



**“Drama is life
with the dull
bits cut out.”**

–Alfred Hitchcock

If you dream of a life that's long on excitement and short on the dull bits, then the theatre is calling you. Whether you hope to work in professional theatre, teach drama, or pursue further education, our programs will put your dreams at center stage.

We offer nationally respected curricula in theatre studies, theatre education, acting and directing, and design and technology. Our practical and academic courses will help you develop the broadest possible understanding of the art and craft of the stage, with a firm grounding in the liberal arts. You'll study dramatic history, theory and criticism, theatre performance, design, and technology from antiquity to the present. You will learn to express yourself logically and artistically and graduate prepared for post-baccalaureate study, secondary-school teaching, or professional and community theatre work.

You'll have plenty of opportunities to learn by doing. The university theatre season includes four to five productions per year—one produced and directed entirely by students. Theatre season productions are staged in the Clifford E. White Theatre and the Studio Theatre. In addition to the theatre season, students direct another 10 to 15 one-act plays staged in the Studio Theatre—and they present a freshman showcase, original play readings, and play productions in Studio 151. Our students compete for regional and national awards through the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. They also attend and participate in regional and national conferences and auditions through the Southeast Theatre and Film Association and United States Institute of Theatre Technology.

“I chose to follow my love of theatre at Northern Arizona University because of the beautiful campus and intimate theatre department. From working backstage to performing in shows, what I have learned has not only made me a better performer, but also a well-rounded individual.”

Sarah Nowicki, Class of 2007

Degree Programs

- **Bachelor of Arts in Theatre**
Focus in design, technology, performance
- **Bachelor of Science in Theatre**
Focus in design, technology or performance
- **Bachelor of Science in Theatre Studies**
- **Bachelor of Science in Education:**
Theatre Education
Theatre Education students must complete all College of Education requirements along with the Department of Theatre curriculum, including student teaching, before they can graduate.
- **Minor in Theatre**
- **Minor in Theatre Education**
Content Emphasis in Theatre for the BS Ed in Elementary Education

Career Opportunities

Begin your career as an ...

Actor	Lighting designer
Costume designer	Scene designer
Drama teacher	Stage manager
Director	Technical director

Explore Courses that Jump-start Your Career

Bring your characters to life

The actor's success depends on craft. Learn the essentials in our four-semester **Acting sequence**. You'll begin with basic technique and theory, development of actor's self-awareness, and presentation of dramatic materials. In **Acting II** you will practice scenes from realistic dramatic literature that emphasizes individual and ensemble performance. In **Acting III** you will study and practice period styles of acting. **Acting IV** synthesizes internal process and external technique.

Sum it all up

Take all that you've learned and dive deep into a theatre topic of your choice in the **Senior Capstone** experience. This seminar can include career workshops or a research project culminating in an oral presentation or portfolio review. Perform, direct, design, or write creatively, using the broad knowledge and skills you've gained.

Join the world of theatre design and technology

Learn skills that will open up to you the many non-performance opportunities. With a focus in design and technology, you can study drawing, rendering, scenery, costumes and prop construction, scenic art, stage management, lighting and sound technology—and of course, scenery, costume, and lighting design. Study computer-aided design and explore the many new technologies available in our state-of-the-art computer lab.

Experience the Work World

Students are encouraged to pursue production and performance opportunities in university, community, summer stock, and professional theatres through cooperative education, fieldwork, workshops, and internships.

Participate!

These campus-based organizations offer you great opportunities to make friends with other theatre majors and gain onstage and backstage experience.

Explore opportunities in theatre with **Arizona Playmakers (AZP)**, which stages on-campus entertainment events and fundraisers. Previous events have included a night of scenes and a "10-minute play" festival. AZP is also a proud sponsor of NAUghty Bits, Flagstaff's premier improv comedy troupe.

Alpha Psi Omega, the national honorary theatre society, is dedicated to promoting excellence in college theatre and members' professional development. The organization sponsors student scholarships and recognizes exceptional achievement.

Make professional contacts and learn from seasoned theatre workers in the **United States Institute for Theatre Technology**, an association of design, production, and technology professionals in the performing arts and entertainment industry.

Educational Theatre Company is dedicated to bring theatre education students together to explore opportunities, to learn, and to serve.

Study Abroad

See performances at the Globe Theatre, the Comédie Française, the Theatre of Dionysus! Study for a summer, a semester, or an academic year in universities around the globe. We provide international education opportunities to all academically qualified students. The university has cooperative agreements with institutions in Australia, Canada, France, Ghana, and the United Kingdom. Start your travel planning with a visit to nau.edu/international.

Finish in Four

Stay on a four-year track to your degree and save money in the process. The university guarantees access to the courses you'll need to graduate on time. It's your responsibility to talk to an advisor early. Eligible degree programs: BA and BS in Theatre Performance, BA and BS in Theatre Design/Technology, and BS in Theatre Studies. Visit nau.edu/finishinfour.