

Department of Theatre & Dance

# Freshman Learning Goals Inventory

“Going to College” involves making lots of choices: What do I want from a college education? What should I major in, and why? Should I do a minor? Will I have time to get involved in things besides classes, tests and homework, like theatre productions, choirs, athletics, student government, travel abroad, internships? Making thoughtful, informed choices about these kinds of things will go a long way toward getting the most value from your experience here at Western, and this *Learning Goals Survey* is an important first step to help you start making those good choices -with the help of your advisor. It’s designed to help you assess where you are right now in your education, to understand the kinds of learning opportunities available to you in the Department of Theatre & Dance, and to come up with some *personal learning goals* that will serve to guide you through your four years studying theatre and dance with us.

## Instructions

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- 1) Print out this document or get a copy from your advisor and fill it out.
- 2) Schedule an appointment to discuss your completed survey with your advisor. After discussing your survey with your advisor, **have them sign it.**
- 3) Bring this form, along with your completed Student Production Resume to your 1<sup>st</sup> JPR appointment. If you have any questions, please speak to your advisor.

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**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 1: Current Interests:** Theatre & Dance productions and performances are inherently interdisciplinary activities, involving the collaborative skills of a variety of artists. Here is a list of the kinds of disciplinary focus areas we offer in the Department. Please circle your level of interest in each of these areas: 1 = “*most interested*” and 4 = “*least interested.*”) *Please Note: these categories are not ‘majors’.* We’ll get to that later. For now, just rank your level of interest in these focus areas

	<i>Most Interested</i>			<i>Least Interested</i>
<b>Acting</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>Dance</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>Choreography</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>Musical Theatre Performance</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>Directing</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>Playwriting</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>Drama/History</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>Set Design</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>Lighting Design</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>Sound Design</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>Costume Design</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>Technical Direction</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>Stage Management</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>Performing Arts Administration</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>Theatre Education</b>	1	2	3	4

If you are interested in studying any other disciplines (music, foreign languages, psychology, film, anything at all) list them here...

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**Part 2: Engagement beyond the classroom.** Please check any of the following alternative, non-classroom activities you might like to experience while studying at WKU:

Study abroad or Study away (Study away is within the US.)

Performing/teaching in regional public schools

Internships with off-campus companies or agencies

Summer Stock / Summer Theatre

Community Service

Local or national political action

Participating in athletics

Participating in arts events other than theatre production

Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_


**Part 3: Long Term Goals: My life and career in 10 years.** Imagine your life in ten years... where do you live? What sort of job do you have? Write a sentence or two about what you see yourself doing ten years from now, and how you see yourself putting the areas of study you identified above into practice in your life.

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**Part 3: Short Term Goals: The next five years.**

Keeping your long term goals in mind, write a sentence or two about what you hope to gain from your time studying Theatre and Dance at Western that you think will help you achieve those long term goals.

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**Part 4: Majors:** Considering your responses to the survey so far, which of these majors do you think is right for you at this point? Please visit the department website or speak to your advisor for details about each major. *“Not sure yet” is a perfectly acceptable choice at this point!* Check one:

<input type="checkbox"/>	BFA in Performing Arts with a concentration in _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	BA in Theatre
<input type="checkbox"/>	BA in Dance

Not sure yet