



Knowledge and Skill

The drama program prepares students to compete successfully in a wide variety of theater and performance related pursuits. Drama students will experience UST's distinctive liberal arts-based ethical and humanistic approach to development of the whole human person.

Students will:

- Develop as artists in their own right
- Become flexible and creative problem solvers
- Think outside the box
- Communicate clearly
- Demonstrate compelling public presence
- Learn to work collaboratively

For auditions or to learn more about the drama program of the Department of Fine Arts & Drama, contact:

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The University

The University of St. Thomas is truly a Shining Star in the heart of Houston.

- **The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College:** Among 22 U.S. Catholic colleges and universities recommended by the Cardinal Newman Society, and among 28 such institutions worldwide
- **Range of choices:** Degree programs focused on business, sciences, liberal arts and education at the undergraduate and graduate levels
- **Specialty areas:** High acceptance rate in medical and dental schools for Pre-Med and Pre-Dental students
- **Personal instruction:** Average class size of 17
- **Personal approach:** Faculty know students by name
- **Nationally ranked:** Ranked 33rd among universities offering master's degrees in the Western region by the *U.S. News & World Report* 2014 edition of "America's Best Colleges"
- **Nationally ranked:** Ranked by *The Princeton Review* as Best in the West in its Best Colleges: Region by Region online profile found at www.princetonreview.com
- **Study abroad:** The University of St. Thomas periodically ranks among the top 20% of U.S. universities whose students study abroad
- **Catholic tradition:** Houston's only Catholic university, founded by the Basilian Fathers in 1947



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Drama



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College Initiative Begins Here

Drama – the Opportunity of a Lifetime!

The drama program of the Department of Fine Arts & Drama at the University of St. Thomas prepares students of diverse backgrounds for careers in the professional theater, graduate theater programs and a variety of careers outside the arts. All drama students become involved as actors, theater technicians, writers and emerging new leaders in the arts.

“From production to acting on stage, the drama program at the University of St. Thomas has provided me with a well-rounded education in theater arts. It has allowed me to focus on what I love while introducing me to many career possibilities within the world of theater.”

Katherine Rinaldi
Class of 2010

Degree Plans

Students may complete either an academic major or minor in drama. The major requires 42 credit hours in drama coursework to receive a bachelor of arts degree in drama. Students majoring in drama can focus their study in the following concentrations:

- Acting
- Script writing
- Technical theater and design
- Theater studies (history, theory and criticism)

Students may also choose to complete a minor in theater requiring 21 credit hours of coursework in the drama program.

Joint Majors

Students may pursue a joint major by combining theater with:

- Communication
 - English
 - Philosophy
 - Theology
- OR
- Create a personal joint major with drama and another department

A complete list of coursework requirements for drama can be found at: www.stthom.edu/drama

Drama Scholarships

Your talent can help support your UST education. The drama program of the Department of Fine Arts & Drama offers scholarships to incoming students. Partial tuition scholarships are awarded based on competitive auditions. Scholarship auditions are conducted annually in the spring semester. Actors perform monologues, and writers and designers submit portfolios of their work.

All scholarship candidates are interviewed on campus if possible. Out-of-state candidates may submit recorded auditions. The priority deadline for scholarship auditions is March 1.

Extraordinary Performance Opportunities

UST's small size provides actors many opportunities to be onstage and backstage from their first day on campus. Much like an intimate conservatory program, we can work with you one-on-one to discover and further develop your talent. Freshmen and new transfer students are equally eligible in running to be cast in major roles.

Career Opportunities

Our recent graduates have worked as:

- Actors on stage, in films and for television
- Playwrights
- Stagehands
- Voice-over talent

- Makeup artists
- Scenic and costume designers
- Directors
- Technical directors
- Stage managers
- Theater arts teachers

Recent graduates have been accepted to:

- MFA acting programs
- Film school
- Law school

UST drama graduates have also:

- Founded new theaters (Express Children's Theatre, Town Centre Theatre)
- Started businesses

Extracurricular Opportunities

The UST drama program is open to all students. Any student can audition for our season of plays. Our typical season consists of four productions. The UST drama program regularly produces musicals, plays for young audiences, Shakespeare, classics and contemporary drama. We seek to provide each student interested in the theater with a variety of experiences to enhance his or her resume.

Recent productions include: *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Trojan Women*, *Steel Magnolias*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Lone Star and Laundry and Bourbon*, *The Emperor's New Clothes*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Noises Off*, *Charley's Aunt*, *Puss In Boots*, *Working*, *Sabrina Fair*, *Dancing at Lughnasa*, *Guys and Dolls* and *Waiting for Godot*.

