**THEATRE ARTS**

What can you do with a Ph.D. in Theatre Arts?

The value and purpose of a graduate degree in theatre arts can vary depending on the student's professional and personal goals. Those who *wish to teach at the college or university level* need either an M.F.A. or a Ph.D. The relationship between the degree and the teaching position can vary from institution to institution, but in general, the **M.F.A. is appropriate for those teaching in artistic or production areas (acting, directing, playwriting, design, technical production)**, while the **Ph.D. is appropriate for those teaching in theatre studies (theatre history, dramatic literature, theory, criticism)**. However, many Ph.D. faculty teach acting, directing, playwriting or design, and some M.F.A. faculty teach history and literature.

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What does CWU have to offer?

- The **McNair Scholars Program**
- A NEW Master of Arts in Theatre degree option!
- The **Summer Institute for Theatre Arts**
- **Musical Theatre Summer Conservatory**
- **Central Theatre Ensemble**
- **State-of-the-art Facilities**
- Numerous student opportunities to get involved in theatre production
- The **Central Theatre Club**

**Helpful Links:**

**National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST):**

[http://nast.arts-accredit.org](http://nast.arts-accredit.org)

NAST’s Advice for students considering a Ph.D. in Theatre:

[http://tinyurl.com/nastphd](http://tinyurl.com/nastphd)

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