

ACTING

# Experience Map



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## SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE OF ACTING GRADUATES

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Acting** – An internationally recognized, professional acting program. Its stellar training offers the perfect balance of conservatory style classes, academic course work, and main-stage performance requirements. Become, for example, an actor, director or a theatre arts teacher (with additional qualifications).

### FUNCTIONAL KNOWLEDGE

- Identify and apply specific acting exercises and techniques essential to the development of a theatre artist
- Embody the principles of flexibility, strength, and endurance as they apply to the development of the theatre artist
- Communicate articulately, effectively, and efficiently by incorporating voice and movement techniques into the creation of a role
- Observe and think critically as a theatre artist
- Communicate analytically about theatre practice in verbal and written form
- Research, develop, and embody creative work
- Analyze, interpret, rehearse, and perform text from various periods, theatrical styles, and genres

#### CURRICULUM . . . .

Courses of study specific to each program



#### . . . . CO-CURRICULAR

Activities and experiences that complement coursework  
(Outstanding Scholars, STEPS workshops, peer mentoring, VIP)

#### EXTRACURRICULAR

Activities falling outside of the scope of set curriculum  
(Part-time job, clubs, volunteering, athletics)

### BUILD YOUR SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Your UWindsor experience is more than attending classes. It is a combination of academics, co-curricular activities, and extracurricular involvement. By making the most of all three elements of your university experience, you will maximize your opportunities to build your skills, broaden your personal network, and clarify your long term academic and career goals.

### CAREER PLANNING GUIDE

Intentional career planning will help you prepare for your next step after graduation. It is a fluid, dynamic, and continuous process, meaning you can move on or return to an earlier stage at any time. You can even work through simultaneous cycles, like one for your long-term dream job and another for a summer job.



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## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide is meant to help you explore various opportunities throughout the course of your UWindsor experience. It is intended to help you link academics, co-curricular, extra-curricular and career planning activities by suggesting some of the options available to you. This is to help you see what you can do, rather than what you are required to do!

## Academics



### First Year

- Take required courses including Nature of Theatre I and II, Voice for the Actor I and II, and Movement for the Actor I and II
- Review degree course requirements
- Enrol in required courses that prepare you with the fundamentals of actor training
- Meet with an academic advisor such as the department head or faculty advisor
- Receive peer mentorship from upper-year Drama students

## Experience



- Explore available Drama and Acting internships or field placements\*
- Apply for a co-curricular experience such as the Volunteer Internship Program (VIP)\*
- Investigate research opportunities as part of the Outstanding Scholars program\*
- Research student exchange opportunities for middle years\*
- Join a student society like Club SODA or UWSA
- Participate in University Players productions

## Career



- Create a list of things you enjoy, areas in which you excel, and your skills
- Meet with Career & Employment Services (CES) to develop a plan for your future years
- Consider taking an interest assessment to identify possible career paths
- Attend a CES workshop to learn how to find a summer or part-time job
- Become familiar with the mySuccess online job search tool
- Attend a CES resume and cover letter workshop to get your non-Acting resume critiqued

## Middle Years

- Continue with required courses and check in with academic advisor to make sure you are on the right path
- Consider completing a research project in final year★
- Continue taking courses in acting technique, scene study, Shakespearean performance, voice, improvisation, movement and theatre history
- Consider taking courses and internships through the Arts Management Certificate program★

- Participate in the UWill Discover undergraduate research conference★
- Participate in University Players performance or production opportunities
- Apply for student exchange★
- Expand your skills by taking on a summer, part-time or volunteer position
- Look for a leadership role in a club or society

- Consult with visiting guest directors and artists for professional mentorship and industry related matters
- Research career fields and occupations
- Explore opportunities and meet employers through a job fair or employer information session
- Attend the Graduate and Professional Schools Fair to explore further educational opportunities
- Analyze the requirements for graduate or professional schools of interest
- Make an appointment with Career & Employment Services to explore career options that complement your acting training
- Create a LinkedIn profile and have it critiqued
- Take part in informational interviews through such sources as Ten Thousand Coffees

## Final Year

- Meet with faculty and academic advisor to review degree requirements
- Complete all required courses to fulfill degree audit
- Apply to graduate through MyUWindsor Portal
- Work with a faculty member on a research project or publication★
- Consider completing required courses for Arts Management Certificate
- Take a field work, internship, or practicum course to optimize your senior experience★

- Conduct field research with a faculty member★
- Become a tutor for Students Offering Support (SOS)
- Participate in a creative activity with faculty member or alumni
- Complete Performance Seminar as a capstone linked to Theatre Ontario★
- Take on a lead acting role within a University Players show
- Become a course co-ordinator for a class

