Theater Studies

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Faculty & Staff List (https://www.mills.edu/faculty/theater-studies)

As part of a well-rounded liberal arts education at Mills, students have the rare opportunity to receive a solid foundation in theater through a partnership with one of the country’s most celebrated professional theaters, American Conservatory Theater (ACT) in San Francisco.

This innovative theater major with ACT combines the artistic discipline and training of a rigorous studio program with the intellectual rigor and scholarly breadth of a first-class liberal arts college. The students will experience interdisciplinary collaborations with various Mills departments, absorb the professional atmosphere of ACT, a Tony Award-winning regional theater, and engage in San Francisco’s vibrant artistic and diverse cultural community. This new BA is the ideal program for the student who desires both an academic and experiential theater education as a foundation for their future endeavors.

About the Theater Studies Major

The theater major is built on the equivalent of 35–36 semester credits and it is designed with a mixture of courses that are taught on and off campus. Half of these requirements are offered at Mills. The remaining courses are to be taken at ACT in their studios located in downtown San Francisco.

In order to complete the major requirements, students will have the choice of registering for an intensive fall or spring semester or registering for up to three courses per term at ACT. Since registration deadlines differ, students attending courses at ACT need to confirm ACT registration deadlines with their academic advisor.

Program Goals

- Develop the technical, creative and intellectual skills needed to be an innovative performer.
- Develop the skill set needed to be a working professional.
- Develop the analytical and communication skills to contextualize theater socially, culturally, and historically.
- Develop the confidence and skill for self-directed engagement in the field.

Majors & Minors

Major

Theater Major—BA (https://catalog.mills.edu/undergraduate/majors-minors/theater-studies/theater-ba)

Minor

Theater Minor (https://catalog.mills.edu/undergraduate/majors-minors/theater-studies/theater-minor)

Resources

The San Francisco Semester at A.C.T. (http://www.act-sf.org/home/conservatory/sf_semester.html)