Why a Theatre Arts Degree Is Always Useful

Theatre trains its students in skills any employer would want:

- Communication - Speaking clearly, lucidly, and thoughtfully in both oral and written communication.
- Creative Problem Solving - think on their feet, identify problems, evaluate, and implement solutions.
- Commitment and Cooperation - committed to the task, work cooperatively, reliably do their part.
- Deadlines - budget your time to meet deadlines, task-oriented, practical ways to achieve goals.
- Initiative - "self-starters," do what needs done without waiting to be asked or told.
- Authority and Rules - work within the structure of a set of procedures and rules while understanding the chain of command.
- Ability to Learn - absorb a vast quantity of material quickly, accurately, ability to listen, and ask questions.
- Adaptability and Flexibility - willing to try new ideas, accept new challenges, and adapt to constantly changing situations and conditions.
- A Healthy Self-Image and Self Confident - know who you are, how to project your individuality, accept feedback and keep trying.
- A Willingness to Accept Responsibility - opportunities to take on leadership roles for either short periods of time or in long-term careers.
- Enjoyment -- Any job can be enjoyable.

How Alumni Are Using the Skills We Teach

“In the public library, I helped at our museum branch with displays and exhibits. (Costuming, construction, prop design, lighting). Also, as a children's librarian, performing for a crowd, storytelling, and artistic skills. Now during reference work, Theatre history and play knowledge. And of course working with a diverse group of people everyday to get the job done.”

“I am working in fundraising at non profit. I am frequently asked to collaborate with other departments or peer groups with a lean budget to accomplish monumental tasks. I use the project management skills I development … been asked to speak to groups and individuals on the programs we support... The list really is endless!”

“My theatre degree has helped me a lot in my job as a museum director. Visitor engagement is all about audience and I never get nervous in front of groups, I consistently get great compliments on my tours and presentations. I use my theatre degree all the time.”

Some Of The Careers Our Alumni Have Outside Of Theatre

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Theatre Majors And Minors Are Repeatedly Asked To Use These Skills:

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Working in Theatre, TV/Film and Video Game Production

Theatre makes the intangible tangible and make humans fully aware of their potential.

Theatre is a versatile and highly collaborative art form that requires professional skills, which include:

- Time Management
- Communication Skills
- Self-Discipline
- Confidence
- Leadership
- Team Work
- Ability to Cope with Criticism
- Creative and Analytical Problem Solving
- Collaboration
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- How to Enjoy Working on Projects


**Theatre Majors And Minors Work In Multiple Fields Including:**

- Stage Manager
- TV/Film Director
- Dramaturgy
- Event Manager
- Playwright
- Script Writer Drama
- Teacher Professor
- Manager/Agent
- Designer
- Actor
- Makeup Artist
- Wig Maker
- Theatre Manager
- TV Production Asst.
- Salesperson
- Arts Administrator
- Lobbyist
- Casting Director
- Technician
- Scenic Artist

**Theatre Majors And Minors Have Found Employment With Companies Such As:**

- Folger Shakespeare Theatre
- Gray Talent Group
- Chicago Fringe Festival
- Theatre Works USA
- High Schools
- Gulf Shore Playhouse
- New Harmony Theatre
- Jefferson Performing Arts Society
- Lexington Children’s Theatre
- Creative Group
- STAGES ST. LOUIS
- Manhattan Class Company
- La Comedia Dinner Theatre
- Profiles Theatre
- The Second City

**We Have Alumni Who Have Appeared In Theatre, TV, Film And Video Gaming, Including:**

- *Hatfield’s and McCoy’s*
- *Deadwood*
- *Preacher*
- *The Young and the Restless*
- *Chicago P.D.*
- *The Crimson Mask*
- *All My Children*
- *Body of Proof*
- *The Last of Us*

**Salar Ardebili** - Featured in *Chicago P.D., Patriot* - “When I started my Theatre education at Murray State University, I was hungry to be exposed to a smorgasbord of techniques; my professors did exactly that while guiding me to find my own path. I will always be grateful for my experience there and the positive discipline that was instilled in me.”

**Jilon Van Over** - Featured in *Cold Case, NCIS: Los Angeles, An Amish Murder, Mighty Med, and Hatfields and McCoys* - “People always asked me why I came to Murray, Kentucky from Southern California. It’s because, when I visited the campus, I suddenly felt at home. Murray State is where I discovered who I was, and with the support of a great community, started me on the path of who I wanted to be.”

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