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DRAMA IN EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY

DRAMA AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES, MEDIA AND FILM

DRAMA AND CONCURRENT EDUCATION

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SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE OF DRAMATIC ART GRADUATES

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Drama** – Dramatic Art offers you a welcoming community and a thriving and energized student experience that will challenge and prepare you for a lifelong career as a theatre artist, teacher and arts leader. We offer you a strong, participatory liberal arts degree in theatre studies. Choose a concentration from performance, history/theory, and/or design/technical theatre.
- **Drama in Education and Community** – Canada’s most unique undergraduate program in Drama in Education combines practical, student-centred learning with immediate application in such settings as schools, art galleries, museums, hospitals, senior citizen residences, health-care agencies, and multicultural organizations. Projects may involve developing presentations and workshops around specific health, education and social issues.
- **Drama and Communication, Media and Film** – Gain both knowledge and experience in this dynamic and flexible double-major program that may include courses in set and costume design, video, film, theatre production, theatre history, and performance. Prepare for a career in acting, directing, teaching (with additional studies), among others.
- **Drama and Concurrent Education** – Want a challenge? This intensive program is for you if you wish to pursue a BA (General) in drama while concurrently studying education and completing field experience in schools. You’ll receive two degrees and be eligible to teach at the intermediate/senior (Grades 7-12) level.

FUNCTIONAL KNOWLEDGE

- Expressing oneself confidently, assertively, and purposefully in front of an audience using both verbal and nonverbal communication techniques
- Speaking persuasively and articulately to convey a variety of project goals and occasion desired reactions in audience members
- Collaborating in the production of knowledge within the studio and classroom in a participatory, active process of exchange which links both theory and practice.
- Articulating the interrelationship between the various disciplines of theatre production (performance, direction, creation, management, and design)
- Becoming a full theater practitioner, versed in practical elements of theatre production, as well as the ways of applying theatre and performance studies to life and work, supporting personal goals, contributing to the field, and benefitting the community during the program and after graduation.
- Applying the basic skills and theoretical practices involved in design for the theatre
- Applying principles and elements of design to create effective solutions to design challenges

CURRICULUM

Courses of study specific to each program



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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 and Effective Writing I and II
- Review degree course requirements
- Enrol in a variety of Drama courses
- 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 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*
- Volunteer with local organizations partnered with the School of Dramatic Art
- Research student exchange opportunities for middle years*
- Join a student society like Club SODA or UWSA
- Participate in University Players production

Career



- Create a list of things that 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 help you 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 resumé and cover letter workshop to get your resumé critiqued

Middle Years

- Take required courses and check in with academic advisor to make sure you are on the right path
- Look into completing a research project in final year★
- Begin taking courses in accordance with specializations such as theatre production, performance, media studies and digital media production
- Seek out internships and courses that offer field experience★
- Start taking courses required as pre-requisites for graduate/professional school
- Consider declaring a minor and/or specialization

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★

- Join a professional association in your field such as the Council of Ontario Drama and Dance Educators
- Participate in the UWill Discover undergraduate research conference★
- Volunteer with University Players in such roles as assistant directors, stage managers, assistant sound and lighting designers, scenic artists, hair and makeup designers, costume assistants and in front-of-house management
- 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

- Conduct field research with faculty member★
- Become a tutor for Students Offering Support★
- Participate in a creative activity with faculty member or alumni
- Work with a local organization through a practicum course within the Drama, Education and Community program★
- Take on a leadership role within University Players
- Become a course co-ordinator for a class

- 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
- Make an appointment with Career & Employment Services to explore career options
- Create a LinkedIn profile and have it critiqued
- Take part in informational interviews through such sources as Ten Thousand Coffees

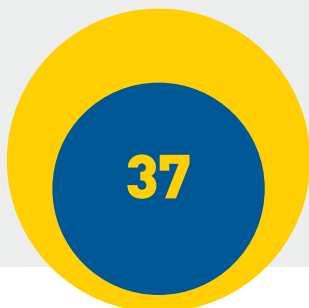
- Consider applying to graduate or professional school. Be aware of early application deadlines
- Meet with Career & Employment Services to prepare such application documents as a resumé, cover letter, CV or personal statement
- Attend an Interview Skills Workshop and Job Search Tips Workshop
- Set up a mock interview for professional school or job applications
- Meet employers at the annual job fair in January
- Compose a portfolio of relevant academic and work experience
- Attend University/Resident Theatre Association (URTA) auditions for technical and performance based graduate programs

★ High-Impact Practice: educational practices that include experiential learning as a basis for student engagement and successful scholarship

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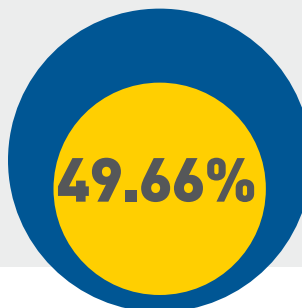
LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

2016



Number of University of Windsor graduates from Dramatic Art programs in 2016.

2013



Percentage of Canadian university design, music, performing, fine and applied arts graduates who continued their studies post-bachelor degree. (National Graduates Study 2013)



COMMON INDUSTRIES FOR DRAMATIC ART GRADUATES

- Academia and research: Dramaturgy, pedagogy
- Acting: Commercial, screen, theatre
- Advertising and marketing
- Dramatic production: Directing, technical ("behind the scenes"), etc.
- Education: Public and private streams; corporate, motivational speaking
- Government: Research and policy development
- Healthcare and counselling: Drama therapy
- Media and journalism: Criticism, live performance
- Social service agencies

CAREER TRACKS*

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| Advertising manager | Film critic | Project manager | Stage manager |
| Artistic director | Lawyer | Public relations officer | Teacher |
| Artistic producer | Lighting designer | Sales co-ordinator | Television actor |
| Broadcaster | Marketing executive | Set designer | Theatre for young audiences |
| Child and youth worker | Playwright | Social justice practitioner | Theatre manager |
| Comedian | Production manager | Social worker | Theatre performer |
| Drama practitioner | Professor | Sound technician | Voice coach |

* 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



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 wealth of sources of information



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



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

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