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Coláiste na nDán, na nEolaíochtaí
Sóisialta & an Léinn Cheiltigh
College of Arts, Social Sciences
& Celtic Studies

BA (Drama, Theatre and Performance)



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Course Overview

The BA degree in Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies is an exciting 4 year denominated programme developed for students with a keen interest in all aspects of drama and performance, including all forms of theatre practice. This world-class programme provides a unique opportunity to study drama, theatre and performance from a practical, theoretical and historical perspective.

You will explore all aspects of theatre, including acting, directing, playwriting, design and more. There are also specialised classes in such areas as Musical Theatre, Theatre for Children and Young Audiences, and Arts Management. Teaching on the programme will take a variety of forms, from lectures and seminars to practical workshops, performances and internships.

One of the most innovative features of the programme is its emphasis on putting learning into practice, through seminars in acting, design and directing, through workshops with professional theatre companies, and through the option of internships with arts organisations and professional placements in Year Three.

Course Name: BA Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies

CAO Code: GY118

Course Level: 8

Duration: 4 years

Min Entry Points 2026: 404

Entry Requirements: Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 Level in the Leaving Certificate, including Irish, English, another language, and three other subjects recognised for entry purposes. Students are not required to audition or submit portfolios



Our students benefit from our partnerships with Irish theatre companies, including the internationally acclaimed Druid Theatre, which provide workshops as part of the Druid Academy programme. Students also have full access to Abbey Theatre Digital Archive, a unique resource that provides access to thousands of plays and videos.

Career Opportunities

This course is ideally suited to students working towards a career in theatre (including theatre scholarship and education as Drama, Film and Theatre Studies is now a leaving cert subject) who also wish to keep their options open to work in teaching, the public sector, journalism, business and many other careers. As you study drama, theatre and performance together with one other arts subject this degree offers the best of both worlds preparing you for careers in the creative industries and providing a qualification that will allow you to find employment in a variety of areas.

Did you know?

Drama and Theatre Studies has been ranked in the top 120 Performing Arts subjects in the world in the 2023 QS World University Rankings.

All classes in Drama and Theatre studies are taught at the O'Donoghue Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance, a dedicated performance space which includes 3 studio spaces and a state-of-the-art 120 seat theatre.

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Course Outline

Year One

In year one you study Drama and Theatre along with two other Arts subjects.

Drama and Theatre Studies modules include:

- Introduction to Acting
- Theatre Histories 1
- Introduction to Stagecrafts
- Theatre Histories 2

Year Two

In year Two you study Drama and Theatre along with one other Arts subject.

Drama and Theatre Studies modules include:

- Modern Drama
- Irish Theatre
- Stagecrafts 2
- Playwriting
- Contemporary Theatre
- Introduction to Devising

Year Three

This year is fully dedicated to Drama and Theatre studies.

You choose from a range of optional modules which may include:

- International Theatre Experience: Study abroad
- Third Year Theatre Production
- Work experience
- Musical Theatre
- Theatre for Children and Young Audiences
- Irish Language Drama and Theatre
- Acting Reconsidered

Year Four

In year Four you study Drama and Theatre along with one other Arts subject.

Drama and Theatre Studies modules include:

- Arts Management
- Advanced Performance Studies
- Contemporary Irish Theatre
- Practice Based Research Project

Find Out More

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