INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

Students in the Theater and Performance Studies major will engage with theater performance on the physical, intellectual, and aesthetic levels, growing not only as performers but also as artists, thinkers, makers, viewers, and participants in the artistic event. The practical focus of the major is to create theater of all kinds using all its art forms. Equally important is the study of theater and dance performance theory, history, culture, and literature, thereby balancing the practical with the theoretical.

Our graduates have gone on to professional careers in all theatrical fields and graduate schools all over the world. Our alumni include professional actors on stage and screen, arts journalists, stunt actors, directors, producers, playwrights, and more.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

• Get involved in student-directed theater performances and projects.
• Intern in local Bay Area theaters.
• Participate in diverse and exciting lectures and performances.
• Engage with world-renowned visiting guest artists through Cal Performances and the department’s extensive network.
• Bring together your undergraduate experience with an Advanced Study Opportunity (Capstone).

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

• Already have an intended major but interested in Theater and Performance Studies? Consider adding a TPS double major or minor to round out your studies.
• As either a major or minor in Theater and Performance Studies, you will study with nationally and internationally known faculty, respected for their scholarly research and creative work.
• Whether new to theater or seasoned with years of training and skill, all students receive an education that engages them fully. Your focus may be on acting, dance, technical theater/design, performance studies, or some combination of these.

connecting with us

Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit tdps.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

How to use this map

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit vcue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.

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The artistic opportunities that TDPS has to offer are too numerous to name -- jump in and see where your heart will take you next.

– Michael Mansfield, Undergraduate Academic Advisor

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advising

Students can drop in to 15B Dwinelle Hall to speak with the Undergraduate Academic Advisor or email questions to tdpsugadvisor@berkeley.edu.

Advising Drop-In Hours:
Monday - Friday 1-4pm

advancing your major

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THEATER AND PERFORMANCE STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts

**Explore your major**
- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Review major and college requirements.
- Enroll in L&S 1 and HUM 10 (Compass Courses).
- Take THEATER 60 as soon as you can to get involved in one of the department productions.
- Talk to TDPS peer advisors about creative ways to engage in the major.
- Complete the lower division prerequisites and declare the major.
- Review the major guidelines for study abroad.
- Start talking about ideas for an Honors Thesis or Project (THEATER H195A/B).

**Connect and build community**
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- Connect with the department by attending TDPS Welcome Back Celebration in August for prospective and returning students.
- Attend the department events.
- Consider participation in the On-Campus Recruiting and Employer Info Sessions.

**Discover your passions**
- Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
- Explore Berkeley arts and design with HUM 20.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
- Add zest to your studies - take courses you never imagined taking.
- Continue exploring with a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.

**Engage locally and globally**
- Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
- Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
- Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.
- Contribute to a community organization with an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
- Go on a service-learning trip with the Alternative Breaks Program.
- Teach theater and promote the arts in local schools through the CREATE program.

**Reflect and plan your future**
- Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.
- Check out the Career Center Yearly Planner.
- Set up a Handshake account and sign up for CareerMail.
- Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series.
- Meet with a Career Center counselor to discuss your career options and goals.
- Shadow alumni during a winter externship.
- Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.
- Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.

**FIRST YEAR**

- Explore your major
- Connect and build community
- Discover your passions
- Engage locally and globally
- Reflect and plan your future

**SECOND YEAR**

- Explore your major
- Connect and build community
- Discover your passions
- Engage locally and globally
- Reflect and plan your future

**THIRD YEAR**

- Explore your major
- Connect and build community
- Discover your passions
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**FOURTH YEAR**

- Explore your major
- Connect and build community
- Discover your passions
- Engage locally and globally
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**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**

- Jobs and Employers
  - 3D Film Production Asst., LBINL
  - Actor, Cal Shakespeare Theater
  - Actor, The Marsh Theater
  - Adj. Faculty, Monterey Peninsula CC
  - Art Manager, Trinity Repertory Co.
  - Coordinator, SF Opera
  - Cruise Ship Performer
  - Dancer, Levy Dance Company
  - Director, San Francisco Mime Troupe
  - EMT, Pro Transport 1
  - Filmmaker
  - Instructor, Alameda School of Music
  - Marketing Asst., Joe Goode Group
  - Member, San Francisco Ballet
  - Playwright
  - Public Speaking Coach
  - Publicist, The Magic Theater
  - Software Engineering Intern, Zillow
  - Sound Designer
  - Stage Manager, Aurora Theatre Co.
  - Stunt Woman

- Graduate Programs
  - Acting, Masters, American Cons. Theater
  - Arts Management, Masters, Yale Drama and Theater Arts, Masters, Columbia Univ.
  - Journalism, Masters, Columbia Univ.
  - Social Sciences, Masters, UC Berkeley
  - Law, JD, UC Berkeley

**Graduate Programs**

- Acting, Masters, American Cons. Theater
- Arts Management, Masters, Yale Drama and Theater Arts, Masters, Columbia Univ.
- Journalism, Masters, Columbia Univ.
- Social Sciences, Masters, UC Berkeley
- Law, JD, UC Berkeley

**Examples gathered from the Career Destinations Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.**

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