

THEATRE

“The Berea College Theatre provides a well-rounded introduction to the theatre arts. From acting to tech work, you are able to discover your interests and then fully immerse yourself in them. I was able to discover a love for stage management I didn’t know existed, and those skills helped me to not only succeed in the theatre world but branch out into other industries of management.”

Katie Davis Hines



ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Graduates receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Theatre. Minors in Theatre and Film Production are also available. From onstage to behind the scenes, and everything in between, students learn the foundations of a fully operating theatre.

OPPORTUNITIES & INTERNSHIPS

- Berea College Theatre offers both an academic and co-curricular production program that offers a full season of plays as well as individual student projects and original work.
- The Berea College Theatre is celebrating its 125th Anniversary during the 2017-18 season. Since an 1892 reading of Hamlet, Berea’s Theatre program has been a critical element to the academic and co-curricular lives of students.
- The labor program is designed to provide students with skills in scenery, costuming, properties, lighting, sound, and box office management to be competitive in the professional theatre, as well as graduate schools, internships and apprentice programs.

- Students are encouraged to attend national and international conferences throughout the year in areas of performance, design, management, and technology. From these, they will often create internships during the summer months that will enhance their academic and labor experiences.
- The Film program offers students experiences in creating feature films and documentaries and gaining skills in camera work, editing, sound, and production.

CAREERS & OUTCOMES

Berea Theatre graduates are distinguished by the practical experience gained through student work positions within the Theatre Laboratory. Graduates find employment in a variety of career fields and occupations including:

- Actor
- Theatre Design
- Theatre Administration
- Theatre/Film Production Coordinator
- Production Assistant
- Sound and lighting technician



WHY IS A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION VALUABLE?

A liberal arts education at Berea College, combined with our work study program, equips students with highly employable skills like communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Beyond offering a degree program, we help our students develop social responsibility and prepare them to successfully navigate diversity, change, and the complex demands of a modern work place.



80

percentage of employers who want colleges to emphasize critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and oral and written communication.

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Berea College's ranking as "Best Liberal Arts College" by Washington Monthly Magazine, 2018.

75

percentage of employers who believe successful college graduates should have both liberal arts training and experience in the field.

90

percentage of Berea students who credit liberal arts and work study for developing their communication, critical thinking, & problem-solving skills.



"People with a liberal arts education are able to think and view the world from several different perspectives . . . This ability to understand and adapt is very valuable in today's workplace."

Edward B. Rust Jr.
Chairman and CEO, State Farm Insurance Companies