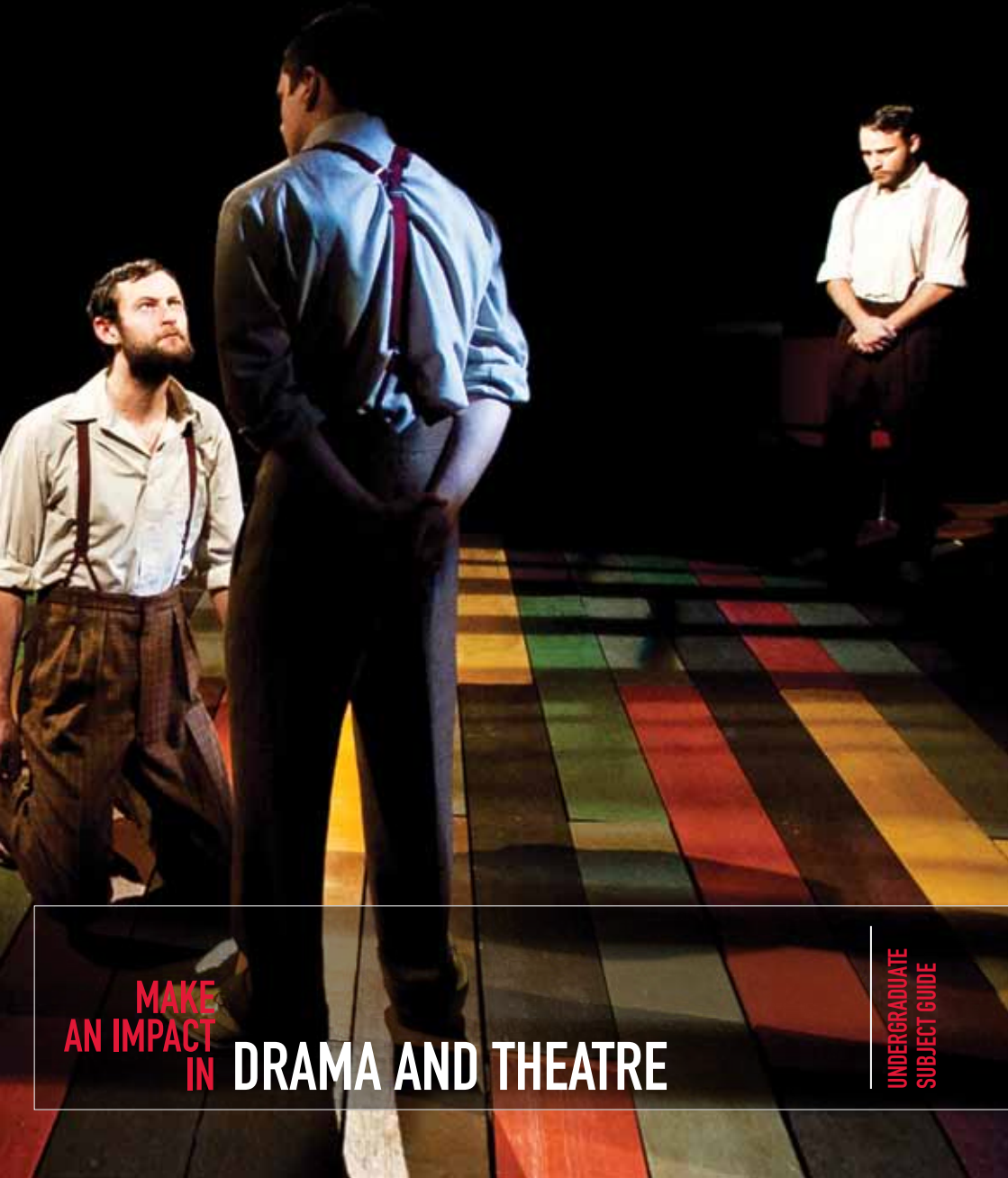




STAFFORDSHIRE  
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MAKE  
AN IMPACT  
IN **DRAMA AND THEATRE**

UNDERGRADUATE  
SUBJECT GUIDE

This guide has been created to give you a flavour of the subject areas we offer at Staffordshire University. It's one of over 50 different routes, so there's a good range to choose from. Visit [www.staffs.ac.uk/ugsubjects](http://www.staffs.ac.uk/ugsubjects) for information on all of our subject areas.

# GET TOGETHER WITH OUR BEST CREATIVE MINDS.

## Why study Drama and Theatre at Staffordshire University?

Drama is a subject that involves imaginative and practical skills and creative collaboration - as well as the academic study of dramatic literature, performance theory and theatre practice. At Staffordshire University,

our two integrated courses have been designed to give students the opportunities to collaborate and take part in play productions, documentary and applied theatre projects, as performers, writers, designers, stage managers or lighting and sound designers. The 'technical' version of the course is designed for creative students who want to study Drama and pursue a career in the arts, but do not wish to perform.

