

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Dance  
Design & Production  
Drama  
Filmmaking  
Music



# Powering Creativity Drama

## CONCENTRATIONS

Bachelor of  
Fine Arts

High School  
Diploma

Acting

Directing



# Drama

The highly ranked School of Drama produces some of the most versatile and successful actors in theater, film and television. Our rigorous conservatory training is grounded in classical values and forward-looking methodologies that prepare students for careers on stage, screen, and in the emerging media landscape. Plays are selected from different periods and styles and are intentionally curated to highlight voices from communities that have been historically been neglected by the entertainment industry. Invaluable on-camera training is incorporated into all four years of study. Showcases in New York, LA, Chicago and Atlanta offer coveted exposure to industry professionals. Working with other UNCSA disciplines — Design & Production, Filmmaking, Music, and Dance — our students benefit from developing a variety of skills and knowledge.



## BECOME A SKILLED AND VERSATILE ACTOR

Training for both stage and on-camera work will be deeply integrated into all four years of an actor's time at UNCSA. In addition to a variety of approaches to acting technique, students will engage in physical training that includes musical theater dance repertory, stage combat (leading to the opportunity for multiple Society of American Fight Directors certifications), and mask and movement training. Students will study vocal production, singing, speech and dialects. In the third year, students will study heightened language and Shakespeare while simultaneously learning the deeply personal process of creating devised theater pieces. The fourth year focuses heavily on learning about the business of being an actor, and entrepreneurship.



## HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our one-year intensive program is offered by audition to rising high school seniors. Courses focus on acting, singing, dance, arts for social change, directing, dramatic writing, devised theater and creative practice. Students also participate in a comprehensive college audition preparation process and share unique performance experiences in the community. They give back to Winston-Salem through the Artists Reaching Children in the Hospital program that allows them to use their developing skills to entertain patients at Brenner Children's Hospital.

You'll train across the full spectrum of the industry.



Act on-camera with expert direction all four years.



Participate in motion-capture work, voiceovers, animation and more through collaboration with the highly ranked UNCSA School of Filmmaking.



Create your own work during a yearlong devising curriculum in the third year.



Learn the business of being an actor with classes in personal finance and accounting, copyright law and intellectual property rights, formation of not-for-profits and more.



“Faculty members taught us how to develop as authentic and honest individuals. It’s not just about having the right skills; it’s about becoming your most authentic self.”

— Isaac Powell (B.F.A. Drama '17), Broadway actor in “West Side Story” and “Once on This Island”



## EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP

Our conservatory’s dean is Scott Zigler, a director and educator who has worked in the theater for more than 40 years. He served in leadership roles at the American Repertory Theater’s Institute for Advanced Theater Training at Harvard University, Actors Theatre of Louisville and the Atlantic Theater Company, where he is a founding member. He is the co-author of the widely used “A Practical Handbook for the Actor.” Dean Zigler has a passionate belief that young theater artists should be exposed to a broad range of approaches and aesthetics in order to create their own unique artistic perspective and approach. Under his tenure, the School of Drama has expanded the selection of works performed to include a diverse sampling of playwrights and continues to diversify the range of backgrounds that make up each incoming class.

## ONE-ON-ONE MENTORSHIP

Our faculty is composed of professional artists who bring years of firsthand industry experience — having worked and performed everywhere from Broadway stages and major theaters around the country to feature films and television. You’ll have the opportunity to work one-on-one with these exceptional mentors, professional guest artists, and award-winning UNCSA alumni.

Do you have what it takes?  
Visit [uncsa.edu/apply](https://uncsa.edu/apply).

Each spring, graduating seniors present a showcase for agents, casting directors and producers from all branches of theater, film and television. Our showcase has resulted in the majority of actors signing with top agents and many others securing their first jobs right out of school.

## RANKINGS

No. 6 of The Best 25 College Drama Programs Around the World and third among B.F.A. programs in the U.S.  
The Hollywood Reporter

No. 9 of The 10 Most Represented Colleges on Broadway  
Playbill

Top 30 College Acting/Performing Arts Programs  
OnStage

ACT THEATRE AMERICAN PLAYERS THEATRE "BLACK MIRROR"  
"COMPANY" "DICKINSON" "FLEABAG" "FOSSE/VERDON" "FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS"  
"FRIED GREEN TOMATOES" GIRLS "HALLOWEEN" "HAMILTON: AN AMERICAN MUSICAL"  
"HIGH FIDELITY" "INTO THE DARK" "JAMES BOND: NO TIME TO DIE"  
"LES MISÉRABLES" "LISEY'S STORY" "LOVECRAFT COUNTRY" "MANCHESTER BY THE SEA"  
MARVEL ENTERTAINMENT "MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL" "ONCE ON THIS ISLAND"  
"ONCE UPON A TIME" "PITCH PERFECT" PUBLIC THEATER QUIBI "ROCK OF AGES"  
ROUNDBOUT THEATER COMPANY "SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE" "SING STREET" SONNET REPERTORY THEATRE  
"SPACE FORCE" STEPPENWOLF THEATRE COMPANY "STRANGER THINGS" TELSEY + COMPANY  
"THE BLACKLIST" "THE BOOK OF MORMON" "THE MANY SAINTS OF NEWARK" "THE OFFICE"  
"THIS IS US" WALT DISNEY STUDIOS "WEEDS" "WEST SIDE STORY" "WHAT'S EATING GILBERT GRAPE"  
"WICKED" "YOU" "ZEROZEROZERO"

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