What is the study of Theatre?

The study of Theatre is the study of theatrical performance in relation to its literary, physical, psychobiological, sociological, and historical contexts. Theatre students learn about the creation and production of live and recorded dramatic performance. Studying Theatre will provide you with an intensive, hands-on experience in every aspect of play creation. Skills gained include: comprehensive knowledge of theatre production techniques, an understanding of the techniques and procedures of play and screenwriting, the ability to analyze the form and content of theatre productions, and the ability to think critically and develop creative solutions to complex problems.

What is unique about Theatre at the UM?

The Theatre Program in the Department of English, Theatre, Film & Media is focused yet multi-faceted, offering both creative and intellectual opportunities. An intensive, hands-on experience in every aspect of play creation is a hallmark of University of Manitoba Theatre. We provide instruction in theoretical approaches and critical and practical methods. Theatre courses offer students options for studying performance, production, and interpretation while having the unique opportunity to access the state-of-the-art John J. Conklin Theatre and set, prop and costume shops - the Gail Asper Performing Arts Hall. Although it is not a professional acting program in the style of the National Theatre School, the program provides excellent preparation for professional training. It also offers a particular focus on new play development and directing. Many University of Manitoba Theatre graduates have gone on to pursue professional careers in theatre, opera, and film, with or without further study. A unique affiliation with Prairie Theatre Exchange as an accredited teaching institute allows students to take practical courses taught by theatre professionals at PTE for credit.

Program Options

B.A. Advanced Major - 4 years
B.A. Advanced Double Major - 4 years
B.A. General Major - 3 years
Minor

Career Opportunities

Actor
Artistic Director
Casting Director
Set Designer
Stage Manager
Visual Effects Manager