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What can I do with a Major in Technical/Design?

The Technical/Design Program at the University of Lethbridge

The Bachelor of Fine Arts (Dramatic Arts) is a four-year degree that provides vibrant and varied practical opportunities for students to immerse themselves in the world of theatre and drama. Students complete a core program of courses in theatre theory and history, performance, and technical theatre/design.

Technical Design students are introduced to all areas of production and design including scenery, properties, costumes, makeup, lighting, sound and stage management through a combination of academic and production assignments. Students develop practical hands-on skills in a minimum of two technical areas through production assignments. Qualifying senior-level students may have the opportunity for major technical or design assignments on the Department Mainstage productions.

Students may also consider pursuing a combined Bachelor of Fine Arts (Dramatic Arts)/Bachelor of Education (Drama Education).

Skills Developed

- Active Listening & Questioning
- Adaptability
- Appreciation of Aesthetics
- Aptitude for Leadership
- Attaining a High Level of Craftsmanship
- Attention to Detail
- Communication
- Critical & Creative Thinking
- Demonstrate Creativity & Artistic Expression
- Design, Create & Present Visual Projects
- Interpersonal
- Knowledge of Theory, History & Practice of Design in Different Media
- Presentation
- Problem-Solving
- Reporting & Editing
- Research
- Self Discipline
- Time Management
- Work Independently

Work Environments

Graduates of the Technical/Design program may find employment with/in artistic management companies, stage design companies, arts and entertainment companies, broadcasting companies, museums, communication companies, consulting firms, acting and drama organizations, educational institutions, media companies or production companies.

For more information on the Technical/Design Major at the U of L:
http://www.uleth.ca/finearts/drama

Faculty of Fine Arts
W660 University Centre for the Arts
Phone: 403-380-1864
Email: See Contact Website
Academic Advising:
http://www.uleth.ca/finearts/departments/drama/student-advising
Key Areas of Specialization:
Scenery, Theatrical Properties, Makeup, Lighting, Sound & Stage Management

Entry Level Job Titles

These jobs are normally intended for new graduates and require 0 to 2 years of experience. It is important to note that many entry level positions require some related experience or demonstrated ability to perform job-related tasks. Even those positions that do not require experience will still prefer an experienced candidate, if one is available.

- After School Program Facilitator/Instructor
- Audiovisual Technician
- Camp Leader
- Child/Youth/Family Specialty Program Instructor
- Design Intern
- Assistant Designer (Clothing)
- Drama Instructor
- Electrical Designer
- Facilitator (Group & Individual Work)
- Freelance Makeup Artist/Demonstrator
- Graphic Designer
- Lifestyle Designer
- Makeup Artist
- Retail Layout Artist
- Stagehand
- Technical Designer
- Theatre Marketing Coordinator
- Visual Merchandiser

Note: The U of L offers various resources and programs to facilitate students in gaining work and volunteer experience. Find an entry level position on the CES job board or join the Management or Arts & Science Cooperative Education Programs. Summer jobs, part-time work, internship positions and volunteer experience help students to enhance their skillset and accumulate work experience for their future career.

Related Job Titles

These jobs generally require extensive, relevant work experience and/or further education.

- Advertising Artist
- Agent
- Animation Artist
- Art Critic
- Art Gallery Director
- Artist
- Artistic Consultant
- Artistic Director
- Arts Administrator
- Arts Council Director
- Arts Program Coordinator
- Backstage Technician
- Box Office Manager
- Broadcast Technician
- Broadcaster
- Broadcasting Program Coordinator
- Camera Operator
- Carpenter/Scenic Artist
- Casting Assistant
- Casting Director
- Cinematographer
- Costume Designer
- Critic
- Development Director
- Director
- Drama Coach/Instructor
- Drama Teacher
- Drama Workshop Director
- Editor/Publisher
- Editorial Designer
- Exhibit Designer
- Fine Arts Manager
- Floor Manager
- Freelance Designer
- Graphic Artist
- Graphic Designer
- Hairstylist
- House Manager
- Illustrator
- Information Designer
- Interactive Media Designer
- Lighting Designer
- Lighting Technician
- Managing Director
- Marketing Consultant
- Marketing Director
- Media Consultant/Coordinator
- Media Correspondent
- Media Planner
- Media Relations Consultant
- Moving Image Archivist
- Multimedia Producer
- Multimedia Sound Technician
- Painter
- Performing Arts Publicist
- Photographer
- Playwright
- Press Agent
- Press Director
- Producer
- Producing Director
- Product Designer
- Production Assistant
- Prop Manager
Thinking Outside the Box: Other Possible Job Titles

