

Dramatic Art

Made in Windsor.



DRAMA

DRAMA IN EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY (APPLIED THEATRE)

DRAMA (BA)/CONCURRENT EDUCATION (BED)



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Experience Map**



**University
of Windsor**

UWindsor Life

Highlights and Skills

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Drama **H** **C** Come develop your creativity in our drama program where you'll get training for a career in the theatre. Choose a concentration in performance, history and theory, design/technical theatre, or a combination of two, or all three. First-year students get hands-on training behind the scenes at University Players. Students love this program so much that many go on to graduate school for further learning and specialization.

MIN. AVG.* 70% ONTARIO COURSE REQUIREMENTS EN4U required.

Drama in Education and Community with Concentration in Applied Theatre **H** Join one of Canada's most unique undergraduate programs involving drama. It's perfect for students who are interested in performance and teaching with aspirations to use drama as a vehicle to empower others. With a focus on practical learning, you will develop presentations, performances and workshops around pressing social issues. Work in schools, art galleries, museums, hospitals, senior citizen residences and multicultural organizations. You can follow this up with our consecutive education degree program and become qualified to teach at any grade level or pursue graduate studies in a complimentary discipline.

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Drama (BA) **G /Concurrent Education (BEd)** The classroom will be your stage with this intensive program that will make you eligible to teach drama in grades 7 to 12. This concurrent program is hands-on, giving you opportunities to practice drama as a vehicle for learning and teaching. Put the theory you've learned into practice through field experience.

MIN AVG.* 75% ONTARIO COURSE REQUIREMENTS ENG4U required.

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.

FUNCTIONAL KNOWLEDGE

- Expressing oneself confidently, assertively, and purposefully in front of an audience using both verbal and nonverbal communication techniques
- Speaking persuasively and articulately to convey a variety of goals and on occasion desired reactions from audience members
- Collaborating in the production of knowledge within the studio and classroom in a participatory, active process of exchange which links both theory and practice.
- Articulating the interrelationship between the various disciplines of theatre production (performance, direction, creation, management, and design)
- Becoming a full theatre practitioner, versed in practical elements of theatre production, as well as the ways of applying theatre and performance studies to life and work, supporting personal goals, contributing to the field, and benefitting the community during the program and after graduation.
- Applying the basic skills and theoretical practices involved in design for the theatre
- Applying principles and elements of design to create effective solutions to design challenges

G General - 3-year program **H** Honours - 4-year program **C** Combined Honours programs available * Minimum grade point average for admission to program. A higher average may be required.

Build your Skills and Experience

Your UWindsor experience is more than attending classes. It is a combination of academics, 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 for your specific program, including Introduction to Theatre and Performance Studies I and II and Effective Writing I and II
- 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

- Take required courses and begin taking courses in accordance with specializations. Check in with academic advisor to make sure you are on the right path
- Take courses that reflect your areas of interest such as Acting, Scenic Design, Scene Painting, Stage Make-Up, Costume Design, Stage Management, Improvisation and Self-Development.
- *For Concurrent Drama students:* Decide on a second teachable and begin to take courses in the discipline
- Start taking courses required as pre-requisites for graduate/professional school
- Consider declaring a minor and/or specialization
- Consider taking courses and internships through the **Arts Management Certificate** program 
- Work with a faculty member on a research project or publication



Final Year




- Meet with an academic advisor to go over degree requirements
- *For Honours Drama & Drama/Communication, Media and Film:* Take courses that reflect your areas of interest such as Acting, Scenic Design, Costume Design, Stage Management, Improvisation and Self-Development. You might also stage manage, assistant direct, or work on crew at University Players in Production Problems courses
- Apply to graduate through **UWinside Student Portal**
- Work with a faculty member on a research project or publication 
- Consider completing required courses for **Arts Management Certificate** 

Experience

Ways To Get Involved



- Volunteer with local organizations partnered with the **School of Dramatic Art**
- Investigate research opportunities as part of the **Outstanding Scholars** program 
- Join a student society like **Club SODA** or **UWSA**
- Participate in **University Players** productions
- Research student exchange opportunities for middle years 
- 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

- Join a professional association in your field such as the **Council of Ontario Drama and Dance Educators**
- Participate in the **UWill Discover** undergraduate research conference 
- Participate at **University Players** for course credit in roles such as, assistant set, lighting, projection and sound designers, directors, stage managers, assistant sound and lighting designers, scenic artists, hair and makeup designers, costume assistants and in front-of-house management 
- Apply for student exchange 
- Expand your skills by taking on a summer, part-time or volunteer position
- Look for a leadership role as a peer mentor
- Apply for creative or academic research position through the **Ignite Work Study Program**
- Explore available **Drama internships** or **field placements**
- Become a **course coordinator** for a class

- Conduct field research with faculty member 
- Become a tutor for **Students Offering Support (SOS)** 
- Participate in a creative activity with faculty member or alumni
- Work with a local organization through a practicum course within the **Drama in Education and Community** program 
- Take on a leadership role with **University Players**
- 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
- Consider a **Career Exploration Program** appointment to help you identify possible career paths
- Meet with a career advisor in **Career Development and Experiential Learning (CDEL)** for help developing a plan for your future years
- Get involved with a part-time job, volunteer opportunity, campus group, or research assistantship
- Attend **CDEL** workshops to learn how to find a summer or part-time job and write a university-level resumé
- Chat with an advisor during **CDEL's Drop In** hours to get answers to your career and job search questions

- Research career fields and occupations 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

- If you are considering applying to graduate or professional school, be aware of early application deadlines
- Meet with **CDEL** to prepare application documents like a resumé, cover letter, CV, or personal statement for jobs and education programs you are applying to
- 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
- Take part in recruitment events and job fairs hosted by **CDEL** and other organizations
- Compose a portfolio of relevant academic and work experience
- Attend **University/Resident Theatre Association (URTA)** auditions for technical and performance based graduate programs

Life After Graduation



My experience at the University of Windsor helped to build a diverse set of skills, including adaptability, organization, and communication, that have helped me in my career. It provided me with the professional experience required to be able to begin my career in theatre management right out of University. The level of care and support provided by the faculty and staff at UWindsor allowed me to feel confident in taking risks and to be open to taking new paths. Windsor is really a hidden gem in drama and theatre education in Ontario.”

Corey Palmer – BA in Drama in Education and Community
BEd in Education

19 Number of
Graduates

(2020)

87% Employment
Rate of Graduates

Employment rate of graduates 2 years following degree completion (UGS Fine and Applied Arts, 2019)

Career Tracks*

Artistic director
Artistic producer
Broadcaster
Comedian
Drama practitioner

Film critic
Lawyer
Lighting designer
Playwright
Professor

Project manager
Public relations officer
Set designer
Social justice practitioner
Sound technician

Stage manager
Teacher
Theatre for young audiences
Theatre manager
Theatre performer

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



Common Sectors For Graduates

- **Acting:** Commercial, screen, theatre
- **Advertising and marketing**
- **Dramatic production:** Directing, technical (“behind the scenes”), etc.
- **Government:** Research and policy development
- **Healthcare and counselling:** Drama therapy
- **Media and journalism:** Criticism, live performance
- **Social service agencies**
- **Teaching:** Public and private streams; corporate, motivational speaking

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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