

EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

THEATRE ARTS DEPARTMENT



The Department of Theatre Arts prepares students for all aspects of work in the theatre. From practical, to technical, to academic training, students receive the necessary background and skills to thrive in a variety of theatre settings.

A hands-on program, students can develop their leadership and theatre skills through an active student organization, Theatre Assembly, and through Edgewood Summer Theatre, a professional outlet for students to perform during the summer. Students also have the opportunity to study in London every other year.

Fine Arts Awards are available to qualified students, both majors and non-majors, who plan to continue their participation in some aspect of theatre. The grants are offered in acting, technical theatre, and musical theatre and require an audition/interview. For more information, please visit www.edgewood.edu/vip.

MAJORS

Theatre Arts with concentrations in:
Musical Theatre
Performance Emphasis (Acting/Directing)
Technical/Design
Theatre for Youth
Theatre Studies
Theatre Education

MINORS

Theatre Arts
Film Studies Minor
Theatre Education

FACILITIES

Visual and Theatre Arts Center

Edgewood College has just opened its new 44,000-square-foot, three-story Visual and Theatre Arts Center. The building is located on the southwest side of campus, overlooking Lake Wingra. The theatre is a black-box style space that allows shows to be performed in a variety of arrangements, including proscenium, thrust and in-the-round. Four major productions and a wide range of studio performances each year allow many opportunities for students, including first-year students and non-majors, to be involved in productions. The Department of Theatre Arts maintains a 'green theatre' philosophy in their practices and strives to tread lightly on the environment.

- A black-box theatre with 120+ audience capacity.
- Theatre education and performance space designed for multiple rehearsals and other co-curricular activities. Included will be dedicated areas for costuming, set construction, storage, and dressing rooms.
- Studio space dedicated to graphic design, drawing, painting, mixed media, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, photography, video, advanced web design, animation and multi-media.
- A professional art gallery, with additional public spaces to exhibit work.

SAMPLE OF COURSES

THA 366 - Musical Theatre Performance

Performance study in the literature and style of the various musical theatre forms.

THA 367 - Improvisation in Performance

Students will study the art of improvisation in theatrical performance including short form, long form, and sketch based improv techniques, as well as several warm up, ensemble building and technique enhancing exercises. Ultimately, this work will result in the class ensemble producing an improvised public performance, the style of which will be determined by the class as the work unfolds.

For a complete list of courses and course descriptions, please visit www.edgewood.edu/catalogue.aspx.

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"I love attending a small college. At Edgewood, I really get to know my professors. I get individual attention from them as well as hands-on experience on the stage and with technical aspects of theatre."

Rori Flynn '10

Performing Arts Major