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HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day

Come to UC Berkeley's annual **Open House** in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation

Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley **orientation** program for all new students.

Events

Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit tdps.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

ADVISING

Students can email the Undergraduate Academic Advisor at laxmik@berkeley.edu to schedule an in-person or online appointment.

Advising Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday, 1:30-4:30pm

THEATER AND PERFORMANCE STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts

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INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

Students in the **Theater and Performance Studies** major will engage with theater performance on physical, intellectual, and aesthetic levels, growing not only as performers but also as artists, thinkers, makers, viewers, and participants in the artistic event. The practical focus of the major is to create theater of all kinds using all its art forms. Equally important is the study of theater and dance performance theory, history, culture, and literature, thereby balancing the practical with the theoretical.

Our graduates have gone on to careers in all theatrical fields and graduate schools all over the world. Our alumni include professional actors on stage and screen, stage managers on Broadway, arts journalists, stunt actors, directors, designers, producers, playwrights, technicians and more.



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“ *My time with TDPS taught me how to interact with performance on a deep level, how to ask questions, and that concrete answers don't always exist.* ”

– Hannah Bailey, Class of 2023

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Already have an intended major but interested in Theater and Performance Studies? Consider adding a TPS double **major** or **minor**.
- As either a major or minor in Theater and Performance Studies, you will study with nationally and internationally known faculty, respected for their scholarly research and creative work.
- Whether new to theater or seasoned with years of training and skill, all students receive an education that engages them fully. Your focus may be on acting, dance, technical theater, design, performance studies, or some combination thereof.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Get involved in student-directed **theater performances and projects**.
- Intern at Bay Area theaters.
- Participate in diverse and exciting **lectures and performances**.
- Engage with world-renowned guest artists through **Cal Performances** and the department's extensive network.
- Bring together your undergraduate experience with an **Advanced Study Opportunity (Capstone)**.

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Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies

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DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY



	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR	
Explore your major	<p>Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.</p> <p>Review major and college requirements.</p> <p>Enroll in L&S 1 and an Arts & Humanities Gateway Course.</p> <p>Take THEATER 60 as soon as you can to get involved in one of the department productions.</p>	<p>Talk to TDPS peer advisors about creative ways to engage in the major.</p> <p>Complete the lower division prerequisites and declare the major.</p> <p>Start talking about ideas for an Honors Thesis or Project (THEATER H195A/B).</p>	<p>Focus on upper division requirements.</p> <p>Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.</p> <p>Ask your major advisor about Advanced Study Opportunities (Capstones).</p> <p>Take online summer courses like THEATER 117AC or 118AC to free up time your final year.</p>	<p>Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.</p> <p>Complete any “bucket list” courses.</p> <p>Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.</p> <p>Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.</p>	
Connect and build community	<p>Get 1:1 mentoring with Berkeley Connect.</p> <p>Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.</p> <p>Attend all productions in the department.</p> <p>Attend TDPS Welcome Back Celebration in August for prospective and returning students.</p>	<p>Join a performing arts group on campus like BareStage Productions or CalTV.</p> <p>Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.</p> <p>Sign up for the TDPS email list and start attending department events.</p>	<p>Give back by becoming a TDPS peer advisor.</p> <p>Work with peers and graduate students in HUM 196: Mentored-Research and Discovery Groups.</p> <p>Share your ideas with the department for future events, shows, and guest speakers.</p>	<p>Get support for your thesis project in the Townsend Honors Thesis Workshop.</p> <p>Connect with alumni groups and build your network as you prepare to graduate.</p>	
Discover your passions	<p>Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.</p> <p>Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.</p> <p>Add zest to your studies—take courses you never imagined taking.</p>	<p>Continue exploring with a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course, or Discovery Course.</p> <p>Assist faculty in their research through URAP.</p>	<p>Interested in joining a production? Check out the TDPS Callboard for calls and audition information.</p> <p>Pitch your idea for teaching a DeCal course in the department next year.</p> <p>Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.</p>	<p>Bring together your undergraduate experience with an Advanced Study Opportunity (Capstone).</p> <p>Curious about entrepreneurship? Enroll in HUM120: Entrepreneurship for All.</p> <p>Keep pursuing your interests through a fellowship or gap year after graduation.</p>	
Engage locally and globally	<p>Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.</p> <p>Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.</p> <p>Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.</p>	<p>Contribute to a community organization with an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.</p> <p>Go on a service-learning trip with the Alternative Breaks Program.</p> <p>Teach theater and promote the arts in local schools through the CREATE program.</p>	<p>Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.</p> <p>Intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital or in Sacramento with UCCS.</p>	<p>Hone your leadership skills with the Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program.</p> <p>Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as Peace Corps, Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State.</p>	
Reflect and plan your future	<p>Visit Berkeley Career Engagement and the Career Counseling Library.</p> <p>Develop a plan for getting career ready.</p> <p>Set up a Handshake account and sign up for CareerMail.</p> <p>Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series.</p>	<p>Discuss career options and goals with a Career Educator.</p> <p>Shadow alumni through an externship.</p> <p>Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.</p> <p>Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.</p>	<p>Learn about career fields and conduct informational interviews with people in those fields.</p> <p>Discuss graduate school options with advisors and professors.</p> <p>Create or update your resume and LinkedIn profile.</p> <p>Attend career and graduate school fairs.</p>	<p>Utilize job board tools in your job search.</p> <p>Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.</p> <p>Attend Employer Info Sessions and On-Campus Recruiting.</p> <p>Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.</p>	

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

Jobs and Employers

3D Film Production Asst., LBNL
Actor, Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
Actor, Berkeley Repertory Theatre
Actor, Cal Shakespeare Theater
Adj. Faculty, Monterey Peninsula CC
Art Manager, Trinity Repertory Co.
Coordinator, SF Opera
Cruise Ship Performer
Dancer, LevyDance Company
Director, Oregon Shakespeare Festival
Director, San Francisco Mime Troupe
EMT, ProTransport 1
Filmmaker
Instructor, Alameda School of Music
Marketing Asst., Joe Goode Group
Member, San Francisco Ballet
Playwright
Public Speaking Coach
Publicist, The Magic Theater
Software Engineering Intern, Zillow
Sound Designer
Stage Manager, Aurora Theatre Co.
Writer, Netflix & Disney+

Graduate Programs

Acting, Masters, American Cons. Theater
Arts Management, Masters, Yale
Drama and Theater Arts, Masters, Columbia Univ.
Journalism, Masters, Columbia Univ.
Social Sciences, Masters, UC Berkeley
Law, JD, UC Berkeley

Examples gathered from the **First Destination Survey** of recent Berkeley graduates.