

# Communication & Theatre Arts AT BETHANY COLLEGE

## BACHELOR'S DEGREES IN COMMUNICATION AND THEATRE ARTS

The communication and theatre arts major is built on the faculty's commitment to challenge students to perform the spoken and written word as a means of communicating both clearly and artistically, and to nurture in students a sense of confidence and responsibility in their communication arts.

In the communication and theatre arts major, students choose either a communication or theatre emphasis, but take courses in both areas.

**Communication arts major:** The communication major incorporates practical technique with critical thinking and writing skills. The major provides a foundation for communication that begins with studies in public speaking and human communication.

As students progress, they move to advanced levels of communication with coursework in persuasion, argumentation, interpersonal communication and small group communication. As a capstone to their experiences, communication majors study the theories of performance and rhetoric. To end their curriculum, students create an independent project that combines all their learning into one major work.

Along the way, communication majors apply what they learn in the classroom to real world experiences, both on- and off-campus. Communication is the gateway to many promising and interesting careers.

**Theatre arts major:** The greatest strength of Bethany College theatre is the opportunity to gain on- and off-stage experience in the theatre arts. During a four-year program, students can participate in 14 mainstage productions.

Bethany College theatre presents a major production each semester and for the Messiah Festival of Arts. In odd-number years, it also produces a musical during Interterm. Recent productions have include: *Godspell*; *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*; *The Accidental Death of an Anarchist*; *The Sweetest Swing in Baseball*; and *Talley's Folly*. Original scripts by students, faculty, and classes have also been produced.

### **Communication & Theatre Arts Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Bethany College Theatre and Communication Arts Program is to challenge the students to perform the spoken and written word as a means of communicating both clearly and artistically and to nurture in students a sense of confidence and responsibility in their communication arts.

Students interested in technical theatre gain hands-on experience in set design and construction, scenic painting, lighting, sound, costumes, and props. In addition, there are opportunities for students to gain experience in stage management, dramaturgy, publicity, and front-of-house management.

Bethany College offers an active theatre arts program that is open to all students. Bethany College theatre also offers a minor in theatre and a secondary endorsement in speech and theatre.

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## Career Opportunities

Communication majors are ready to further study oral communication or to enter professional fields. Graduates are ready for seminary, law school, public relations, journalism, broadcasting, mass media studies, sales, and other education or career opportunities.

Bethany College graduates are active in developing local theatre projects. They teach secondary education and practice daily the skills learned in the theatre and communication arts program. Students share some common classes, regardless of emphasis, so they learn a wide range of skills.

The Career Services Office provides students with support and resources throughout the career-development process. The staff is prepared to help in the selection of career options and academic majors as well as with internship and volunteer service placement. The office also provides assistance with resume writing, preparation for interviews, and other elements of both summer jobs and permanent employment.

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## What Courses are Available?

Both Communication and Theatre Requirements (52-55 hours, including supporting course set)

### Core Courses :

CM101	Human Communication .....	3 hrs
CM110	Speaking and Listening .....	3 hrs
TH110*	Introduction to Theatre .....	3 hrs
TH111	Acting.....	3 hrs
CM190/290	Communication Activities... 1-2 hrs	
CM305	Mass Media and the Modern Society.....	3 hrs
CM212	Oral Interpretation.....	3 hrs
EN301	Writing, Language and Rhetoric..	3 hrs
CM/TH310	Performance and Dramatic Theory .....	3 hrs
CM391	Senior Project.....	3 hrs

### Communication Concentration

Nine semester hours selected from the following:

CM201*	Small Group Communication.....	3 hrs
CM211*	Argumentation .....	3 hrs
CM215*	Speaking and Writing Persuasively .....	3 hrs
CM219*	Narrative Theatre.....	3 hrs
CM222	Interpersonal Communication.....	3 hrs

CM330*	Survey of Rhetoric .....	3 hrs
CM398*	Special Topics .....	3 hrs
EB397	Experience-Based Communication I.....	3 hrs

### Theatre Concentration

Nine semester hours selected from the following:

TH212*	Survey of Design and Tech Theater .....	3 hrs
TH299/399	Directed Independent Study ..	3 hrs
CM219*	Narrative Theater .....	3 hrs
MU/TH205	Musical Theater.....	3 hrs
TH320*	Theatre History .....	3 hrs
TH330*	Directing .....	3 hrs
TH305*	Playwriting .....	3 hrs
TH208/308*	Interterm Musical Theatre ...	3 hrs

### Supporting Courses for Both Majors

Six semester hours selected from the following:

AR105	Basic Design .....	3 hrs
AR108	3-D Design .....	3 hrs
BU221	Principles of Management.....	3 hrs
BU240	Business Communication .....	3 hrs
PL215*	Logic .....	3 hrs
EN312*	Shakespeare.....	3 hrs
EN321*	Creative Writing .....	3 hrs

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## Academic Advising and Faculty

Your success in college depends on a close relationship with your academic advisor. At Bethany College, the academic advisor is an active partner with the student in designing an interesting and challenging academic program, encouraging the growth and development of gifts and talents to a higher level, and providing personal and professional support beyond graduation.

## Come visit us!

Let us talk with you about our program, show you around and treat you to lunch! Call our admissions office to set up an appointment.



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## Fast Facts

**About Bethany:** a four-year, undergraduate liberal arts-based college with a blend of professional programs

**Location:** Lindsborg, Kan.; 20 miles southwest of Salina, 70 miles north of Wichita, and 200 miles west of Kansas City; within a seven hour drive of St. Louis, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Dallas, Denver, Omaha, and Sioux City.

**Founded:** 1881 by Swedish-Lutheran settlers

**Religious Affiliation:** Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

**Degrees and Programs:** 40 academic discipline majors and programs of study, 11 education majors within various academic disciplines, and contract majors

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**Enrollment:** About 600 students from 30 states and 14 foreign countries

**Student-Faculty Ratio:** 10:1; average class size is 12

**Athletics:** 18 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) varsity sports

**Accreditation:** Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association  
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**Bethany Mission Statement:** The mission of Bethany College is to educate, develop and challenge individuals to reach for truth and excellence as they lead lives of faith, learning and service.