



## ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY

# THEATRE

Ready to raise the curtain on your career in theatre? As an RU theatre major, you will learn all facets of theatre, practice your craft and grow as an individual artist in a positive community made up of talented faculty, staff, professional artists and other students. You'll be challenged on and off the stage to consider your creative goals and your vocation in terms of how you can become a Servant Artist in the world.

The program also provides a strong foundation in the liberal arts, emphasizing critical thinking, effective communication, and hands on research, giving you marketable skills and professional preparation for the theatre world and beyond.

## YOU HAVE AN EPIC STORY TO TELL

College should be more than just getting a degree. At RU, we prepare you for your professional and personal future. Our combination of general education classes — in addition to your major courses — will give you **equipment for living** so that you can live an **EPIC** life.

**EXPLORE.** Understand the world in all its beauty, diversity and complexity.

**PREPARE.** Gain knowledge and skills to serve in your business or organization.

**INTEGRATE.** Connect and apply knowledge in your professional and personal life.

**CALLING.** Discern what God has called you to be and do.



## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

### THEATRE

The bachelor of arts degree in theatre includes practicum credit earned through participation in production, and a capstone internship or senior project. You'll receive a strong foundation in liberal arts, along with year-round production opportunities to practice your craft in a positive uplifting community. You may choose from three specialized tracks, including performance, production and musical theatre.

### MINORS

Theatre  
Music Performance

### PERFORMING OPPORTUNITIES

RU's theatre program presents four mainstage productions per year. Additionally, students have the opportunity to write, direct and/or perform in laboratory productions. The program also hosts an annual summer festival known as Shakespeare Upon Avon, along with music revues and ensemble performances. A unique partnership with UnCovered Theatre Company allows students to work alongside professional artists in production, ensembles and the classroom.



## WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The theatre major provides students with a well-rounded holistic education in all aspects of the theatrical arts.



### INTERPRETIVE ANALYSIS

Students will analyze a play script using a variety of interpretive strategies.



### CREATIVE EXPRESSION

Students will integrate script analysis creatively into artistic expression.



### SERVANT ARTISTRY

Students will articulate how to become a servant artist to engage, inspire and impact God's world and to bring meaningful change to it.



### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Students will demonstrate professional competence in communication, collaboration, creativity and problem solving.

## WHAT OUR ALUMNI SAY



**Courtney Dunbar**

**Class of 2019**

*"I can credit Rochester University's Theatre Department for not only encouraging me to listen to my calling, but for giving me the tools to pursue my vocation with professionalism, creativity, as well as the practical skills necessary to succeed in theatre. Through the coursework and productions, I was able to gain experience on stage and behind the scenes. Early on, I was given opportunities to take on leadership roles that were the building blocks to my current job at Ferris State. Now, as a graduate, I can look forward to my future in theatre and know that no matter how far my career expands, I owe it all to the individualized training and mentorship that I received at RU."*

## WHAT ABOUT MY CAREER?

After you graduate, you can pursue various positions, including:

- Actor
- Director
- Designer
- Theatre Technician
- Stage Manager
- Production Manager
- Arts Administration
- Theatre Educator
- Artistic Director
- Carpenter

## COURSE OFFERINGS

While pursuing your degree, you will take various classes, including:

- Acting
- Voice and Movement
- Introduction to Technical Theatre
- Stage Makeup
- Play Analysis
- Design
- Directing
- History of Western Theatre
- Advance Musical Theatre
- Playwriting
- Stage Management

**ENRICHING LIVES,  
ONE PRODUCTION AT A TIME.**