The major in theater combines the study of dramatic literature from the Greeks to the present with work in acting, directing, dance, design, and film. Students thus acquire skills in production and performance while learning the history and literature of one of the world’s major forms of artistic expression.

Majors are prepared for graduate work in the humanities or for further professional training in theater, dance, or film. The theater major is also a valuable asset for a wide variety of careers — such as business, law, or teaching — requiring collaborative effort, public poise, imagination, and a broad background in the liberal arts. In addition to its academic work, the department annually produces more than a dozen plays, films, dance concerts, and other performance events in its three theaters. These require the participation of large numbers of students, both majors and non-majors.

- Bates College Theater Department

Links for Further Research

- American Alliance for Theater and Education: http://www.aate.com/
- American Dance Guild: http://americandanceguild.org/
- American Theater Critics Association: http://www.americantheatrecritics.org/
- Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas: http://www.lmda.org/
- National Alliance for Music Theater: http://namt.org/
- The National Costumers Association: http://www.costumers.org/
- American Society of Theatre Consultants: http://www.theatreconsultants.org/
- National Association for Drama Therapy: http://www.nadt.org/
Past Examples of How Theater Majors have Employed Their Education Outside of Bates College

Employment
• New Mercury Theater Company, Company Manager
• Waynflete School, Technical Director
• Actor, New York City
• Actor, Los Angeles
• Lark Technologies, Creative Content Developer
• Public Theater, NYC, Costume Construction
• ModCloth, Marketing & Web Writer
• Galloway Media Group, Research and Planning Associate
• Houghton Mifflin, Communications Coordinator
• Teach for America, Middle School Teacher
• Nova Capital Partners, Analyst
• Global Rescue, Sales Associate
• Target, Executive Team Leader
• ABCD Boston, Youth Specialist

Internships
• TangentVector, Intern
• Picture Park, Operations Intern
• KQED Radio, Broadcast Intern
• Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Multimedia Intern
• American Conservatory Theater, Intern
• Williamstown Theatre Company, Apprenticeship in Acting
• Stonington Opera House, Directing Internship
• Bates Dance Festival, Technical Production & Media Intern

Graduate School
• Stanford University, Master of Arts in Communication and Journalism
• Rutgers University, MFA in Playwriting
• Bowling Green State University, PhD in Theater
• Harvard University, Masters in Education
• Antioch School of Law, JD
• University of Indiana, Masters in Costume Design
• Yale University, MFA Theater Design and Construction
• University of Southern California, MFA in Acting
• Columbia University, MFA in Directing