

Theatre and Dance Department

PROGRAMS

MAJOR

- Theatre (B.A.)
 - Performance Track
 - Design & Production Track

MINORS

- Dance
- Theatre

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

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

focuses on dance as art – presents a student showcase and an annual spring concert each year. Sophanes is the student theatre club.

FACULTY

Professor and Chair

- Victoria V. Hutchinson, Ed.D.
Temple University

Professors

- T. Paul Pfeiffer, Ph.D.
Artistic Director,
Bobbi Biron Theatre Program
Union Institute and University
- Robert W. Smith, M.F.A.
Director, Maryland Summer
for the Arts
California Institute of the Arts

Assistant Professors

- Thomas E. Anderson, M.F.A.
Wayne State University
- Leslie T. Yarmo, M.F.A.
New York University
Tisch School of the Arts

Lecturer

- Mary V. Norton
Dance Artist-in Residence
Artistic Director,
SU Dance Company



SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS

- Bobbi Biron Theatre Scholarship
- Gerald and Bette Jane Patt Scholarship
- Leland Starnes Memorial Scholarship
- Joann Grant Young Award
- National Dance Association Outstanding Dance Minor Award



“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

“I think of the dance faculty often and of their lasting impact in helping me to find the confidence I needed to succeed at being me in life.”

— THDA Alumnus

CONTACT INFORMATION

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