

# THEATRE ARTS

A career in the theatre arts can be creative, challenging and fun. Plus, it can take you in a variety of directions on stage and in feature films, television and documentaries. Take on a leading role as a director or producer. Or stay behind the scenes as a scriptwriter, marketing manager, casting director or agent.

## INDUSTRY GROWTH IS TIED TO:

- Continued strong demand for new movies and television shows including reality shows
- Increasing number of distribution channels, such as video on demand and online streaming

CAREER OUTLOOK (2016–2024)	GROWTH	MEDIAN SALARY
Producers and Directors	9%	\$70,950
Film & Video Editors	11%	\$59,040
Sound Engineers	7%	\$42,550
Writers	2%	\$61,240
Multimedia Artists & Animators	6%	\$35,300
Art Directors	2%	\$89,820
Makeup Artists	6%	\$71,590
Agents and Business Managers	7%	\$86,560

## POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Theatre manager
- Playwright
- Director
- Marketing manager
- Musical director
- Production manager
- Producer
- Teacher

## JOB TASKS AND DUTIES

- Write scripts for film, TV or stage
- Audition cast and crew members
- Approve the finances of a production
- Oversee production, including performances, lighting and choreography
- Oversee post-production, including editing, special effects and music selection
- Ensure the project stays on schedule and within budget
- Promote finished works

## REASONS TO PURSUE A CAREER IN THEATRE ARTS

- Variety of job settings and career paths
- Exciting and challenging career
- Passion for performance and expression
- Opportunities for creativity
- Team environment with cooperative work
- Autonomy and independence to choose your own jobs



## WHAT TO EXPECT IN A THEATRE ARTS PROGRAM

Develop the skills and knowledge you need to be a writer, director, producer or promoter in the theatre arts. You'll learn about the theatre in the classroom while also gaining valuable hands-on experience in front of the audience or behind the scenes—everything you need for a career on stage and in film, television or entertainment.

### THEATRE ARTS MAY BE A GOOD FIT IF YOU WANT TO:

- Work in the theatre industry as a writer, director, producer or promoter.
- Become an entrepreneur in the theatre industry.
- Create feature films, TV shows or stage plays.

### CLASSES MAY INCLUDE:

- Playwriting
- Dramaturgy
- Stage management
- Filmmaking
- Music
- Dance
- Theatre design
- Theatre history
- Theatrical production
- Theatre arts management

### LOOK FOR A PROGRAM THAT OFFERS:

- Exceptional faculty who are active in the theatre industry and have broad professional networks.
- Opportunities to gain first-hand experience in performance, marketing, writing or directing in the theatre arts.
- A passionate theatre community of performers, educators, professionals and technical crew.

To learn about the Theatre Arts program at the University of Northern Colorado, visit us at [UNCO.EDU/PROGRAMS/THEATRE-ARTS/THEATRE-ARTS-BA/](https://unco.edu/programs/theatre-arts/theatre-arts-ba/)

### Before you declare your major in Theatre Arts:

- Participate in theatre arts at your high school or in your community.
- Find a mentor who can give you insider insights on a career in theater and why they love it.
- Write, direct and produce your own movies or videos and share them online.

*“That’s part of the requirement for me to be an artist is that you’re trying to share your personal existence with others and trying to illuminate modern life, trying to understand life.”*

*—Francis Ford Coppola  
Director, Producer and Screenwriter*



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