On average, people change their careers three to five times in their lifetime. So, no matter what major you choose, you may still be interested in opportunities totally unrelated to your program of study. We encourage you to be open to all possibilities! Your undergraduate degree can be a springboard for other educational pursuits, and your transferable skills and experience can prepare you to work in a multitude of settings.

- Acting Coach
- Activist
- Actor
- Actor's Assistant
- Announcer
- Appraiser
- Archivist
- Art Historian
- Comedian
- Communications Consultant
- Communications Officer
- Community Worker
- Computer Games Designer
- Conservator
- Curator
- Drama Therapist
- Electrician
- Event Manager
- Event Planner
- Executive Director
- Film Archivist
- Film Critic
- Film Director
- Fundraiser
- Human Resources Specialist
- Interviewer
- Journalist
- Landscape Architect
- Lawyer
- Librarian
- Literary Agent
- Manuscript Reader
- Movement Instructor
- Museum Director
- Packaging Designer
- Reporter
- TV/Radio Host or Personality
- TV/Radio Reporter
- Vocal Coach
- Voice Over Artist
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Writer

Useful Resources

Recommended websites to assist in exploring the field of Technical/Design and its career opportunities.

Theatre Alberta
http://www.theatrealberta.com

Canadian Institute for Theatre Technology
http://www.citt.org

Alberta Learning Information Service Occupational Profiles
Actor, Casting Director, Critic

Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television
http://www.academy.ca/

Telefilm Canada
http://www.telefilm.ca/

National Film Board
https://www.nfb.ca

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Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television & Radio Artists  
http://www.actra.ca/

Canadian Council for the Arts  
http://www.canadacouncil.ca

Canadian Actor’s Equity Association  
http://www.caea.com/

Canadian Association for Theatre Research  
http://catracrt.ca

Professional Association of Canadian Theatres  
http://www.pact.ca/

Canadian Media Production Association  
http://www.cmpa.ca

Motion Picture Association – Canada  
http://www.mpa-canada.org/

Associated Designers of Canada  
http://www.designers.ca

Graphic Designers of Canada  
https://www.gdc.net

Association of Registered Graphic Designers  
http://www.rgd.ca

Canadian Theatre Critics Association  
http://www.canadiantheatrecritics.ca

Playwrights Theatre Centre  
http://www.playwrightstheatre.com

Canadian Actor  
http://www.canadianactor.com

Cultural Human Resources Council  
http://www.culturalhrc.ca/

The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists & Allied Crafts  
http://iatse.net/

American Society of Theatre Consultants  
http://theatreconsultants.org

Plasa – Entertainment Technology  
https://www.plasa.org

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Career Counselling (Counselling Services)  
http://www.uleth.ca/counselling/

Academic Advising  
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/academic-advising

Native Student Advising  
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/native-student-advising

Student Success Centre – Study Skills, Learning Strategies & Tutoring  
http://www.uleth.ca/student-success-centre/

Accommodated Learning Centre  
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/accommodated-learning-centre/

International Centre for Students  
http://www.uleth.ca/international/

Registrar Office & Student Services  
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/

Scholarship & Students Finance  
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/student-finance/

U of L Students’ Union & Student Clubs  
http://www.ulsu.ca/


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CES assists U of L students and graduates with their career exploration and work search needs.

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