

# THEATRE

The Theatre Department's mission is to educate students in the practice and study of theatre and to encourage students' creative and critical development. It supports the application of theatre skills in lasting, strong, and meaningful ways throughout their lives.

Our urban setting provides access to a thriving professional arts community with opportunities to engage with the region's many cultural groups and institutions through service learning, internships, and fieldwork. These experiences support students interested in developing as artists, educators, and scholars and by actively encouraging them to be theatre makers.

The Theatre Department offers a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre and a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Practices. We also offer a Theatre Minor.

## Degree Programs

The Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Theatre offers two tracks: Performance and Production. Performance majors focus on either Acting or Musical Theatre. Production majors explore a broad curriculum in Costuming, Stage Management, Technical Production, and Design.

The Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Practices (BA) offers two tracks: Theatre Practices and K-12 Theatre Education. Theatre Practices focuses on playwriting, performing and devising new works, directing, community engaged practices, theatre and social justice, and dramaturgy. BA students also have an opportunity to earn a Cultures and Communities (C&C) Certificate (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/cultures-communities-undergraduate-certificate/>). The Theatre Education track in the BA is a professional program that leads to a Wisconsin Theatre Educator license.

Theatre study, in all degree programs within the department, begins with a common core of course experiences designed to provide learning opportunities encouraging participants to engage with theatre as a way of seeing, understanding, and communicating culture.

## Capstone

All programs and tracks in all undergraduate programs within the Theatre Department require a capstone experience. The capstone serves as a laboratory for students and provides a framework for application of developing skills and knowledge. Depending on semester, program, or project, capstones are executed and evaluated within the following courses:

## Faculty

Name	Rank	Degree	School	Graduate Faculty	Emeritus Faculty
Jessica Berlin Krivsky	Teaching Faculty II	MA	Goucher College		
Steve Decker	Associate Professor in College of General Studies	MFA	Indiana University		
Christopher Guse	Associate Professor	BFA	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee		
Rebecca Holderness	Professor	MFA	Columbia University		✓
Ralph Janes	Teaching Faculty III	MFA	University of California-San Diego		
Marcella Kearns	Lecturer	MFA	University of South Carolina		
Christopher Kurtz	Teaching Faculty II	MFA	Wayne State University		
Ana McHenry	Teaching Faculty II	BFA	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee		
Raeleen McMillion	Teaching Faculty II	MFA	Ohio University		

### BA in Theatre Practices Degree

Code	Title	Credits
THEATRE 465	Theatre Capstone: BA Theatre Practices	3
THEATRE 472	Performance Capstone in Musical Theatre	3
THEATRE 485	Elementary Level Student Teaching in Theatre	2-6
THEATRE 486	Secondary Student Teaching in Theatre	2-6

### BFA Acting Degree

Code	Title	Credits
THEATRE 571	Acting 6	3

### BFA Musical Theatre Degree

Code	Title	Credits
THEATRE 472	Performance Capstone in Musical Theatre	3

### BFA Production Degree

Code	Title	Credits
THEATRE 675 or THEATRE 685	Advanced Studio Internship in Professional Theatre	1-6

Capstone evaluations are used to assess student outcomes and program goals.

## Programs

- Musical Theatre, Undergraduate Certificate (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/theatre/musical-theatre-undergraduate-certificate/>)
- Theatre Practices, BA (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/theatre/theatre-ba/>)
- Theatre Practices, BA: Theatre Education (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/theatre/theatre-education-ba/>)
- Theatre, BFA: Performance (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/theatre/theatre-performance-bfa/>)
- Theatre, BFA: Production (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/theatre/theatre-production-bfa/>)
- Theatre, Minor (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/theatre/theatre-minor/>)

Robin Mello	Professor	PhD	Lesley University	
Jason Orlenko	Assistant Professor	MFA	Indiana University	
Sheri Williams Pannell	Assistant Professor	MFA	University of Wisconsin-Madison	
Alvaro Saar Rios	Associate Professor	MFA	Northwestern University	
Dana Rochester	Teaching Faculty II	MFA	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	
LeRoy Stoner	Associate Professor	MA	Indiana University	✓
Sandra Strawn	Professor	BSE	Emporia State University	✓
James Tasse	Teaching Faculty II	BFA	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	
William Watson	Professor	MFA	University of Washington	
Stephen White	Associate Professor	MFA	Northwestern University	