

Texas Wesleyan At-a-Glance

- 2,600 students
- 15:1 student-faculty ratio
- 8 NAIA sports
- 65 clubs and organizations
- 85% of students receive financial assistance
- 3 residence halls
- New student apartment-style housing available

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts at Texas Wesleyan University

Why choose to study theatre arts at Texas Wesleyan?

As the only theatre in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex celebrating more than fifty years of productions, Wesleyan takes great pride in its history and its future. Alumni can be found working on Broadway as performers and producers, in films and television as actors and art directors, on area stages as award winning performers and designers, and as dedicated educators all over the area. Our current students have opportunities to intern with local theatres and professional organizations, establishing working relationships prior to graduation.

How valuable is a degree in theatre arts?

Employment of actors, directors and producers is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through the next decade. In addition, workers leaving the field will create as many job openings as will growth. Rising foreign demand for American productions, combined with a growing domestic market fueled by the growth of cable television, home movie rentals, and television syndications should stimulate demand for actors and other production personnel. Growth of opportunities in recorded media should be accompanied by increasing jobs in live productions. Growing numbers of people who enjoy live theatrical entertainment should continue to go to theaters for the excitement and aesthetic appreciation. (Source: The Collegeboard)

Diverse learning opportunities

The theatre arts faculty at Wesleyan works professionally in theatre and brings experience to the classroom, including professional affiliations with Actors Equity, The Dramatists Guild, and USITT. The professional network of the faculty is vast and they regularly schedule workshops and master classes with other experts, including actors, casting agents, playwrights and designers. Wesleyan's new black box space, The Thad Smotherman Theatre, is one of the largest of its kind in the country and features a movable lighting grid system powered by one-half ton chain motors. The flexibility of the 'Thad' gives our students the opportunity to work in a variety of theatrical configurations including thrust, arena, proscenium and stadium. In fact, our 2004-05 season features each of these seating arrangements.

Theatre arts courses

Students majoring in theatre arts select from a wide variety of interesting courses, including Acting, Introduction to Theatre, Production Laboratory, Script Analysis, THA 1106 Production Laboratory, Technical Theatre I, Theatre Arts Practicum and Theatre History Courses.

Theatre arts majors also participate in the *Integrated Arts Curriculum*, a program consisting of four cross-disciplinary courses, one taken each fall semester by all art, music and theatre arts majors. Together, the course promotes divergent and inclusive ways of thinking about the creative process, the arts, and what it means to be an artist in today's world.

**Major or minor in theatre arts at
Texas Wesleyan University!
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