OVERVIEW OF MAJOR

Dramatic arts at the University of Connecticut combine the elements of performance, design, and literary traditions into one major. Acting, Design and Technical Theatre, Puppetry, and Theatre Studies are areas of study in the Dramatic Arts program. At its most basic level, Dramatic Arts is for those who love to create, perform, and learn about the world of artistic entertainment. You must ask yourself what part of the performing world you would wish to be a part of. Where do your skills and strengths fit best?

Acting is fun. Acting seems like a dream. But acting can also be considered one of the toughest career paths. Success requires education, talent, hard work, experience, and lots of luck. Acting can include comedic, dramatic, or musical roles on stage, television, motion pictures, or radio.

NATURE OF WORK

The nature of the work depends entirely on the artistic area that is chosen. But all of the work in the dramatic arts requires long hours for meager pay before having a breakthrough employment opportunity. The work is always creative and requires constant energy and determination. Employers may be television, film, or radio companies. These are most likely to be located in the performing centers of New York and Hollywood. Employment is next most likely in the cities of Boston, Chicago, Seattle, Dallas, Miami, Minneapolis, and San Francisco. Plus, summer stock opportunities are available all across the United States.

SAMPLE JOB TITLES

Visit O*Net and conduct an Occupation Quick Search of each job title to learn more about that career path.

Actor
Talent Director
Singer
Model
Television Star
Radio Performer
Screen Actor
Art, Drama and Music teachers, Postsecondary
Producers and Directors
Directors – Stage, Motion Picture, Television and Radio
Stage Actress
Voice-over Artist
Agents and Managers of Artists, Performers and Athletes

UCONN RESOURCES

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OTHER RESOURCES

Screen Actor’s Guild – American Federation of Television and Radio Artists
Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences