

Acting

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Acting
Experience Map



University
of Windsor

Highlights and Skills

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Acting (BFA)

Take centre stage in this acclaimed program that finds the perfect balance of conservatory style classes, performance, and academic course work. Develop your talent in this internationally recognized program. Audition required.

MIN AVG.* 70% ONTARIO COURSE REQUIREMENTS ENG4U required, audition. Auditions for Acting are held in Windsor and Toronto. To register go to uwindsor.ca/drama click on Apply to Dramatic Art

In pursuit of Equity and Accessibility, we encourage student applications from designated groups: persons who are Indigenous (FNMI), BIPOC, women, LGBTQ+ and persons with disabilities. If you require an accommodation to complete your audition or interview, please let us know by sending an email to drama@uwindsor.ca.

About the Audition

Candidates are asked to memorize and prepare two monologues. Each monologue should be approximately one minute in length. One monologue should be by a character from a play by Shakespeare. The other should be by a character from a published modern or contemporary play. You will also learn and present a movement sequence. In addition, your audition will include an improvised scene and cold reading.




* Minimum grade point average for admission to program. A higher average may be required.

FUNCTIONAL KNOWLEDGE

- Identify and apply specific acting exercises and techniques essential to the development of a theatre artist
- Embody the principles of flexibility, strength, and endurance as they apply to the development of the theatre artist
- Communicate articulately, effectively, and efficiently by incorporating voice and movement techniques into the creation of a role
- Observe and think critically as a theatre artist
- Communicate analytically about theatre practice in verbal and written form
- Research, develop, and embody creative work
- Analyze, interpret, rehearse, and perform text from various periods, theatrical styles, and genres

Build your Skills and Experience

Your UWindsor experience is more than attending classes. It is a combination of studio and academic classes, co-curricular activities, and extracurricular involvement. By making the most of all three elements of your university experience, you will maximize your opportunities to build your skills, broaden your personal network, and clarify your long term academic and career goals.

	CURRICULUM Courses of study specific to each program
	CO-CURRICULAR Activities and experiences that complement coursework (Outstanding Scholars, peer mentoring, VIP)
	EXTRACURRICULAR Activities falling outside the scope of set curriculum (Part-time job, clubs, volunteering, athletics)

Career Planning Cycle

Intentional career planning will help you prepare for your next step after graduation and beyond. It is a fluid, dynamic, and lifelong process. You can move on or return to an earlier stage in the cycle at any time.



Explore Opportunities Using This Chart

Explore a selection of opportunities recommended for students in your program. This chart shows some of your many options – you don't have to do everything on it or limit yourself to it. Engage in opportunities from each of the three categories to set yourself up for success.

High-Impact Practice (HIP)

A HIP is an enriching educational experience that can be life-changing and often includes learning outside of the classroom while encouraging meaningful interaction and collaboration, such as:

- Co-op, internship or field experiences
- Research with faculty
- Culminating senior experience
- Capstone courses
- Service-learning
- Learning communities
- Study abroad

Academics




Your Coursework




First Year

- Take required courses, including Improvisation and Introduction to Acting, Voice for the Actor, Movement for the Actor, Introduction to Theatre and Performance Studies
- Review degree course requirements
- Meet with an academic advisor such as the department head or faculty advisor
- Receive peer mentorship from upper-year Drama students

Middle Years

- Continue with required courses and check in with academic advisor to make sure you are on the right path
- Consider completing a research project in final year 
- Continue taking courses in acting technique, scene study, Shakespearean performance, voice, improvisation, movement and theatre history
- Consider taking courses and internships through the **Arts Management Certificate** program 
- Participate in the **UWill Discover** undergraduate research conference 
- Participate in **University Players** performance or production opportunities
- Expand your skills by taking on a summer, part-time or volunteer position



Final Year

- Meet with an academic advisor to go over degree requirements
- Complete all required courses for your degree
- Apply to graduate through **MyUWindsor Portal**
- Work with a faculty member on a creative or research project, or publication 
- Consider completing required courses for **Arts Management Certificate**




Experience

Ways To Get Involved



- Apply for a co-curricular experience such as **VIP-Community Service Learning**
- Investigate research opportunities as part of the **Outstanding Scholars** program 
- Participate to serve as crew member
- Join a student society like **Club SODA** or **UWSA**
- Research summer workshop opportunities offered through the **School of Dramatic Art** 
- Participate in the **Bystander Initiative** workshop to gain skills that will help you be an effective and supportive ally to prevent sexual assault on campus

- Look for a leadership role as a peer mentor
- Consider joining the **Inspired Acting Lab**
- Consider participating in the **Stratford Summer Intensive Program** or the **Month in Moscow Program**
- Apply for creative or academic research position through the **Ignite Work Study Program**
- Audition for a role with **University Players**

- Conduct field research with a faculty member 
- Become a tutor for **Students Offering Support (SOS)** 
- Participate in a creative activity with faculty member or alumni
- Complete **Performance Seminar** as a capstone linked to **Next Generation Showcase** 
- Become a course coordinator for a class

Career

Plan Ahead For What's Next

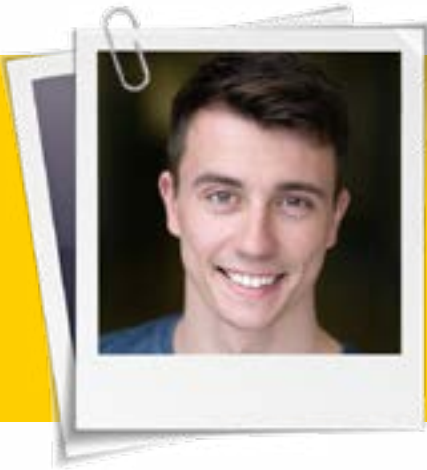


- Start by making a list of things that you enjoy and areas in which you excel
- Meet with a career advisor in **Career Development and Experiential Learning (CDEL)** for help developing a plan for your future years
- Consider a **Career Exploration Program** appointment to help you identify possible career paths
- Get involved with a part-time job, volunteer opportunity, campus group, or as a research assistant
- Attend **CDEL workshops** to learn how to find a summer or part-time job and write a non-acting resumé and cover letter
- Chat with an advisor during **CDEL's Drop In** hours to get answers to your career and job search questions

- Consult with visiting guest directors and artists for professional mentorship and industry related matters
- Research career fields and occupations that complement your acting training with the help of a **CDEL** career advisor
- Explore opportunities and meet potential employers by participating in job fairs, industry networking events, and **CDEL's Job Shadow Experience**
- Explore further educational opportunities by attending the **Graduate and Professional Schools Fair** and researching admission requirements for programs that interest you
- Create a **LinkedIn** profile and have it critiqued by **CDEL**
- Take part in informational interviews and join online communities like **LinkedIn** and **Ten Thousand Coffees** to connect with people in your targeted profession or industry.
- Search job postings to learn what skills, knowledge, and credentials you will need for potential careers
- Take part in recruitment events and job fairs hosted by **CDEL** and other organizations

- Take part in casting workshops
- If you are considering applying to graduate or professional school, be aware of early application deadlines
- Consider auditioning for grad school at the **University/Regional Theatre Auditions**
- Meet with **CDEL** to prepare application documents like a resumé, cover letter, CV, or personal statement for positions outside of acting
- Attend **CDEL's workshops** on interview skills and job search strategies
- Set up a mock interview with a career advisor for professional school or job applications
- Compose a portfolio of relevant academic and work experience

Life After Graduation



In my time in the University of Windsor's BFA Acting program I found a home, and a family. The School of Dramatic Art fosters a collaborative environment in which students are encouraged to work positively with their peers to challenge one another and guide one another to their full potential. They provide a rigorous, comprehensive program tying together extensive opportunities to master both theory and practice for success. I am delighted and honoured to be a graduate of the BFA Acting program. I cannot think of a better place to get the training that I have received. It has led me to a professional career directly out of school and has fostered incredible opportunities for me."

*Sean Sennett- BFA in Acting
Actor, We Will Rock You*

19 Number of
Graduates

(2020)

87% Employment
Rate of Graduates

(OUGS Fine and Applied Arts, 2019)

Career Tracks*

Actor
Announcer
Artistic director
Artistic producer
Broadcaster
Casting director

Comedian
Fight Choreographer
Journalist
Lawyer
Playwright
Professor

Radio/Television Announcer
Stunt person
Teacher
Television actor
Voice coach
Voice-over artist

**Additional education and/or training required for some of the above careers.*



Common Sectors For Graduates

- **Acting:** Professional theatre; film and TV; animated film
- **Education:** Elementary, secondary, and post-secondary; public and private streams; corporate education; motivational speaking
- **Media and journalism:** Theatre criticism; live performance; radio and television news and entertainment; podcasting

Career-Readiness Competencies



**Critical Thinking &
Problem Solving**



**Professionalism &
Work Ethic**



**Teamwork &
Collaboration**



Communication





Campus Resources

- Research undergraduate scholarships and bursaries through the **Student Awards and Financial Aid Office**
- Visit **Leddy Library** and the **Writing Support Desk** for help with academic assignments
- Check out the **Bounce Back** program designed to improve academic performance as well as decrease feelings of stress and anxiety through both effective learning strategies and life skills acquisition
- Build leadership skills and find leadership opportunities at the **Leadership Hub**
- Get advice and support about your academic status by making an appointment with **Central Academic Advising**
- Seek out assistance with academic accommodation from **Student Accessibility Services**
- Discover ways to get involved on campus through the **Student Success and Leadership Centre**
- Broaden your cultural awareness through the **International Student Centre** and **Student Exchange Office**
- Look into the **Ignite: Work Study** program for on-campus employment
- Get assistance developing your career plan and job search skills from **Career Development and Experiential Learning**
- Develop your entrepreneurial skills and learn how to start your own business at **EPICentre**
- Find support for Indigenous learners and broaden your understanding of Indigenous culture by visiting the **Aboriginal Education Centre - Turtle Island**
- Tend to your health and wellness with support from **Student Health Services**, the **Wellness Outreach Office** and **Lancer Recreation**
- Receive confidential mental health counselling delivered by trained professionals at the **Student Counselling Centre**
- **Prevent.Resist.Support.** Seek personal support or learn more about sexual violence prevention and resistance education through the **Office of Sexual Violence Prevention, Resistance & Support**
- Explore professional development opportunities through **Continuing Education**



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