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, arts journalists, stunt actors, directors, producers, playwrights, and more.

ADVISING

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

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).

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.

The artistic opportunities that TDPS has to offer are too numerous to name—jump in and see where your heart will take you next.

– Michael Mansfield, Undergraduate Academic Advisor

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.