*“ I would recommend Staffordshire University to anyone considering where to study. The variation of the curriculum and the depth of knowledge the University offers its students have enabled me to achieve a fantastic career path within two years of graduating. ”*

*Julie King, Theatre Practitioner, New Vic Borderlines*



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Choosing either of these exciting and challenging courses will enable you to gain a variety of performance, theatre-arts or technical theatre skills whilst developing a sound academic knowledge and understanding of Drama and the professional theatre industry. Both courses produce graduates with the skills, knowledge and potential to progress in the theatre profession, become senior arts practitioners and industry leaders. Many of our students go on to become teachers.

### **Gain the skills for a successful future**

We want to ensure that you graduate with the knowledge, skills and practical experience necessary for a successful future. That's why you will be taught by experienced theatre professionals and academics. By employing practitioners and lecturers who know what the cultural industries really need and by instilling real-world professional standards, we endeavour to make you employable and confident in your professional abilities.

*“ We set out to produce highly employable graduates who are creative, dedicated and hard-working, and are well prepared for a wide choice of arts-related careers. I am always very pleased when former students contact me to say that they too have become theatre professionals or teachers. ”*

**Paul W Jones, Drama and Theatre Awards Leader**



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“ Three of our permanent members of staff are graduates from Staffordshire University Drama courses, having joined The Ambassador Theatre Group as a result of the work-based learning relationship we have with the course. The placements offer the students new learning opportunities in a real life working environment and in return we, as hosts, benefit from the abilities and enthusiasm that the students bring. The relationship with Staffordshire University’s Drama degree courses brings significant benefits to the operation of our two venues. ”

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Jo Blagg, Creative Learning Manager  
The Regent Theatre and Victoria Hall, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire

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### **Choose how you study**

At Staffordshire University, we believe that you should be able to choose the study method that best suits you. That’s why our Drama and Theatre degrees can be studied full-time over three years, or part-time over a period of as long as six years.

### **Learn from experienced lecturers**

Many of our tutors are theatre industry professionals who have extensive experience as directors, actors, performance artists, stage managers and lighting designers. In addition, teaching is supplemented by many visiting freelance theatre professionals who lecture and give practical workshops in essential skills such as acting technique, voice and movement, music-theatre, playwriting, costume and set design, lighting and sound design, and arts marketing.

### **Links with leading employers**

To give you a real insight into the world of employment, we have extensive contacts in many professional theatres and with theatre industry employers nationwide. We also maintain professional links with the local New Vic and Regent Theatres and Reveal Theatre Company. Some former students have gone on to work for the theatres and schools where they did their final-year work-placements and they have strengthened our links with local industry, arts and education.



*80% of  
Staffordshire  
University  
Performing  
Arts graduates  
were in work  
or further  
study six  
months after  
graduating.*



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### **World of work facilities**

Practical work takes place in the Performance Centre, which contains three rehearsal studios, two workshops, props and costume stores, a meeting room, a green-room with kitchen. The Centre also houses a large Drama Studio with state-of-the-art lighting and sound equipment and stage-management facilities. Studio One is a professional-standard flexible performance space where theatre productions can be performed in the traditional manner or in-the-round, in thrust-stage arrangement or traverse-theatre format.

### **Inspired ways of teaching**

Although performance and technical theatre practice will be fundamental parts of your studies, these are not purely vocational acting or technical theatre courses. Academic modules are taught using lectures and seminars whilst training workshops and theatre productions will give you real-world skills and practical experience. You will be marked on your practical work and presentations and will also be expected to take part in seminar discussions and submit

written assignments such as essays. You will not be required to sit exams.

### **Career choices**

Your studies will prepare you for many theatre and arts-related jobs. With a further year's postgraduate training, your course will serve as an exceptionally good foundation for a teaching or acting career. Many of our graduates have become successful arts professionals and teachers – some will go on to become industry leaders. The technical version of the course prepares students for careers in lighting and sound or stage management and theatre production. You may opt for a different career path, in which case these courses will equip you with confidence, an ability to communicate effectively and many of the key skills needed to compete successfully in the professional world.

To see more photographs of student theatre productions and to find out even more about Drama at Staffs visit the Drama webpages on [www.staffs.ac.uk/dta](http://www.staffs.ac.uk/dta)

# CHOOSE FROM A RANGE OF EXCITING AND INNOVATIVE SUBJECTS.

Other subject areas that could interest you:

- English and Creative Writing
- Media (Film) Production
- Media, Film, Television and Radio

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By working together, we'll aim to equip you to become 'The Staffordshire Graduate' – an individual with the knowledge, personal attributes and expertise that employers look for, and the ability to stand out in the job market.

With a thorough understanding of your chosen field, you'll be a reflective, critical learner with a truly global perspective. Work-ready and highly employable, you'll also fully understand the importance of being enterprising and entrepreneurial – essential skills whether you go into employment or start your own business.



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