

Why Study Theater or Dance at UMD?

THE UMD SCHOOL OF THEATRE, DANCE, AND PERFORMANCE STUDIES (TDPS) offers an innovative arts education based in the liberal arts that provides graduates with career skills that last a lifetime. You will immerse yourself in theater and/or dance art forms, and, in the process, develop intellectual curiosity, creative thinking, problem solving and emotional intelligence. Our tight-knit class environment emphasizes human experience, thought, expression and imagination—topics crucial for any career, and specifically for the next generation of arts scholars, performers, educators, administrators and arts advocates.

THEATRE* CURRICULUM AND DANCE CURRICULUM

The undergraduate curriculum offers you a solid foundation in the core areas of theater or dance in the first two years, and immersive project-based learning opportunities in the junior and senior years. You will study with world-class faculty and peers across a broad spectrum of art forms as well as humanistic disciplines housed in the College of Arts and Humanities. Theatre and dance majors benefit from a cutting-edge education that addresses the historical, theoretical and embodied knowledge essential to performing arts fields. The majors are highly flexible, allowing students to pursue a wide variety of interests and to combine them with other major and minor programs across the college and university. The programs vary according to discipline; please refer to the Web for the most-up-to-date information.

SAMPLE COURSE TITLES

- ▶ Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in American Theatre and Culture, 1750-1900
- ▶ World Dance Forms; Hip Hop
- ▶ Arts Management and Entrepreneurship

* We use this spelling to indicate the proper name of the unit and major.

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TDPS IN ACTION

95% of recent ARHU graduates are either working full time, interning or pursuing graduate studies. Here's where some of our TDPS graduates are working or studying:

- ▶ The John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, Dance Programming Assistant
- ▶ Constellation Theatre Company, Actor
- ▶ American Conservatory Theatre, Stage Management Fellow
- ▶ Columbia University, Master of Science, Fundraising Management
- ▶ University of Maryland, Master of Education

TIPS FOR CAREER SUCCESS

It's never too early to start planning for your career after graduation. Make an appointment to talk with the advisors in the University Career Center @ARHU to assess your skills, values and interests and use them to help find opportunities that meet your goals. Academic, career and faculty advisors will work with you to incorporate internships, living and learning programs, global experiences, research and more into your academic plan. Our location near the nation's capital connects you to unparalleled opportunities with cultural icons like the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Arena Stage and more.

RUTH ANNE WATKINS '13

THEATRE AND MARKETING

**Production Stage Manager,
Shanghai Disney Resort**



"I had professors in TDPS who were invested in my personal growth, physical and mental health and professional career. I am forever indebted to TDPS for giving me the skills, networks and confidence to pursue a career in this funny thing called 'show business.'"

ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES (ARHU)

ARHU is home to 14 departments and 64 bachelor's degrees, minors and certificate programs, so you can tailor your degree (or double major) across various fields of study, including performing and visual arts, languages, literatures and cultures. With a 10 to 1 student-faculty ratio, ARHU offers you the benefits of a tight-knit community with access to the resources of a large, public research institution near the nation's capital.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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