



**CAL POLY**  
Theatre & Dance  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS



# THEATRE ARTS

## Contact

T: 805-756-1465

Davidson Music Center 45,  
Room 103

[theatredance.calpoly.edu](http://theatredance.calpoly.edu)

The courses offered by the Theatre and Dance Department provide students with a foundation in the theory and practice of theatre. Through academic instruction, hands-on activities and supervised training, students will develop knowledge of the various aspects of theatre including history, dramatic literature, playwriting, performing, production, directing, design and administrative practices. The program is delivered within a Liberal Arts framework, intended to advance the value of collaboration at all levels of study and designed to produce theatre artists with strong written and verbal skills who are also globally-minded citizens, prepared to enter into a variety of fields.

In addition to the BA, the department also offers a vibrant dance minor that provides a range of studio dance courses including ballet, modern, jazz, ballroom and folk. Composition and dance production are available, as well as courses designed for future elementary and secondary teachers of dance. The department also provides general education and breadth courses in the areas of dance history and dance appreciation.



## Theatre Arts (B.A.)

Students who major in theatre arts study dramatic literature, technical theatre, design, playwriting, acting and directing. Participation in main-stage productions, as actors and members of the production staff, is a major aspect of each student's training. In addition, the department offers general education courses in introductory theatre, theatre history

and literature, and specialized study of theatre such as women's theatre, theatre in the United States, global theatre and performance, and topics in diversity on the American stage.

## Minors

- Dance
- Theatre Arts

## Major and Minors

### Performing

- Stage
- Television
- Radio
- Motion picture

### Directing

- Direction
- Technical direction
- Casting
- Dialect coaching

### Behind the Scenes

- Stage management
- Set design
- Property design
- Lighting design
- Sound design
- Camera operation
- Costume design
- Hair/make-up
- Special effects
- Wardrobe
- Prop management

### Writing

- Scriptwriting
- Playwriting
- Screenwriting
- Journalism
- Publicity

### Education

- Teaching
- Research

### Business

- Producing
- Agents
- Marketing
- Fundraising
- Volunteer coordinator
- Box office sales
- Promotion

## Where can this major take me?

