What will your curriculum look like?
The Department of Theater Arts at Brandeis offers a B.A. degree, which entails a combination of required and elective courses within a student's chosen area-of-focus track:
- Acting
- Dance and movement
- Directing
- Design
- Stage management

Students who wish to earn the B.A. must complete the following requirements:
- Introduction to Theater Arts (THA 2a)
- Theater Texts and Theory (THA 100a and 100b—two semesters)
- Two elective literature courses
- Five courses within the student's track or area of focus
- Two practical experience courses associated with production
- Senior seminar or senior thesis project

The curriculum is designed to balance theory and practice, allowing students the greatest degree of flexibility in developing their major while participating in quality theater productions. There is a wide range of elective courses available in dramatic literature and theory, as well as in the specific track areas that make up the department. Students can often receive theater arts credit for courses taken in other departments. They also have the opportunity to build an interdisciplinary major by incorporating theater arts courses with courses from other disciplines. Overall, the major is designed to provide students with the flexibility to shape their major, from both a literary and practical point of view.

Some exciting features of the program:
One exciting feature of the theater arts program is that we offer students the opportunity to explore their particular area of interest in the theater by participating in the five to six productions produced annually in the Spingold Center for the Performing Arts under the auspices of the Brandeis Theater Company (BTC). Working alongside professional actors and directors, students acquire valuable professional-level experience in addition to quality academic training.

Another exciting feature of the program is that students in theater arts can follow a pre-existing track or they can choose to create their own track by either combining elements within theater arts or by incorporating courses from other departments.

What else does the theater arts program offer?
Students who want to produce, direct, design, and act in productions other than those produced by the Brandeis Theater Company, can join one of several Undergraduate Theater Collective clubs and create their own student-run productions using the theater space in the Shapiro Student Center. They may receive credit from the Department of Theater Arts for their work.

What kind of career and education options will you have?
By working with professional directors and actors at the BTC and the faculty within the department, students gain valuable preprofessional experience and establish connections that may lead to opportunities outside of Brandeis. In addition, the department has institutional associations with professional theater companies across the country.

How can you learn more?
Visit the program website at www.brandeis.edu/theater or contact the program chair, Professor Eric Hill, at ehill@brandeis.edu.