

2023-2024 PENN STATE THEATRE B.A. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Theatre Studies BA is a small, competitive program for students **focused in the creation of new works: playwrights, directors, dramaturgs, and devisers**. We prepare students to write, devise, direct, and produce their own performance works. Our recent graduates have gone on to graduate programs in theatre history, producing, or acting. Others work in casting, marketing, arts administration, dramaturgy, teaching, and applied theatre.

The School of Theatre offers a BA in Theatre Studies and a BFA in Theatre. The BA in theatre studies is a liberal arts program, pairing well with a double major and/or a variety of minors. Students interested in a pre-professional training program in acting, or musical theatre, or design & technology should apply for the appropriate program within the Penn State BFA degree.

AFTER AUGUST 1 -

1. Apply to Penn State using either the [Common App](#), the [Coalition App](#), or the [Penn State Undergraduate Admissions](#) application.

IF YOU NEED A FEE WAIVER -

Application fee waivers

Penn State honors College Board and ACT fee waivers, Coalition fee waivers, and requests from school counselors documenting extreme financial hardship for the applicant. Copies of College Board or ACT fee waivers can be faxed to 814-863-7590 or mailed to:

[Penn State Undergraduate Admissions](#)
[201 Shields Building](#)
[University Park, PA 16802](#)

All other fee waiver requests should be sent to admissions@psu.edu. Please include the student's PSU ID number (if known), date of birth, and address to ensure that the waiver is applied to the correct application.

Please note that a student must start an application in order for a fee waiver to be applied. We are not able to refund an application fee once it has been paid. Students who receive fee waivers will be able to bypass the application payment screen.

2. Submit your additional materials to our Theatre Studies faculty through [Acceptd](#) (Details below). **If you need a fee waiver to submit your materials, please send documentation to support@getacceptd.com to have your prescreen submission fee waived.**

INCOMING FIRST YEAR AND TRANSFER STUDENTS:

Apply for admission online through the Common Application, the Coalition Application or Penn State's own application at admissions.psu.edu.

To receive maximum consideration for all forms of financial aid, students are strongly encouraged to complete their academic application by November 30. The final deadline to apply and submit materials is February 1 of the intended start year.

ADDITIONAL B.A. THEATRE REQUIREMENTS:

For students wishing to enter Penn State as a theatre studies major:

In addition to completing the Penn State undergraduate application process, students applying for the BA in Theatre as first year students must submit the following via digital upload via the GetAcceptd website.

- A one-page resume of theatre and/or non-theatre work and activities • **two** of the following:
 - An original play of at least 30 minutes in length
 - A performance review of 500-1000 words responding to a live or recorded performance you have seen
 - A scholarly essay of 1000-2000 words on some aspect of theatre history
 - A dramaturgy packet or portfolio that you wrote (or co-wrote) and/or assembled for a show
 - A recording of 4-6 minutes of a scene you directed
 - A recording of a 3-4 minute solo devised performance
- contact information for one *academic* reference, preferably someone who is familiar with your creative and/or academic writing
- A casual photo of you (not a professional headshot, please)

If you are a current Penn State student who wishes to change your major to Theatre BA, or add the Theatre BA as a second major, please contact shannon@psu.edu. Interview days for current students are scheduled a few times per year.

Students applying for the B.A. Theatre must also interview during one of the following dates and times: (you will be prompted to schedule after submitting your materials)

December 2, 2023 – Virtual via Zoom

January 20, 2024 – Virtual via Zoom

February 10, 2024 – University Park, PA campus

February 17, 2024 – Virtual via Zoom

Submissions are due February 1, 2024.

[Submit your prescreen materials via the GetAcceptd website](#)