



WASHINGTON
& JEFFERSON
COLLEGE

Theatre

The Theatre program offered by the Department of Communication Arts is designed to equip students with practical skills including **problem solving, communication, team-work, quick-thinking**, and more that will prepare them for life and their future careers. The study of theatre includes learning many **transferrable and invaluable skills** that can benefit students wishing to pursue any career path or course of study.

Minor Requirements

Introduction to Theatre (COM 102)

2 200-Level Courses from:

- Acting (COM 211)
- Stagecraft (COM 251)
- Theatre Practicum (COM 252: taken four times)

2 300-Level Courses from:

- Cultural Studies in Communication Arts (COM 321)
- Writing for Stage and Screen (COM 351)
- Directing and Management (COM 355)

Academic Pairings

Some academic areas that pair well with a theatre minor include:

- Psychology (counselors, drama therapy)
- Pre-Health (pediatric or family medicine)
- Business (marketing, sales, advertizing)
- History (library science, teaching, museum curation, education)
- English (teaching, writing, publishing, editing)

Benefits of a Theatre Minor

- Presentation of self and communicating narrative/stories
- Analytical skills (of texts, characters, audiences, etc.)
- Problem solving
- People skills (ability to work collaboratively with a variety of people)
- Empathy
- Understanding of different audiences
- Voice and movement (Can you control your body, especially in front of an audience? Can you safely speak to be understood?)
- Collaboration (learning to work as an ensemble)
- Turn ideas into concrete products
- Listening
- Practical design skills (how to best present a specific kind of space/location, realistically or non-realistically)
- Storytelling
- Quick-thinking and able to adapt quickly to new situations/dynamics
- Learning to hone instincts

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Beyond the Classroom

Students have many opportunities for research, internships, conferences, and networking beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J.

Careers That Can Benefit From a Theatre Background

- Medical professions (especially careers requiring work with patients/public)
- Marketing and advertising
- Law
- Business
- Theatre and film industries (entertainment industry)
- Social justice work
- Teaching/Education
- Nonprofit companies (especially those connected to the arts)
- Wedding or event planning
- Drama therapy (connected to music and art therapy)



Journey's End



Program Website

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Winter Tales



Urinetown