaching of the theatre faculty and guest artists, all of whom are highly regarded professional artists in their respective fields.

An audition or an interview and portfolio review is required for all majors. A total of 120 semester hours is required for graduation. Some Theatre courses require grades of C or higher in courses listed as prerequisites. Please check the Course Descriptions for more information.

Many of the program's graduates are employed professionally in theatre and film or successfully pursue graduate theatre programs.

Degree Programs

- BA in Music (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/architecture-design-arts/thtr-mus/ba-mus)
- BA in Music Business (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/architecture-design-arts/thtr-mus/b-mus-bus)
- BMus in Performance (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/architecture-design-arts/thtr-mus/bmus-perf)
- BMus in Jazz Studies (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/architecture-design-arts/thtr-mus/bmus-jazz)
- BA in Acting (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/architecture-design-arts/thtr-mus/ba-act)
- BA in Theatre Design (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/architecture-design-arts/thtr-mus/ba-thtr-des)
- BFA in Acting (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/architecture-design-arts/thtr-mus/bfa-act)

Minors

- Minor in Music (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/architecture-design-arts/thtr-mus/minor-mus)
- Minor in Theatre (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/architecture-design-arts/thtr-mus/minor-thtr)