A rich and rewarding experience for aspiring performers, designers, and technicians

Follow your dreams in theatre and dance at Cal State East Bay

Undergraduate Majors
Theatre Arts, B.A.
• Acting Option
• Dance Option
• Directing Option
• Musical Theatre Option
• Technology and Design Option
• Theatre: History and Literature Option

Undergraduate Minors
• Dance
• Theatre

For application information, performance schedules, major requirements, or other questions about CSUEB's theatre and dance program, call or visit the main office on the University's Hayward Campus or check the department Web site.

Make professional connections

Our faculty is made up of professionals working in the Bay Area Theatre and Dance communities. They are actors, directors, designers, choreographers and stage technicians with extensive backgrounds and a wealth of experience in the field, offering students relevant gateways into a career path in performance or design.

• Broadway by the Bay
• Berkeley Rep
• Aurora Theatre
• Dandelion Dance Theatre
• San Francisco Opera
• Opera San Jose
• Nina Haft and Company
• Impact Theatre
• The Lorraine Hansberry Theatre Company
• Bindlestiff Studios
• The Black Choreographers Festival
• Bay Area Children's Theatre
Shine on stage or behind the scenes

Hands-on opportunities in main stage shows, festivals, and student-led projects offer invaluable practical experience and creative expression.

Many shows use costumes, sets, or lighting designed by students, giving them practical production experience under the expert guidance of our Technical and Design faculty. The University performance season includes:

- two or more plays, one main stage and one studio
- one or more musicals
- a festival of work created by students

Other student-based projects, such as Solo Performance and senior culminating acting and directing projects, provide additional opportunities for acting and directing outside of the main stage productions.

Besides performances in our University and Studio Theatres, students also perform off-campus, with Musical Theatre Ensemble tours to other campuses, competing and performing at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (where CSUEB has been a national finalist and received multiple awards), as well as in-depth community-based performance training, and bi-annual visits to the Edinburgh Theatre Festival in Scotland. Students have performed in more than five countries and international festivals.

Whatever your career goals are, you’ll gain valuable team skills, imaginative approaches to problem solving, and an ability to communicate creatively and effectively — and enjoy a wonderful college experience that brings all your possibilities into view.