THEATRE & DRAMA STUDIES (HBA)
Department of English & Drama

Theatre & Drama Studies, offered jointly with Sheridan Institute, involves the study of plays, actors, theatres, designers and audiences from the classical Greek stage to the most modern experimental performance. We give students the opportunity to earn a two-year (equivalent) conservatory diploma in professional actor training from Sheridan within a Specialist degree in performance history and theory and dramatic literature from UTM. This high-powered combined program prepares students for a career on the stage or behind the scenes in professional theatre world or for drama teaching at the high school or university level.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we’ve pulled together information and suggestions to get you started, although there are many more! As you review the chart on the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are mentioned. In fact, activities such as joining an academic society, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience should occur in each year of your study at UTM. Read through the chart and create your own plan using My Program Plan found at www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans

Program of Study (POSt)

• Specialist Program ERSPE1880 Theatre and Drama Studies (Arts)

Check out...

What is the role of the audience in the theatre? Explore interdisciplinary approaches to Indigenous storytelling in experimental film, new media, and digital arts and performance in DRE305H5S. Want to work with a renowned Canadian playwright on their next play? Take DRE360H5S to learn developmental dramaturgy and how to workshop new scripts.

What can I do with my degree?

The career you choose will depend on your experience and interests. Visit the Career Centre to explore your career options.

Careers for graduates: Agent; Publicist; Theatrical press agent; Vocal coach; Drama therapist; Dance teacher; Actor, Stage manager; Set designer; Costume designer; Critic; Playwright; Production assistant; Camera operator; TV/Radio host; Voice-over artist; AV technician.

Workplaces: Agencies; Theatre; Television/Radio; Communications and broadcasting; Cultural organizations; Self-employment.
Welcome to the Theatre & Drama Studies (HBA) Specialist Program Plan.

**1st YEAR**
- Enrol in courses DRE/ENG121H5, DRE/ENG122H5, DRS121H5 and DRS122H5.
- Choose a program of study (Subject POS) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.
- Develop foundational academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a utmONE course. Build community and gain academic support through LAUNCH. Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.

**BUILD SKILLS**
- Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.
- Attend the Get Hired Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.
- Attend the Experiential Education Fair.

**BUILD A NETWORK**
- Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the English & Drama Student Society (EDSS). Follow them @edss.utoronto.ca. Check out the UTM Musical Theatre Club and the English & Drama Student Society (EDSS) in programs like the UTM Abroad Experience.
- Enrol in courses DRE/ENG121H5, DRE/ENG122H5, DRS121H5 and DRS122H5.
- Consider applying for Research Opportunity Program (ROP) courses DRE299Y and DRE399Y. Visit the EEU website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC’s Program for Accessing Research Training (PART) to enhance your research skills.

**BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET**
- Engage with the many programs offered by the International Education Centre (IEC), whether you are an international or domestic student. Consider joining the Canada Eh? day trips or English Language Conversation Circles to deepen your global mindset.
- First-year international students can also take advantage of THRIVE®, a one-day conference dedicated to helping you start your UTM journey successfully.

**PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE**
- Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.
- Explore careers through the CC’s Job Shadow Program.
- Consider further education! Attend the CC’s Graduate & Professional Schools Fair. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and references.

**2nd YEAR**
- Enrol in courses DRE200H5, DRE222H5, DRS221H5 and DRS222H5.
- Use the Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNs) to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.
- Work on-campus through the Work-Study program. View position descriptions on the CLN.

**3rd YEAR**
- Enrol in courses DR3321H5, DR3322H5, DR3325H5 and DR3325H5. Attend 1.0 further DRE credit at the 300/400 level.
- Throughout your undergraduate degree:
  - Use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.
  - See the Office of the Registrar and the English & Drama Undergraduate Advisor.

**4TH OR FINAL YEAR**
- Enrol in courses DR3321H5, DR3322H5, DR3325H5 and DR3325H5. Attend 1.0 further DRE credits at the 300/400 level of which 0.5 must be at the 400 level. Also attain an additional 2.0 credits in drama-related courses. View the Academic Calendar Notes section for course options.
- Become a part of a local theatre such as Meadowvale Theatre and the Company Theatre. Speak to the English & Drama Undergraduate Advisor for advice.

**HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PLAN**
Read through each year. Investigate what appeals to you here and in any other Program Plans that apply to you. Visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans to create your own plan using My Program Plan. Update your plan yearly.

**Visit** www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans for the online version and links.

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Skills developed in Theatre & Drama Studies

To be competitive in the job market, it is essential that you can explain your skills to an employer. Visit the Career Centre to learn how to articulate and market the following skills:

**Technical**: knowledge of performance history, theory, and dramatic literature; knowledge of set production, props, wardrobe, lighting, and sound design; and understanding of dramaturgy and producing.

**Communication & teamwork**: speak and perform effectively in front of large audiences; work cooperatively with others; and write clearly and fluently.

**Creativity & problem-solving**: demonstrate artistic expression; identify problems and use creative and critical processes to solve them; and knowledge of production and stage management practices.

Services that support you

- Accessibility Services (AS)
- Career Centre (CC)
- Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)
- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Office (EDIO)
- Experiential Education Unit (EEU)
- Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)
- Indigenous Centre (IC)
- International Education Centre (IEC)
- Office of the Registrar (OR)
- Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre (RAWC)
- Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC)
- UTM Library, Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre (HMALC)

Get involved

Check out the 100+ student organizations on campus. Here are a few:

- English & Drama Student Society (EDSS)
- UTM Musical Theatre Club
- UTM Drama Club
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit Student Groups and Societies Directory

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FUTURE STUDENTS

Admission to UTM

All program areas require an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or equivalent, with six Grade 12 U/M courses, or equivalent, including English. The admission average is calculated with English plus the next best five courses. The approximate average required for admission is low- to mid-80s. An audition is also required for admission consideration. More information is available at utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook.

**NOTE**: During the application process, applicants will select the Theatre & Drama admissions category but will not officially be admitted to a formal program of study (Specialist, Major, and/or Minor) until after first year.

Sneak Peek

Begin your acting career on the right foot. In DRS121H5 you’ll receive Vocal, Physical, Textual, and Improvisational training. What is the relationship between a performance and its associated written text? Discover the techniques of dramaturgical analysis in DRE222H5.

Our students work on two to three productions per year in the Erindale Studio Theatre. In first and second year, production duties consist of backstage as well as technical and front-of-house work. In third year, students advance to supporting roles, and further prove their abilities through the Devised project. In fourth year, responsibilities progress to mostly featured roles, and a dramaturgical study of the plays.

Student Recruitment & Admissions

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