Drama and theatre provide the means not only to reconstruct the world as it is, but also to model human possibilities. In this program you’ll enhance your understanding of drama by participating in productions, interacting with professionals, and acquiring practical and theoretical foundations that will help you build a solid career.

Key Skills & Knowledge

Analyze and synthesize data - Research, writing and understanding of historical influences and contemporary culture; Theoretical and practical stage production knowledge; Editing and memorization skills

Communication - practicing thinking, talking, listening, and moving with others enhances ability to communicate and interact meaningfully with others; Negotiation and persuasion; Public speaking; Written communication and creative writing; Performance - poise, ability to present to others

Group Process - ability to co-operate with and understand others, ability to work on a team, ability to explore various points of view, to understand what motivates others

Improvisation - ability to encounter life situations, to explore them personally and imaginatively

Interpretation - ability to explore the meaning behind words, ability to read aloud so that others will understand; Self-Awareness - ability to understand feelings, to express feelings; Role play, ability to understand the essence of topics and emotions; to listen and respond to others

Movement - heightened physical awareness, ability to communicate to others without speaking

Organization - Planning and organization of complex projects; ability to meet deadlines; Self-Discipline; Budgeting knowledge, production and event management; Creative conception and implementation, creative problem solving ability

Sample Job Titles

Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the Alberta Government’s occupational profiles for salary info and more detail: alis.alberta.ca/occinfo

Acting Coach
Actor
Artistic Director
Arts Administrator
Arts Program Coordinator
Broadcast Journalist
Canadian Actor’s Equity Association
Casting Director
Cinematographer
Communications Officer
Copy Writer
Costume Designer
Critic

Director
Film Director
Fundraiser
Graphic Designer
House Manager
Lighting Designer
Movement Therapist
Music Director
Narrator
Performance & Learning Consultant
Playwright
Producer
Production Designer
Program Assistant

Set Designer
Sound Designer
Stage Hand
Stage Manager
Stunt Coordinator
Talent Scout
Teacher/Professor
Technician
Theatre Director
Theatrical Historian
Ticket Office Manager
Wardrobe Designer
Writer/Editor

Need help deciding what to do?

Formal Career Assessments like the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator can be helpful tools for your career development. Request an assessment via CareerLink
Associations provide an opportunity for continued professional development. Many also offer networking opportunities and other events for their members.

- ACTRA Performers Guild: [http://www.actra.ca](http://www.actra.ca)
- Alberta Drama Festival Association: [http://www.adfa.ca](http://www.adfa.ca)
- Alberta Foundation for the Arts: [http://www.afta.ab.ca](http://www.afta.ab.ca)
- Arts Alive: [http://www.artsalive.ca](http://www.artsalive.ca)
- Canadian Actors Equity Association: [http://www.caea.com/EquityWeb/default.aspx](http://www.caea.com/EquityWeb/default.aspx)
- Canadian Film and Television Production Association: [http://www.cftpa.ca/](http://www.cftpa.ca/)
- Canadian Institute for Theatre Technology: [http://www.citt.org/](http://www.citt.org/)
- Canadian Theatre Critics Association: [http://www.canadiantheatrecritics.ca/](http://www.canadiantheatrecritics.ca/)
- Canadian Arts Presenting Association (CAPACOA): [http://www.capacoa.ca](http://www.capacoa.ca)
- Film Studies Association of Canada: [http://www.filmsstudies.ca/](http://www.filmsstudies.ca/)
- Fringe Theatre Adventures: [http://www.fringetheatreadventures.ca](http://www.fringetheatreadventures.ca)
- The Canada Council for the Arts: [http://www.canadacouncil.ca](http://www.canadacouncil.ca)
- Theatre Alberta: [http://www.theatreaberta.com](http://www.theatreaberta.com)
- Theatre Canada: [http://www.theatrecanada.com](http://www.theatrecanada.com)

**Potential Industries**

- Advertising
- Art and Design
- Arts Administration
- Business Administration
- Coaching
- Communications & Broadcasting
- Community and Children's Theatre
- Community Centres
- Cruiseship Lines
- Cultural Organizations
- Dance Performance
- Development Agencies
- Education
- Film/Radio/TV
- Government
- Marketing
- Non-Profits & NGOs
- Parks and Recreation
- Performing Arts
- Post-Secondary
- Private Sector
- Public Relations
- Television & Film
- Theatre
- Theme Parks
- Tour Companies
- Tourism

**Career Services**

- Career Planning
- Job Search Support
- Resume Reviews
- Career Workshops
- Online Job Postings
- Career Fairs
- Networking Events
- Information Sessions & much more!

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CareerLink: [ucalgary.ca/careers](http://ucalgary.ca/careers)

**Job Boards**

- Indeed: [https://ca.indeed.com/](https://ca.indeed.com/)
- Alliance for Arts and Culture Jobs: [http://www.allianceforarts.com/career-opportunities](http://www.allianceforarts.com/career-opportunities)
- Government Jobs: [http://govjobs.ca/](http://govjobs.ca/)
- Job Bank: [www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca)
- LinkedIn: [http://www.linkedin.com/](http://www.linkedin.com/)
- CareerLink: [careerlink.ucalgary.ca](http://careerlink.ucalgary.ca)

**Additional Resources**

- A Career handbook for TV, Radio, Film, Video & Interactive Media by Shiona Llewellyn
- Artsboard: Canada’s Monthly Employment Bulletin for the Arts
- Career Opportunities in Advertising and Public Relations, Shelly Field
- Careers for Computer Buffs & Other Technological Types, Marjorie Eberts & Margaret Gisler
- Good works: A Guide to Social Change Careers
- Government Job Finder, Daniel Lauber

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**Student Clubs**
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**Aligned Majors:**
Communications  
Dance  
Film Studies