

Theatre

Note: This fact sheet does not include the program specific curriculum. To access the curriculum from the program's webpage, click one of the links below the section titled "Degrees Offered."

Newman University offers a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre as well as a minor in theatre, both offer performance and technical concentrations. The individual theatre artists who come to study at Newman can choose theatre courses that reflect their unique path. Our instructors are professionals who continue to work in the field providing students with important career advice, life experience and industry contacts.

DEGREES OFFERED

- Major in Theatre
- Minor in Theatre
- Course Descriptions

PROGRAM INFORMATION

A major in theatre can be combined with a major or minor in another discipline. A Liberal Arts College like Newman encourages students to integrate with other subject and theatre works well with other areas of study including business, journalism, communication, music, education, English, history and many others.

Curriculum

All students seeking a minor in theatre are required to take a core set of theatre classes along with classes covering an area of emphasis or interest. Students will be guided through the journey by professional, practicing artists. The program of study includes courses in acting, stagecraft, voice and diction, directing, playwriting, theatre history, design courses and many more.

Graduation requirements

Students must earn a minimum of 124

credit hours for graduation. Upon completion of the general education requirements, the major in theatre includes a total of 48 credit hours and includes both a performance and technical track; the minor in theatre includes a total of 18 hours.

Facilities

De Mattias Fine Arts Center

This facility, opened in 2000, includes Performance Hall, the Jabara Flexible Theatre, dressing rooms and a scene shop. The center also houses music rehearsal space with studio and practice rooms, an art gallery, and studios for sculpture, ceramics, painting and drawing, and computer graphics.

Performance Hall

Performance Hall has fixed seating for 392 with a 50-foot wide stage providing multiple lighting and sound capabilities.

Jabara Flexible Theatre

This black box theatre holds a maximum of 190 people depending on setup and provides multiple lighting and sound capabilities.

Check out our [past performances here](#)

PROMINENT CAREERS

The program is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in the discipline, and includes many opportunities for students to learn through performance. The Theatre Department produces two main stage productions each semester, including an annual musical and numerous student productions. The Department holds students to professional standards and strives to present a quality product. A student participating in theatre at Newman can expect to work on a variety of plays that include comedy, drama, contemporary, classical, musicals and

other great works of dramatic literature. Theatre scholarships are available by filling out a scholarship application and scheduling an audition/interview.

A major in theatre prepares you to work in a variety of areas, including:

- Acting
- Directing
- Playwriting
- Teaching
- Stage management
- Lighting design
- Set design
- Scene painting
- Costume design/Wardrobe
- Hair/Makeup
- Special effects
- Fundraising and Development
- Theater/ Facilities Management

Industries/Venues

Positions for people with a minor or a degree in theatre can be found in several industries, including:

- Professional theatre
- Community theatre
- Children's theatre
- Television
- Film
- Radio
- Corporate and industrial training videos
- Amusement and theme parks
- Arts councils

Upcoming Productions

[2013-14](#)

EXPERT, ACCESSIBLE FACULTY

The Theatre program consists of a group of carefully selected scholarly and professional practitioners who creatively introduce students to emerging theory and current best practices.

Newman Graduates regularly cite close

collaboration with talented, dedicated faculty as one of their most meaningful experiences at Newman.

Newman faculty members are more than just leaders in their field. They take an active and personal role in students' studies and progress, forming strong relationships with students through coursework, special projects and informal out of class discussions.

ACCREDITATION

Newman University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools,

www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org.

FINANCIAL AID

With many scholarships, grants, work-study and company tuition assistance programs available, the cost of a degree from Newman University is comparable to that of state universities.

PROGRAM CONTACT

For more information about this program, visit the program's webpage on the Newman University website and click the link "[Request more info](#)".

To contact Newman University Admissions, office hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. For a personal appointment call 316-942-4291, ext. 2144 or e-mail admissions@newmanu.edu. Call us Toll-Free at 877-NEWMAN (639-6268) or visit our website at www.newmanu.edu.