The Theatre Arts program offers a variety of majors, minors, and certificates, preparing students for a range of careers in the arts. Here are some highlights:

**Majors**
- Theatre Arts - Teaching
- Theatre Arts - Liberal Arts
- Theatre Arts - Musical Theatre

**Comprehensive Majors (No Minor Required)**
- Theatre Arts - Liberal Arts
- Theatre Arts - Musical Theatre

**Minors**
- Theatre Arts - Teaching
- Theatre Arts - Teaching, Middle Childhood / Early Adolescence

**Certificates**
- Fine Arts Administration
- Dance Activities

**Where you'll find our grads**
- Children's Theatre Director, City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI
- Professional Acting, Freelance
- Actor, Climb Theatre, St. Paul, MN
- Drama Teacher, Monroe County, Madison, WI
- Comedic Magician, Las Vegas, NV

**Prepared for Success**
As a theatre arts major, you will receive training in various aspects of theatre including technical theatre, acting, directing, dance, dramatic literature, playwriting, oral interpretation, and arts management.

The department produces an active theatre season that includes four main-stage productions, a Theatre for Young Audiences touring production, student-directed Short Play Festivals and a dance concert — all produced in facilities with state-of-the-art equipment. Our comprehensive theatre seasons expose students to various styles, genres, and periods, including comedy, tragedy, and musical theatre. Opportunities for involvement in productions are open to all UW-Eau Claire students.

Every year, one of our main-stage productions is either a musical or an opera. This collaboration between departments allows music education students a chance to get some hands-on experience in a different performance setting and students with varied passions to experience top-quality musical theatre.

We offer a theatre education major and minor toward Wisconsin state certification, grades PK-12. We tour a Theatre for Young Audiences production to elementary schools throughout Western Wisconsin, serving about 3,000 children in grades 1-5. Many UW-Eau Claire grads will either go into acting or continue onto graduate school to pursue their master of fine arts degree.

Typical positions held by theatre arts graduates include actor/actress in theatre, film, or television; theatre teacher; scriptwriter; casting agent; costume designer; set, lighting, or prop designer; director; technical director; or stage manager.

**Why UW-Eau Claire**
**Hands-On Experience**
In addition to course offerings, students actively participate in production work in areas such as acting, directing, designing, stage managing, play writing, theatre promotion, and technical theatre. Practical experience is supported by a

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**“My most indelible memories of my time at UWEC are all connected in some way to the fine arts building.”**
— Barry Anderson, ’00, music education, Broadway performer and composer
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dynamic faculty who work closely with students and are active in their fields.
Student theatre technicians work in two fully equipped scene shops and a costume shop and the department maintains an extensive costume design collection.

Innovative Facilities

Students have access to outstanding theatre facilities including Kjer Theatre, a 400-seat proscenium theatre; Riverside Theatre, a 200-seat thrust stage; and Gantner Hall, a 600-seat concert hall.

Course Work / Pre-Professional Courses

Study in the department advances the student’s development and practical application of knowledge, theory and skills. Courses explore areas such as:
• Stagecraft and play production
• Stage lighting
• Voice and diction
• Theatre history
• Stage makeup
• Costume history and design
• Acting and directing
• Historical and modern drama and theatre

Special Admission Guidelines

Students planning to enroll in theatre programs are encouraged to complete courses in English composition and public speaking during high school. They should also be involved in school or community theatre productions — on stage or behind the scenes.