



UW-WHITEWATER THEATRE/DANCE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL PERFORMER EXPECTATIONS*

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Theatre/Dance Department Mission:

- To train theatre practitioners who are educated and competently trained to work in theatre, and/or pursue advanced academic and professional work in the theatre.
- To provide cultural growth and enrichment for the University.
- To provide cultural resources for the region beyond the campus.

The UW-Whitewater Theatre/Dance department has a proud tradition of training performers that go on to have long and diverse careers in the professional world. We strive to provide current and rigorous training that will serve our students in ever-evolving professional climates. As we, the faculty and staff, invest our knowledge and time into the training of students, the students are expected to invest their time and effort into the training offered. The goal of this document is to make clear the expectations for performance students within the UW-Whitewater Theatre/Dance department.

Students interested in participating and performing in Theatre/Dance department productions are **expected** to:

- Make themselves available to attend evening and weekend rehearsals as the production calendar dictates.
- Audition for all department productions.
- Adhere to the policies and practices outlined in the department's "Intimate Touch" document.
- Maintain a department GPA of 2.75, and a university GPA of 2.00.
- Attend and be on time for **all** classes, not just department courses. Failure to attend class may result in not being allowed to attend rehearsals, per the discretion of the director. Repetition of this behavior could result in removal from the production.
- Complete their production hours in a timely manner.
- Treat rehearsals as work, and all involved in the production as colleagues.
- Take care of themselves nutritionally, hygienically, physically, and mentally.
- Take charge of their academics and learning journey.
- Treat everyone they encounter with respect.

These are the basics required of a performance student, regardless of degree.

**BFA Performance Majors: Requirements outlined in the BFA Guidelines and Casting Policy documents supersede expectations outlined here.*