

Communication Studies & Theatre

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)



Make the World Your Stage

Do you love to act, perform, work on productions, or be involved with the public? William Shakespeare says, "all the world is a stage." With a degree in Communication Studies & Theatre, a variety of careers await, from the theatre to public relations, and the world will become your stage.

Prepare For Your Future

The Communication Studies & Theatre program has two options, allowing you to choose what interests you the most. The Communication Emphasis explores speech communication in all areas, including interpersonal, group, public, organizational, and mass communication, while the Theatre Emphasis encompasses all aspects of the theatre, including acting, directing, makeup, and design. No matter your area of emphasis, you will have several opportunities to develop your artistic skills on the stage or your communication talents with the debate team. The Communication Studies & Theatre program will allow you to realize your highest potential.

Learn From The Best

The BHSU faculty is well known for working closely with students in all areas of the Communication Studies & Theatre programs. The small class sizes allow for face-to-face interactions, with the instructors closely mentoring their students. The Communication Studies teachers emphasize the civil exchanges of questions and answers, the thorough pursuit of research, the testing of facts, and the importance of thoughtful cooperation. The talented Theatre faculty establishes an excitingly creative environment where students develop intellectual and artistic talents on the stage.

Enjoy The Experience

Communication Studies students have the opportunity to participate in several activities, such as the school newspaper (Jacket Journal), campus radio and TV stations, debate team, and theatre productions. The BHSU Debate Team is one of the most student accessible forensics programs in America - any student who desires to learn and is willing to work is welcome. The program is regionally competitive, and serves as an effective communication laboratory for people wishing to be, lawyers, pastors, educators, and more. People interested in Theatre have the opportunity to participate in at least four major performances a year, from classics to musicals, and can be a part of two theatrical student organizations. The Theatre Society is open to all BHSU students, and Props and Liners is a student group reserved for theatre majors. Props and Liners is the oldest student organization at BHSU and is a Theatre Honorary Fraternity.

find your career:

- Acting
- Directing
- Scenic Design
- Costume Design
- Lighting Design
- Makeup Design
- Sound Design
- Technical Direction
- Stage Management
- Publicity
- Community Relations Director
- News Anchor
- Legislative Correspondent
- Producer
- College Admissions Counselor
- Motivational speaker
- Negotiator
- Communication Consultant
- Development Officer
- Lawyer
- Lobbyist

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Choose 1 Emphasis

Theatre Emphasis

THEA 100 - Introduction to Theatre
THEA 131 - Introduction to Acting
THEA 241 - Stagecraft
THEA 243 - Make-Up
THEA 344 - Fundamentals of Design
THEA 351 - Directing
THEA 361 - Literature and History of the Theatre I
THEA 364 - Literature and History of the Theatre II
THEA 450 - Senior Capstone Project
THEA 495 - Practicum
Electives from THEA, SPCM, OR MCOM - 6 semester hours

Communications Emphasis

SPCM 201 - Interpersonal Communication
SPCM 215 - Public Speaking
SPCM 222 - Argumentation and Debate
SPCM 405 - Theories of Communication
SPCM 410 - Organizational Communication
SPCM 434 - Small Group Communication
SPCM 466 - Principles of Rhetoric
SPCM 485 - Communication & Conflict Resolution
3 SPCM 300/400 Level Elective
Electives from SPCM, MCOM, OR THEA - 6 semester hours

General Education Requirements

Gen Ed - Mathematics *3 semester hours*
Gen Ed - Social Science *9 semester hours*
Gen Ed - Arts & Humanities *6-12 semester hours*
Gen Ed - Natural Science AND Lab *6-8 semester hours*
ENGL 101 - Composition I
ENGL 201 - Composition II
SPCM 101, OR SPCM 215, OR SPCM 222 *Speech*
WEL 100 - Wellness for Life AND WEL 100L

A *minor* is required with this major plus electives to total 120 hours, of which 36 hours must be 300/400 level courses.