Bachelor of Arts (Major: Theatre Studies)

School of Arts & Sciences, Fremantle Campus

The Theatre Studies Major provides you with an overview of the theatre, its literature and history, and a solid grounding in production work. Through a combination of practical and theory courses, taught by leading academics as well as external professional practitioners, you will develop skills in acting, directing, playwriting, theatre production, and stage management.

Why study this major?
You will study seminal playwrights and directors to learn about the traditions and movements that have formed today’s theatre so you can build your own career in acting, theatre production and related industries. Furthermore, a year-round program of public performances will give you opportunities to apply the practices learned in class and to hone your skills.
The Theatre Studies Major provides you with transferable skills that are eagerly sought after in many workplaces: collaboration, flexibility, critical thinking, creative problem-solving, leadership and the ability to present ideas effectively to a range of audiences and stakeholders.

Theatre Studies is available as a Major and Minor in the following programs, including double degree variations:

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Behavioural Science

Bachelor of Communications and Media

Bachelor of Science

**Structure of Theatre Studies Major in the Bachelor of Arts**

Incoming students on the Fremantle campus who wish to study performance will take the new major, Screen Arts, from 2021.

The Theatre Studies Major and Minor will not be available to new students on the Fremantle campus from 2021. Existing Theatre Studies students in Fremantle should
complete their Major or Minor following course counselling with the School.

The Theatre Studies Major requires the completion of 200 units of credit, as follows.

**Fremantle students must complete the TWO following courses:**

- THTR1000 Theory and Practice of Acting I
- THTR1050 Theory and Practice of Modern Theatre

**And AT LEAST ONE of the following courses:**

- THTR2000 Theory and Practice of Acting II
- COMMXXX Screen Performance

**Plus ANY of the following courses, to make a total of 200 units of credit:**

- THTR2010 Theatre Crafts
- THTR3050 Theatre for Social Change
- THTR3060 Australian Theatre
- THTR3090 Fundamentals of Directing
- THTR3110 Text-based Production Workshop (50 units of credit)
- THTR3120 Devised Production Workshop (50 units of credit)
- THTR3410 Drama in the Age of Shakespeare
- THTR3008 Theatre Studies Internship
- WRIT3000 Writing for Performance
- ARTS3002 Internship or Professional Project
- ARTS3003 Creative Production
Where approved by the Dean, students may also include the following courses in their Theatre Studies Major:

- ARTS3010 Experience the World I
- ARTS3020 Experience the World II

Full details of the program requirements are contained in the Program Regulations (https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0023/38484/Bachelor-of-Arts.pdf).


Here you can find full details of the courses on offer in 2020 and 2021 (https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0021/24528/Courses-on-Offer.pdf).

*Please note: The availability of these courses is indicative only and may be subject to change.*

**Study Abroad**

You will have the opportunity to complete part of your degree at one of our partner institutions through our exchange program. Get in touch with the Study Abroad Office (https://www.notredame.edu.au/international/study-abroad) to find out more about studying in Asia, Europe and North America.
Real-world experience
You will learn from academics who are industry leaders and, through our practicum placements and internship programs, you will gain real professional experience and make valuable contacts with potential employers.

Entry requirements

Academic requirements for this program are outlined below. In addition, to be eligible for admission, all applicants need to satisfy minimum requirements outlined at admission requirements (https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission-requirements). These include those relating to age and English Language Proficiency (https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission-requirements/english-language-proficiency-requirements). We also consider your application more broadly - your non-academic achievements (such as any previous leadership roles, volunteering, work, church and/or community involvement) as well as personal qualities - your aspirations and interests and your capacity to complete your chosen program.

Applicants with recent Secondary Education:

- Indicative ATAR of 70 with a score of 50+ in ATAR English, ATAR Literature or ATAR English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD)
  OR
- Minimum International Baccalaureate (IB) score of 24
  OR
- Completed AQF Certificate IV or higher in a
relevant discipline, from an accredited provider such as TAFE or a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) with a score of 50+ in ATAR English, ATAR Literature or ATAR English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD).

Applicants with Higher Education Study

- Other university studies completed at undergraduate level or higher, a minimum of 4 successfully completed subjects;
  OR
- Successful completion of the Notre Dame Tertiary Pathway Program or of another Enabling Program at a level deemed sufficient by the University;

Applicants who have successfully completed subjects at another University, which are relevant to the selected program of study, may be eligible for Advanced Standing (https://www.notredame.edu.au/current-students/your-enrolment/admin-and-fees/fremantle/advanced-standing).

Applicants with Vocational Education and Training (VET) study

- Completed AQF Certificate IV or higher in a relevant discipline, from an accredited provider such as TAFE or a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Applicants with Work and Life Experience

Applicants who left secondary education more than two years previously and who have not undertaken VET or higher education study since then, but with relevant work and life experience. Such experience may include, but is not limited to:
- STAT scores of at least 135 in the Multiple Choice section and 140 in the Written English section are required or
- Mature-age completion of two Year 12 WACE or HSC exams with a resulting ATAR of 70 or above or
- Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) or equivalent results if these have been completed within the last 5 years.

*Please note: all applicants must be of school leaving age or older to apply.*

**Fees and costs**

This Program has the following loan scheme(s) available for eligible students:

**FEE-HELP**
The FEE-HELP loan scheme assists eligible fee-paying students with the payment of all, or part, of their tuition fees, not including additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Your FEE-HELP debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index. Please note, from 1 January 2019, students studying an undergraduate program at the University of Notre Dame will no longer be charged the 25% FEE-HELP loan fee.

For further information, or for indicative fees for domestic or international students, please visit our Fees page (https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees).

**Honours**
An Honours award is available for this program. Further information can be found in the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) regulations (https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0024/384112/Bachelor-of-Arts-Honours.pdf), or by contacting the School of Arts & Sciences (https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/fremantle/arts-and-sciences/contact-us).

**Career opportunities**
The transferable skills from this Major are sought after by many employers.

- Actor
- Director
- Screenwriter
- Arts administrator
- TV or film producer
- Community arts worker
- Broadcasting presenter
- Stage and theatre manager

**More information**
For more information on the Bachelor of Arts (Major: Theatre Studies), please call our Prospective Students Office on +61 8 9433 0533 or email future@nd.edu.au (mailto:future@nd.edu.au).

All international enquiries should contact the International Students Office on international@nd.edu.au (mailto:international@nd.edu.au).
Need help? Ask Notre Dame
(08) 9433 0533

Duration: 3 years full-time or equivalent part-time

Campus: Fremantle

Practical Component: 90 hours

Loan Scheme: FEE-HELP

Study mode: On Campus

Code: Program Code 3009, CRICOS Code 015324A

Commencement: Semester 1 or Semester 2