Degree Benefits
As examples of the performing arts, theatre and dance are means of self-expression and social communication. Whether we study pure dramatic expression, musical dramatic expression or dance, we seek to understand how these and other nonverbal aspects of production such as lighting, scenery and costumes communicate ideas and emotion, and how they are used for entertainment, education, reform and other social purposes. In cooperation with the Student Association Incorporated, the department annually stages six on-campus theatre or dance productions. The department rewards creative excellence by offering opportunities for upper-level students to produce shows, and to direct or design both major and minor (one-act) productions. Theatre and dance majors are required to take practicum credits, which give students practical experience in various areas of theatrical production: technical production, dance, acting, design, management, directing, technical direction and touring theatre. To give you a well-rounded education, the department offers basic, intermediate and advanced courses in theatre production, acting, dance, history, theory and literature.

Housed in the College of Liberal Arts, Theatre and Dance is also included in the communication certification program in the College of Education.

Theatre Minor
The Department of Theatre and Dance offers students the opportunity to minor in several areas: musical theatre, general theatre, dance, theatre history/literature, technical theatre/design and acting.

BACHELOR OF ARTS
THEATRE — 120 CREDITS
The following eight-semester schedule of courses provides a recommended framework for completing this program of study in four years. To ensure that they are making satisfactory academic progress, students should consult with their faculty adviser, ensure that they complete necessary prerequisites and required courses in sequence, and complete a minimum of 15 credits each semester.

Note: The Department of Theatre and Dance is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST).

Career Opportunities
Graduates explore careers in professional and semi-professional theatre, film and television. Areas include: acting, dance, directing, stage and house management, scenery and lighting in regional and commercial theatres and film and video production. Others may want to teach in elementary and secondary school, colleges, universities or professional training schools. Other forms of work include community and regional theatre; and recreational, rehabilitational and educational theatre. Our broad program even prepares graduates to explore jobs in public relations.
## Freshman Year
**First Semester** ................................................................. 16 credits
- ENG 101 English Composition I ........................................ 3 crs.
- THE 141 Stagecraft I ........................................................ 3 crs.
- THE 150 Intro to Theatrical Design ................................ 3 crs.
- UNI 100 First Year Seminar ............................................ 1 cr.
General Education Courses .............................................. 6 crs.

**Second Semester** ........................................................... 16 credits
- ENG 102 English Composition II ...................................... 3 crs.
- THE 131 Fundamentals of Acting .................................... 3 crs.
- Theatre Practicum ......................................................... 1 cr.
- Theatre Practicum ........................................................ 1 cr.
General Education Courses .............................................. 9 crs.

## Sophomore Year
**Third Semester** ............................................................. 15 credits
- DAN 132 or 133 or 301 ..................................................... 3 crs.
- THE 302 History of Theatre I ......................................... 3 crs.
- Theatre Practicum ........................................................ 1 cr.
- General Education, Minor OR Elective Courses ............. 9 crs.

**Fourth Semester** ........................................................... 16 credits
- THE 312 History of Theatre II ......................................... 3 crs.
- THE 320 Fundamental of Directing ............................... 3 crs.
- Theatre Practicum ........................................................ 1 cr.
General Education, Minor, OR Elective Courses ............. 9 crs.

## Junior Year
**Fifth Semester** ................................................................ 15 credits
- Theatre Major Elective .................................................. 3 crs.
- Theatre Practicum ........................................................ 1 cr.
- General Education Course .......................................... 12 crs.

**Sixth Semester** .............................................................. 15 credits
- Theatre Major Elective .................................................. 3 crs.
- Theatre Practicum ........................................................ 1 cr.

## Senior Year
**Seventh Semester** ......................................................... 18 credits
- THE 450 Senior Thesis OR Theatre Practicum ............... 1-3 crs.
- Theatre Major Elective .................................................. 3 crs.
- 300/400 level General Education, Minor OR Electives .... 6-11 crs.

**Eighth Semester** ............................................................. 12-15 credits
- THE 450 Senior Thesis OR Theatre Practicum ............... 1-3 crs.
- 300/400 level General Education, Minor OR Electives .... 9-14 crs.

## Program Contact Information
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## Department Website
www.calu.edu/academics/programs/theater/index.htm

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- Cal U’s upper campus includes the Vulcan Village apartments, athletic facilities at Roadman Park, and space for student meetings and outdoor recreation at SAI Farm.
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