

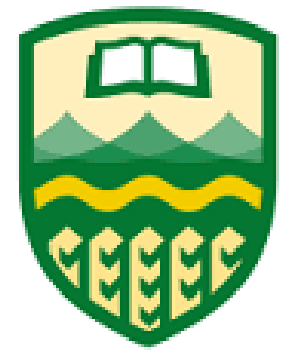
PCSS Post Secondary Spotlight

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting

An intensive, 3 year conservatory training program providing in-depth study of acting, movement, and voice combined with a university degree.

So, you want to be an...

Actor



UNIVERSITY OF
ALBERTA

Highlights:

- More hours of professional actor training than any other university theatre program.
- Intensive training in movement, physical theatre and stage fighting; voice, speech, text analysis, dialect, singing; and immersion in a wide range of acting styles – including acting for the camera – with particular focus on classical/period/extended text.
- Study with a range of teachers, coaches, and directors including top-rated faculty, MFA directors and theatre professionals from the outside community.
- Preparation for immediate entry into the professional workforce, including extensive audition preparation for both and stage and film .

You Will Learn:

- Physical and vocal flexibility and stamina to tackle any style of playing in today's theatre.
- Theoretical and critical analysis of contemporary and classical texts, and then a variety of approaches to make them come alive.
- A solid and varied practice that develops all the actor's tools to create a centered, intuitive and exciting on-stage presence.
- How to create a vibrant character with extended physical, psychological, imagistic, and vocal qualities.
- How to fill the stage and reach the audience in a variety of performance spaces.
- How to work in an ensemble to ensure respect for the work, the partner and the self.

If you are in Grade 12, we encourage you to **audition** in February 2025. If you are selected, we will guarantee a spot for you to enter the 3-year BFA Acting program in Fall 2026. You can still choose to do your 1st year (referred to as pre-professional year) here at the U of A, or you can choose to do it at a different post-secondary institution as long as the credits transfer into the U of A. If you are selected you will also receive close mentorship if you choose to complete your pre-professional year at the U of A.

Pre-Professional Year

All applicants must have completed, or be enrolled in, a minimum of 21 credits of university or college courses that are transferable to the Faculty of Arts at the University of Alberta, at the time of application.

Where should I complete my minimum 1 year of pre-professional study?

Start where you want to finish - **take your 1 year here at the UofA in the BA Drama program**. It is a strong program in and of itself. There also won't be any issues with course transferability. You may take your courses at another college or university, as long as they transfer.

Applicants to any BA program require an average that is competitive for the given year on 5 eligible high school subjects, as follows.

Academic Admission Requirements:

- English 30-1
- Four other eligible 30 level subjects
- Of these four subjects, a maximum of one eligible 30-level Fine Arts course may be used
- Of these five classes, no mark can be below 50%
- Your admission average will automatically be calculated on the 5 highest grades that meet these requirements