

concentration

on campus

# Theatre Arts

**Degree Type:** Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)  
**Program Length:** 4 years (120 credit hours)



## What Can You Do With a Concentration in Theatre Arts?

McNeese's bachelor's degree in liberal studies with a concentration in theatre arts provides students with the unique and versatile skills needed to thrive in any professional career field. Whether students choose to step into the limelight or work behind the curtain, our special, practice-based curriculum fosters knowledge and experience outside of the traditional classroom setting.

- Actor
- Arts Administrator
- Choreographer
- Costume Designer
- Director
- Lighting Designer
- Playwright
- Production Manager
- Props Master
- Set Designer
- Sound Designer
- Special Events Technician

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# WHY MCNEESE?

*Here are just a few reasons to make McNeese your first choice ...*



## **Financial Aid and Scholarships:**

A number of scholarships are available for theatre arts majors, including the Rosa Hart Scholarship, the Anita and Joe Tritico Theatre Scholarship, the Friends of the Theatre Scholarship and the Theatre Service Award. Scholarships are awarded based on auditions, GPA and other criteria.

## **Hands-On Experience:**

Theatre students can apply their technical skills to real-life settings through the university's work-study program. Participating students work the lights and sound equipment for theatre productions, concerts, recitals, Banners events in McNeese's performance venues, as well as other university events held off-campus.

## **Professional Networking Opportunities:**

Every year, theatre arts majors attend the regional Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival and have the chance to see theatre performances by students from other institutions, participate in theatre workshops and network with their peers in over 120 theatre companies. Graduating seniors also attend the Southeastern Theatre Conference to connect with theatre companies from all over the United States, attend a theatre job fair and have the chance to audition for professional theatre positions.

## **Close Ties to Community Theatre**

McNeese's Bayou Players are members of the Lake Area Theatre Alliance, which includes local community theatre companies Lake Charles Little Theatre and ACTS Theatre and professional theatre companies Black Market Theatre and Itinerant Theater. Students are encouraged to explore opportunities to get involved with these off-campus organizations through performance, technical work, management and more. Every May, a special awards ceremony is held for those graduating students who have participated in community, university and professional theater to receive a one-of-a-kind handmade ceramic memento to celebrate this achievement.

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## **W.A. and Dorothy Hanna Department of Performing Arts**

Our internationally recognized faculty are committed to the art of teaching and preparing our students for a rewarding career in the arts. We provide a wealth of performance opportunities ranging from small and large ensembles, dramatic productions and individual recitals.

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## **Become a Bayou Player**

As a Bayou Player, you will have opportunities to perform in non-musical and musical theatre, serve as a stage manager, work in set, light, sound, costume and makeup design and write scripts and plays for the stage. Not only does this give you extensive, well-rounded experience to enhance your acting, technical and writing skills by experiencing the theater holistically, it also gives you a competitive advantage after graduation.

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## **Performance Space**

McNeese is home to a number of practice and performance spaces, including the state-of-the-art ShearmanFine ArtsCenter, which includes Tritico Theatre and Squires Recital Hall, as well as the historic F.G. Bulber Auditorium. As a theatre major, you'll have the chance to work on stage and behind the scenes in many of these venues.

**Apply Now!**



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