About the Department
The Department of Theatre and Dance (THDA) offers undergraduate programs that balance a broad liberal arts perspective with the study of theatre and dance as a means of communication, cultural expression and creativity.

The B.A. in theatre provides a firm foundation of rigorous core curriculum that addresses aesthetic education and criticism, creative expressions, and historical and sociocultural contexts. Focused track study in either performance or design is balanced by a wide range of required production experiences that develop skills, knowledge and a professional work ethic. This pre-professional training, which is anchored in the classical tradition, prepares students for careers in theatre and related fields as well as graduate study.

Performing Opportunities
Theatre and dance students learn in a vital and challenging environment of small class sizes, and each student is a familiar face, receiving individual attention in the classroom, rehearsal and advising setting.

Our performance season runs parallel to the academic year and provides performing opportunities for all students. The Bobbi Biron Theatre mounts three main stage productions and small shows or readings annually. The SU Dance Company – “a consistently quality organization” that focuses on dance as art – presents a student showcase and an annual spring concert each year. Sophanes is the student theatre club.

“ My experience in the Bobbi Biron Theatre Program gave me a wealth of production and design experience. This helped me to build a portfolio and gain a larger view of the theatrical process.” — THDA Alumnus

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Department alumni have pursued careers as:
■ Actor / Broadway Actress
■ Dancer / Choreographer
■ Costume Designer
■ Director
■ Fight Choreographer
■ Lighting and Set Designer
■ Playwright
■ Puppeteer
■ Teacher / Professor

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