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.

Connect 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.

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

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.

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
THEATER AND PERFORMANCE STUDIES
Bachelor of Arts

FIRST YEAR
- 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 H95A/B).

SECOND YEAR
- Meet all productions in the department.
- Attend TDPS Welcome Back Celebration in August for prospective and returning students.
- Join a performing arts group on campus like BareStage Productions or CalTV.
- Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.
- Sign up for the TDPS email list and attend department events.

THIRD YEAR
- Explore 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.
- Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
- Attend all productions in the department.
- Attend TDPS Welcome Back Celebration in August for prospective and returning students.
- Continue exploring with a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.
- Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through URAP and SMART.
- Build your research skills in HUM 100: Research Bootcamp.
- Interested in joining a production? Check out the TDPS Callboard for calls and audition information.
- Pitch your idea for teaching a DeCal course in the department next year.
- Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.
- Experience life at another UC or college on a gap year or in Sacramento with an Alternative Breaks Program.
- Teach theater and promote the arts in local schools through the CREATE program.
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