THEATRE DESIGN (MFAT)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Arts and Humanities

Abstract
The School of Theatre, Dance, and Performance Studies offers a three-
year Master of Fine Arts degree in Theatre Design, with concentrations
in costume, scenic, lighting and multimedia. The degree offers superior
students advanced training in design with on-campus and off-campus
opportunities for creative activity. The program prepares the student to
enter the professional theatre or to teach in the creative areas at colleges
or universities. The School also offers MA and PhD degrees in theatre
history and performance studies, and MFA degree in Dance, For more
information visit the School website at http://tdps.umd.edu.

Financial Assistance
The School nominates outstanding applicants for competitive University
fellowships. Teaching assistantships are available to a limited number of
students. The Graduate program head will discuss these with accepted
students at the time of acceptance.

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Courses: THET (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/courses/thet)

Admissions
General Requirements
• Statement of Purpose
• Transcript(s)
• TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (https://
gradschool.umd.edu/education/z069))

Program-Specific Requirements
• Letters of Recommendation (3)
• CV/Resume

• Portfolio: A sample of work submitted through a professional website,
or via a file – uploaded to the Multimedia Requirement section of the
application.
• Applicants interested in multimedia design: Should select lighting
design as their area of interest on the online application.

For more admissions information or to apply to the program, please visit
our Graduate School website: https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions

Application Deadlines

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Other Deadlines: Please visit the program website at http://
tdps.umd.edu/programs/mfa-design

Requirements
• Theatre Design, Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) (https://
academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/theatre-design-mfat/
theatre-design-mfa)

Facilities and Special Resources
The School of Theatre, Dance, and Performance Studies is housed in
the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at Maryland. This state-of-the-art
facility includes the 650-seat Ina and Jack Kay Theatre, the 200-seat
Robert and Arlene Kogod Theatre and the 100-seat Cafritz Theatre.

The campus is within a few miles of the John F. Kennedy Center for the
Performing Arts, Arena Stage, the National Theatre, Ford’s Theatre, The
Shakespeare Theatre at the Lansburgh, and the Olney Theatre Center,
which are among more than 80 professional area theatres. Two of the
greatest libraries in the world, the Library of Congress and the Folger
Shakespeare Library, are in close proximity to campus. Students also
make regular use of the Smithsonian Institution, the Federal Theatre
Project Archives, the National Archives, and more than 50 specialized
libraries and institutions in the Washington metropolitan area.