- Take part in casting workshops
- Consider applying to graduate or professional school. Be aware of early application deadlines
- Meet with Career & Employment Services to prepare such application documents as a resumé, cover letter, CV or personal statement for positions outside of acting
- Attend an Interview Skills Workshop and Job Search Tips Workshop
- Set up a mock interview for professional school or job applications
- Attend Theatre Ontario Showcase and meet industry professionals
- Compose a portfolio of relevant academic and work experience

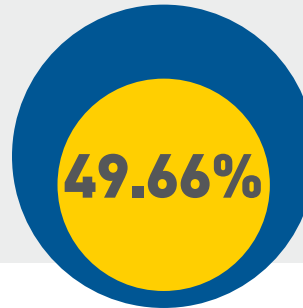
## LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

### 2016



Number of graduates from Acting in 2016 .

### 2013



Percentage of Canadian university design, music, performing, fine and applied arts graduates who continue studying after undergraduate degree. (National Graduates Study 2013)



### COMMON INDUSTRIES FOR ACTING GRADUATES

- Acting: Professional theatre, film and TV
- Advertising and marketing
- Dramatic production: Directing, technical (“behind the scenes”)
- Education: Public and private streams; corporate, motivational speaking
- Media and journalism: Criticism, live performance

### CAREER TRACKS\*

Advertising manager  
Announcer  
Artistic director  
Artistic producer  
Broadcaster  
Casting director  
Comedian

Editor  
Film critic  
Lawyer  
Operations director  
Playwright  
Professor  
Project manager

Promotion specialist  
Public official  
Public relations officer  
Radio analyst  
Set designer  
Sound technician  
Stage manager

Stunt person  
Teacher  
Technical director  
Television actor  
Theatre performer  
Voice coach  
Voice-over artist

\* Additional education and/or training required for some of the above careers.

### CAREER-READINESS COMPETENCIES



#### Critical Thinking and Problem Solving: Using strategic and creative thinking to make decisions and evaluate solutions

- Effectively criticizing/evaluating texts and live performances in terms of formal choices and techniques
- Critically analyzing problems, thinking creatively, and making appropriately reasoned decisions
- Learning, understanding, and interpreting information to apply knowledge to new situations



#### Teamwork and Collaboration: Working as a productive member of a group and collaborating with others to achieve set goals

- Directly instructing others using theory and practice
- Leading and interacting with colleagues who reflect different backgrounds, learning styles, and approaches
- Identifying one’s ideal role and contributing to the collective through leading, teaching, and motivating others



#### Professionalism and Work Ethic: Demonstrating personal management practices and a high level of integrity and ethical behaviour

- Managing time, data, and resources to meet deadlines
- Identifying priorities and preferable courses of action to execute necessary tasks
- Prioritizing and concentrating on relevant resources when presented with a wide variety of sources of information



#### Communication: Appropriate and effective articulation of ideas and information to a range of audiences

- Using appropriate, sensitive, and inclusive vocabulary
- Communicating effectively and efficiently in writing, sound, and images to convey messages
- Engaging diverse audiences of various sizes



## CAMPUS RESOURCES

- Visit **Leddy Library** and the **Writing Support Desk** on the main floor for help with academic assignments
- Improve study skills through the **Skills To Enhance Personal Success (STEPS)** program
- Discover ways to get involved on campus through the **Student Success and Leadership Centre**
- Explore mentorship opportunities through the **Connecting4Success (C4S)** and **Bounce Back** programs
- Apply to the **Volunteer Internship Program (VIP)** to get involved in the community
- Look into the **Work Study** program for on-campus employment opportunities
- Broaden your cultural awareness through the **International Student Centre** and **Student Exchange Office**
- Get assistance developing your career plan and job search skills from **Career & Employment Services**
- Consult with the **EPICentre** if you are interested in starting your own business
- Seek out assistance with academic accommodation from **Student Accessibility Services**
- Tend to your health and wellness with support from **Student Health Services, Lancer Recreation** and the **Student Counselling Centre**

### Recruitment Office

Phone: 519-973-7014  
Toll-Free: 1-800-864-2860  
Email: [info@uwindsor.ca](mailto:info@uwindsor.ca)

### School of Dramatic Art

Phone: 519-253-3000, Ext. 2804 or 2805  
Email: [drama@uwindsor.ca](mailto:drama@uwindsor.ca)

### Career and Employment Services

Phone: 519-253-3000, Ext. 3895  
Email: [careerservices@uwindsor.ca](mailto:careerservices@uwindsor.ca)  
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