

THEATRE ARTS

New enrollments into this program are restricted as of Spring 2025. Please contact an academic advisor about alternative options.

Overview

Degrees Offered: AA

Program Begins: Fall, Spring, Summer

Delivery Method: On Campus

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Description

The Bismarck State College Theatre pathway exists to provide a setting in which those who have chosen to investigate the theatre arts may find freedom to experiment and the encouragement to learn. A major is not required for participation. Coursework provides the first two years toward a bachelor's degree in theatre and can enhance professional communication skills that benefit throughout a lifetime. The program offers two study options that emphasize performance or technical theatre. Scholarships are available for both crafts.

Students study stage acting, acting for the camera, dramatic literature and history, theatre movement, makeup, technical design, and stagecraft. Other opportunities for participation are three major theatre productions between October and April, BSC Drama Club, student-directed plays (Short Play Festival), and Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival regional competitions.

Preparation

Theatre students should feel the need to express their sense of truth through art, be curious and sensitive to their own and others' feelings, and have a strong sense of discipline. Interest in literature is recommended. Participation in high school music, drama, or speech activities or construction or electrical trade courses can be beneficial.

Requirements

Students who complete the curriculum requirements earn an Associate in Arts degree.

Bismarck State College has many cooperative, articulation, or transfer agreements with postsecondary institutions both inside and outside of the North Dakota University System. Some of these agreements are established to allow students to remain on campus as they complete their bachelor's degree. In all cases, students seeking to transfer after completing a degree at BSC should consult the academic catalog of their destination college and work with their academic advisor to plan for this transition.

Career Opportunities

Actor, dancer, director, technical director, playwright, production designer, production manager, costume designer, scenic artist, scenic craftsman, control board operator, property master, budget director, arts/talent manager, theatre manager, studio engineer, exhibit designer, copy/script writer, teacher, tour guide.

Degree Plans

- Theatre Arts—(Performance) Associate in Arts
- Theatre Arts—(Technical Theatre) Associate in Arts