BFA THEATRE DESIGN
INFO SHEET

SELECTION PROCESS

It is a 2-step process. You must meet both the Academic Requirements and Artistic Requirements.

Academic requirements are assessed by the Faculty of Arts. Artistic requirements are based on interviews and a review of portfolio and additional materials.

HOW TO APPLY & DEADLINES

- Request an interview (download form here) and submit with your portfolio and additional materials (details listed below) – Deadline April 1 (early application is strongly encouraged)
- Apply online to the UofA (Deadline May 1)
  - Remember to list all of the grade 12 and grade 11 classes you are taking along with final grades. The Faculty of Arts will use these grades to calculate your early admission average.

HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All requirements below are listed as Alberta courses – see provincial equivalents here: www.admissions.ualberta.ca/requirements/provincial-equivalents.aspx

- You need five (5), 30-level (grade 12) classes (5 credits)
- Of these five classes, no mark can be below 50%, and combined they meet a minimum average of 72-76%* (early admission average for BA and BA/BEd is 78% with guaranteed final admission at 76%. BFA TDES, Tech Production and SM have final admission only, with 72%)
- You must have English Language Arts 30-1
- You must have four (4) other classes from Groups A, B or C:
  - Such as: Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Physics 30, Science 30, Mathematics 31, Mathematics 30-1 or 30-2, Computing Science ADV (CTS – 5 credits), Social Studies 30-1, 30-level language other than English, additional 30-level language other than English, one (1) Fine Arts subject.
  - Search for specific programs and complete course listing at:

Example of classes used for admission:

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IB and AP course work: Visit the “Admissions Information” page for more information at www.admissions.ualberta.ca/AP-IB.aspx

TRANSFER ACADEMIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You must meet the academic entrance requirements listed above for high school students and present an Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.3 out of 4.0. Applicants who lack the minimum average of five required high school courses will not be considered until they have successfully completed ★24 credits transferable to the BA program. Transfer credit may be granted for coursework completed at a recognized postsecondary institution and a minimum final grade of C- must be presented.

www.drama.ualberta.ca
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Information is available online through the UofA’s International site: www.studyincanada.ualberta.ca

PORTFOLIO and ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Submit the following additional materials (postmarked by April 1 – early applications are strongly encouraged):

- Portfolio
- Three(3) letters of recommendation
- Letter of intent
- List of grade 12 and grade 11 classes with final/interim marks and unofficial post-secondary transcript(s) (if applicable)
- Resume

Submit all additional materials directly to DRAMA (additional materials may be dropped off in person, mailed or couriered):

Connie Golden, Undergraduate Advisor
Department of Drama
3-146 Fine Arts Bldg
University of Alberta
Edmonton, AB T6G 2C9

INTERVIEWS

Interviews will be scheduled once your additional materials have been received and will start as early as February (that’s why early applications are strongly encouraged). Interviews will be conducted in person (if you live in the Edmonton area) or over the phone/skype.

FAQ’s

I have questions. Who can I talk to?
You can email or call Connie Golden at 780-492-8710 or connie.golden@ualberta.ca.

I really haven’t done any “theatre” can I still apply to the program?
Yes. We don’t expect you to be a theatre designer when you come to the program – that’s what you’ll learn here. You just need to have strong artistic abilities and the desire to become a theatre designer. If you haven’t done any (or very little) theatre before, consider getting involved in a high school production or with a community theatre, between now and applying or starting the program.

When should I apply to the UofA?
Applications open each September for admission for the following September. Apply early. Once you apply to the UofA you can then apply for Housing (residence fills up every year – and fills up fast!) as well as for Scholarships and Financial Aid. Don’t forget to apply to Drama as well!

I’d like to transfer into the program. Can I do that?
Contact Robert Shannon, BFA Theatre Design Program Coordinator and he will be able to advise on Drama courses that will transfer. You should also apply to the UofA. Once you apply, the Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Student Services office will advise on all transferability of coursework (not just Drama or Theatre courses). You can also consult the Alberta Transfer Guide (for students at other Alberta institutions) to get a rough idea on your own. Ensure your course transfers to UofA’s main campus and not UofA’s Augustana campus (Augustana shows up as AU – e.g. AUBIO 100). If you are at a post-secondary institution in another province, consult your provincial transfer guide. If a course transfers to a major University (ex. UBC, Queens, etc.) there will be a good chance it will transfer to the UofA.
Do I have to order transcripts?
If you applied through the “Apply Alberta” website and have opted to have your transcripts sent automatically, then you will not have to order transcripts for any participating Alberta institutions (including Alberta Learning). You must request all other documents including IB, AP and out-of-province transcripts and arrange to have them sent to the Registrar’s Office before the deadline.

Where do I send my transcripts?
Submit official and complete transcripts directly to (check Bear Tracks for deadlines):

- Office of the Registrar
- Administration Building
- University of Alberta
- Edmonton, AB  T6C 2M7

How and when will I receive FINAL ADMISSION?
A successful interview DOES NOT guarantee that you will be granted admission. Final Admission is determined by the Faculty of Arts once all your official documents have been received. Your admission decision can be viewed on Bear Tracks.

When should I start using my UofA email address and Bear Tracks?
Start using both your UofA email address and visit Bear Tracks as soon as you apply to the UofA. These are the official channels of communication between the university and you.

What is Bear Tracks and how do I access it?
Bear Tracks is an online student services portal. You access it by going to the UofA homepage www.ualberta.ca and clicking on the “Bear Tracks” link in the top right hand corner.

What does ★6 mean?
★ = short form for “credits”, ie. ★6 = 6 credits