



FRESHMAN

YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE

- Review core theatre degree options and theatre foundation courses in the undergraduate catalog.
- Determine whether you which of the following concentrations you will pursue: Performance, Technology & Design, Theatre Education, or Generalist.
- Take THEA 1313 to determine if you are interested in theatre/dance.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

- Meet with your Theatre and Dance Advisor before registration, and keep an eye out for Advising Fairs.
- Talk with Theatre and Dance faculty about career opportunities in the field.
- Visit the Academic Advising Center for a language placement exam.

ENRICHING EXPERIENCES

- Ask your advisor about joining a learning community.
- Cultivate relationships with faculty and audition for for shows.
- Attend Liberal Arts College lectures and Department of Theatre and Dance plays.
- Join Playmakers or Desert Dance.

LIFELONG SUCCESS

- Discover tutoring resources, such as the University Writing Center and the Math Resource Center for Students.
- Cultivate healthy lifestyle habits by visiting the Student Recreation Center.
- Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

SOPHOMORE

- Review theatre foundation courses.
- Begin taking courses to fulfill your foreign language requirement.
- Declare a complementary minor, such as Chicano studies, African American Studies, or Women and Gender Studies

- Meet with your Theatre and Dance Advisor before registration, and keep an eye out for Advising Fairs.
- Talk to your advisor about summer internships and collect references for future employment.

- Attend student group (Playmakers and Desert Dance) meetings to learn about upper class student activities.
- Volunteer for children's touring group, summer theatre camp, and student laboratory activities.
- Continue auditioning for plays or volunteering to do design/technical work for shows.
- Look for performance or design opportunities at the UTEP Dinner Theatre.
- Participate in regional conferences through ACDA, KCACTF, and USITT.

- Explore the University/Resident Theatre Association and American Theatre Magazine Artsearch.
- Visit the University Career Center and begin developing your professional portfolio.

JUNIOR

- Review courses in your degree plan and focus on upper-level courses.
- Complete your four class language requirements.

- Meet with your Theatre and Dance Advisor before registration, and keep an eye out for Advising Fairs.
- Talk to your advisor about summer internships.
- Develop a capstone project with faculty.

- Continue auditioning for plays or volunteering to do design/technical work for shows.
- Join the Liberal Arts Honors Program.
- Continue to volunteer with children's touring groups, summer theatre camp, and student laboratory activities.
- Look for performance or design opportunities at the UTEP Dinner Theatre.
- Participate in regional conferences through ACDA, KCACTF, and USITT.
- Cultivate leadership roles in Playmakers or Desert Dance.
- Consider a summer study abroad course.

- Research graduate school or professional study. Keep in mind that with a BA, you should apply to MA programs.
- Investigate the database for alumni success for potential career possibilities.
- Build relationships with guest artist and develop networking skills.

SENIOR

- Complete requirements in your degree plan, including your Capstone project.

- Develop, schedule, and complete your Capstone.

- Continue to audition or do design/technical work for all shows.
- Volunteer in the community through the Center for Civic Engagement.
- Look for performance or design opportunities at the UTEP Dinner Theatre.
- Participate in regional conferences through ACDA, KCACTF, and USITT.

- If applying to graduate school or professional study, take the appropriate examination.
- Seek auditions throughout the country via the department website and bulletin boards.
- Join the UTEP Alumni Association.

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EDGE ADVANTAGES:

- Leadership
- Problem-solving
- Communication
- Entrepreneurship
- Social Responsibility
- Confidence
- Global Awareness
- Teamwork
- Critical Thinking

CAREER POSSIBILITIES:

- Performer
- Director
- Choreographer
- Educator
- Artistic Director
- Box Office Manager
- Sound Designer
- Set Designer
- Producer
- Production Manager



The top 10 skills employers seek:

- Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- Ability to work in a team structure
- Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- Ability to obtain and process information
- Ability to analyze quantitative data
- Technical knowledge related to the job
- Proficiency with computer software programs
- Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- Ability to sell or influence others

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Checklist for success

- Create a Job Mine account.
- Check in with your advisor.
- Review your degree plan to stay on track.
- Attend a financial literacy workshop.
- Visit the Student Engagement & Leadership Center (SELC).

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- Get real data about employment earnings based on more than 210,000 UTEP and other UT institution graduates working in Texas.
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