**Classrooms to Careers in Theatre**

**Are you interested in**:

* Acting
* Performing
* Creative Expression
* Teaching
* Hands on learning

Meredith’s theatre program lets you learn from and work with faculty who are professional actors, designers and directors. Our program provides a setting for technical skill development, creative exploration and artistic scholarship. Students are given individual attention and personal mentorship within our intimate class sizes. It is even possible for freshmen to be cast in main stage shows or assigned important technical positions. Typically a musical, a theatre for youth production, a classical production and a contemporary play are performed each academic year. In addition, several student-led productions are presented. While earning a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre, majors can focus in Performance, Production or Musical Theatre. K–12 licensure in Theatre Arts is also offered for those who wish to teach.

**Types of jobs:**

* Actor
* Director
* Acting Coach
* Teacher
* Museum Display Designer
* Costume Designer
* Sound/Lighting Technician
* Costume Shop Manager
* Scene Shop Manager

**Or attend graduate school for:**

* Theatre Education
* Master of Fine Arts in Costume Design
* Master of Fine Arts in Acting or Directing
* Master of Fine Arts in Scenic Design

**Options for the major**

* BA in Theatre
* Professional Certificates in Production/Design, Performance, or in Musical Theatre
* Include specific electives as needed for licensure requirements if you are interested in Elementary, Middle, or High School Teaching
* Experiential opportunities
  + Extra Theatre Company
  + American College Theater Festival
  + Southeastern Theatre Conference
  + North Carolina Theatre Conference
  + White Iris Opera
  + United States Institute for Theatre Technology Conference
  + Summer Stock Employment
  + Assist Faculty Designer
  + Meredith Ensemble Theatre
  + Stillwater Theatre Company
  + Study Abroad

**Professional Associations -**

Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC), [www.setc.org](http://www.setc.org)

North Carolina Theatre Conference (NCTC), [www.nctc.org](http://www.nctc.org)

United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT), [www.usitt.org](http://www.usitt.org)

Alpha Psi Omega (National Theatre Honor Society), [www.alphapsiomega.org](http://www.alphapsiomega.org)

**Career Outlook -**

Actor

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/entertainment-and-sports/actors.htm>

Director

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/Entertainment-and-Sports/Producers-and-directors.htm>

Broadcast and Sound Technicians

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/media-and-communication/broadcast-and-sound-engineering-technicians.htm#tab-4>

Costume Designer

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/arts-and-design/fashion-designers.htm>

Teacher

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/high-school-teachers.htm>

**Optional Information -**