The Doudna Fine Arts Center

The EIU Department of Theatre Arts is housed in the Doudna Fine Arts Center – remodeled in 2008, which houses a 295-seat proscenium space (The Theatre), a flexible 150 to 200-seat space (The Black Box), and a 50 to 75-seat experimental space (The Globe Studio). A fully equipped costume and scenery production area are in close proximity to all performance spaces. The instructional rooms include a traditional classroom of 40 seats, a 20-station drafting lab and a 20-station computer lab.

Each season, the department produces three to four faculty-directed productions representing a wide variety of styles and genres. Additionally, a youth theatre tour is offered every other year as well as a variety of student-directed productions. This provides plenty of performance and technical opportunities for students in the major or the minor in theatre arts. Students from all disciplines on campus participate in all areas of theatre production.

To learn more about the Theatre Arts Department and its programs, contact:
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ABOUT EASTERN
Eastern Illinois University, located in the east-central Illinois community of Charleston, is recognized among the top universities in the country – a choice for more than 8,900 students annually who can select from a broad range of academic programs and degree offerings. Students attending Eastern receive a high-quality education characterized by small classes taught by a dedicated and caring faculty who place student success as their top priority. For additional information, visit our website or call the office of Undergraduate Admissions at 800-252-5711.

TURNING PASSION INTO PROFESSION FOR OVER 50 YEARS

To FIND YOUR PASSION
**JUMP IN!**

We encourage our students to get involved in productions at EIU as soon as they arrive. Whether your focus is in acting, directing, design or theatre technology, we encourage our students to learn about the theatrical process by experiencing every facet of the production. Students receive academic credit for participating in productions, whether they are onstage or off. This approach trains our students to be well-rounded and versatile thinkers and creators, allowing them to pursue a career in theatre or many related fields. Theatre is an art which implements many project management skills, while requiring the company to use and develop their abilities in collaboration and communication. During the design, rehearsal and execution process of each of our productions, you will be a valuable collaborator with other students, faculty, and staff to put on the best productions possible.

Three options are available:
- B.A. in Theatre Arts
  - Performance Emphasis
  - Design/Technology Emphasis
  - Generalist Emphasis
- Minor in Theatre Arts

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships are available through the department. Application guidelines and tools available are on the Theatre Arts webpage: [www.eiu.edu/theatre](http://www.eiu.edu/theatre). Incoming freshmen looking to enter EIU as a Theatre Arts Major have the opportunity to apply for the Excellence in Fine Arts (EFA) Scholarship. The EFA is a four-year scholarship offered to outstanding Theatre Arts majors who demonstrate a commitment to excellence in their theatre arts education. To apply go to: [www.eiu.edu/theatre/scholarship_forms.php](http://www.eiu.edu/theatre/scholarship_forms.php).

**DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE ARTS**

Eastern Illinois University’s Department of Theatre Arts is an important part of an exciting and growing arts community on campus. Its faculty members represent diverse backgrounds, and are well-trained in all areas of theatre study.

Theatre arts major at Eastern offers a broad-based curriculum designed for the undergraduate student. Students majoring in theatre arts receive either a Bachelor of Theatre Arts degree in theatre arts or a Bachelor of Theatre Arts degree in theatre arts with teacher licensure. There is also a theatre arts honors program and a flexible theatre arts minor that supports any major. All programs are fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre.

**WHY THEATRE ARTS AT EIU?**

- A strong, diverse faculty
- Strictly undergraduate
- A small but active program providing many opportunities for young creative artists
- Multiple and varied performance opportunities
- A broad-based liberal arts focused curriculum
- Three tracks of study: performance, design/technical and generalist program
- State-of-the-art facilities in Doudna Fine Arts Center opened in 2008
- Guest Artists of national and international reputation

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY DEGREE?**

A bachelor’s degree in Theatre Arts provides many opportunities to the graduate. Some will move into the theatre profession as actors, directors, stage managers, technicians and/or designers. Numerous Eastern graduates are successfully working in professional theatre, television and film. Public relations firms also recruit alumni, while students with teacher licensure find rewarding careers as secondary education teachers. Some move on to university-level instruction.

**DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR THEATRE?**

EIU Theatre Arts is looking for students that are passionate about theatre; students that understand the value and importance of theatre as an art form, an agent of change, and a discipline that examines what it means to be human. As a theatre student at EIU, you will work closely with a faculty made up of dynamic, professional theatre artists in state-of-the-art facilities. Our B.A. in Theatre Arts will nurture your intellect and creativity, as well as give you hands-on skills and knowledge that will help you become a marketable theatre artist in the 21st century.

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