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Theatre Programs

The Theatre department offers a two-year **Theatre Diploma** and a two-year a **Technical Theatre Diploma**. To obtain a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theatre students will have to attend a university offering a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre. The [University of British Columbia](#), [University of Victoria](#), and almost all Canadian universities will accept VIU's two-year programs as university transfer. Theatre Diploma students share a common first year. After completing the first year, students continue in either the Theatre Diploma or the Technical Theatre Diploma.

The **Theatre diploma** program will expose students to a range of practical elements associated with theatre production, as well as the academic study of theory and theatre history. Students will learn how to translate plays from the written script to the stage; the basics of acting techniques including voice, movement, and characterization; and the elements of set design, stagecraft, sound design, lighting design, and costume design. Students will study dramatic works from early modern European origins to more recent Canadian productions. Students will also learn safe practices around the stage. This program is open to full-time students only. Upon successful completion of program requirements, students will be awarded a Theatre Diploma.

The **Technical Theatre diploma** program emphasizes the technical aspects of theatre to help fill the growing need across Canada for trained theatre technicians. Hands-on experience is fundamental to the program, and students will be learning the skills of technical theatre by working behind the scenes on a

