California State University, Chico
The B.A. in Theatre

Theatre

Our students work in our shops, build our shows, perform, design, direct, create, stage-manage, and just about every job in between. We develop well-rounded artists who know about the craft and business of making theatre. We pride ourselves on being a program that is large enough to be competitive but small enough to know our students’ needs. We serve about 80-90 majors between the two programs and 15-20 minors. Our classes are typically about 15-20 students so you are ensured individual attention, personalized instruction, and advising to ensure a timely graduation so you make the most of your education. The performance of theatre is a universal cultural phenomenon that exists in every society around the world. Human beings are the only animal species that create theatre. Understanding theatre helps us understand what it means to be human. Performance permeates every aspect of our everyday lives.

About Theatre

Majors: Theatre Arts, Musical Theatre
Minors: Theatre, Dance
Shows: 2 shows in Fall, 2 shows in Spring
*Each semester we produce at least one musical

Spaces:
450 seat Proscenium
150 seat Black Box
1200 seat Laxson Auditorium

Choosing Auditioning or Working a Crew?
Even if you are not a major, you can audition for shows and work on crews. Just come to the Music and Theatre department at the beginning of the semester and we’ll tell you how!

Week 1 of semester: Auditions
Week 2 of semester: Crew Assignments
(No prior training needed.)

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Theatre is a self-directed degree. After completing the core classes, students select a mix of electives, which may concentrate on specific fields of theatre craft, such as acting or technical theatre/design, or they may choose to generalize and work in several different areas.

Students in the Theatre program explore technical aspects of theatre as well as performance throughout their career here. Because of the Theatre program’s relatively compact degree requirements, several of our students elect to pursue a double major or minor and are able to complete their college degree in 4 years. We have double majors ranging from psychology to marketing to project management to engineering to English. We also encourage involvement in productions every semester either in tech or in performance.

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Chico State Theatre is accredited by the National Association of the Schools of Theatre, and are active members of the Musical Theatre Educators’ Alliance.

Chico State Theatre is committed to diversity, inclusivity, and anti-racism. As such, we pledge to continue to reimagine new approaches to both contemporary and classical works, as well as increase the representation of BIPOC, LGBTQ, and women theatre practitioners, along with members of other marginalized groups in our main stage season. No less than 50% of our season will have relevant themes and/or creators from these communities.