



Central to Empowering Creative Expression.

Central's BA in Theatre is a diverse degree program that provides students the opportunity to study a wide breadth of theatre. Learning takes place through practical application of techniques and theory related to performance, design, technology, and production. Additionally, students develop and refine skills in communication, personal responsibility, collaboration, and creative problem solving. A BA in Theatre from Central is a flexible and individualized approach to studying the craft.



The Theatre department is made up of people who know the industry and give you the tools to succeed in it.

- Elliott Skidmore '22



Program Features

- Attend full- or part-time
- Guided electives help students achieve a balance between performance and design that suits their interests and career goals
- Opportunities to perform, direct, design, manage or crew university shows
- Opportunities through university clubs to propose and implement student-produced works
- Small class sizes
- Professors who are working professionals
- Individualized mentorship
- Ability to study abroad and secure internships
- Opportunities to participate in national professional conferences
- Financial aid and scholarships available
- Free on-campus child care available



What You'll Gain

- Expanded collaboration skills
- Deepened cultural appreciation
- Increased confidence
- Improved time management
- Tools to effectively communicate
- Ability to cultivate leadership skills
- Expanded self-confidence
- Hands-on learning experiences
- Multiple production opportunities each year involving faculty, guest directors, and student-produced projects



As a scenic designer and actress, I love the program's flexibility so that I can pursue both disciplines. Also, the faculty creates an open environment which has allowed me to transform myself from a shy student into a confident artist.

- Nicki Cuneo '23



DID YOU KNOW?

Central Theatre Unlimited students attended the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (Region 1; KCACTF) and have been honored with merit awards for scenic design, sound design, stage management, directorial assistance, director-actor communication, and performance.



Career Preparation

Students studying theatre at Central receive hands-on training. Through classwork and production roles, students participate in the collaborative process of creating theatre that mimics the experience of the professional world.

A theatre degree from Central prepares students for a variety of career options:

Theatre Artist – Actor, Director, Designer, Manager, Producer, Dramaturge

Educator – Professor, Teacher, Director, Arts Administrator

Technician – Props Artisan, Technical Director, Master Carpenter, Head Electrical, Board Operator, Seamster

Manager – Producer, Stage Manager, Production Manager, Exhibit Operator, Event Manager

Designer – Production Developer, Scenic Designer, Sound Designer, Lighting Designer, Costume Designer, Projection Designer

Clubs & Affiliations

Center Stage promotes the recognition and appreciation of musical theatre at Central. By co-sponsoring the university's spring musical, Center Stage encourages creativity on campus and for students to be proactive.

Theatre Unlimited broadens the theatrical experience of members by providing a greater understanding and appreciation of drama through participation in The Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival and the promotion of student-produced works. This organization also hosts annual celebration of student artistic achievements.

United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT) provides students with the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience in the technical and design processes in theatre. This organization co-sponsors the spring musical and attends the annual USITT conference.

Schlock is an improvisation comedy club on campus. Here students learn, practice, teach, and perform improv comedy through short and long form games.

ABOUT CENTRAL:

Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Founded in 1849, Central is also the state's oldest publicly funded university. Our campus is located in New Britain, Connecticut. Central is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

