

UMBC Theatre Recruitment Video - Department Overview

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[Sean DiGiorgio, BA Theatre Studies Student] (0:00 – 0:09)

It's great to be in an environment with people that just want to work with you and want to just like expand your education past the classroom.

[Hassan Aziz, BFA Acting Student, on stage, in character] (0:10 – 0:11)

Don't you feel that? Don't you?

[Ife Alachebe, BFA Acting Student] (0:12 – 0:22)

I'm learning things in class and I've realized that oh my gosh I can put it into rehearsal and I can put it on stage like obviously duh like but ultimately this is what the technique is for.

[Franchesca Parker, BFA Acting Student] (0:22 – 0:27)

They encouraged me to continue to be me and to learn to love that.

[Professor Nikki Hartman] (0:38 – 0:46)

We are facilitating the next generation of theater artists and it's our goal to help them find their individual voices.

[Professor Nigel Semaj] (0:48 – 0:53)

Ultimately what we are are storytellers. I always say that you can't make art in a vacuum.

[Professor Adam Mendelson] (0:54 – 1:04)

The students come to us with passion, with energy, with excitement, with a willingness to learn and to explore what it is to make theater in these great facilities.

[Emerson Balthis, BA Theatre Design & Production Student] (1:06 – 1:14)

A lot of us work for the scene shop so we all get experience on building and working with our own sets and you can work in the costume shop too.

[Professor Eric Abele] (1:14 – 1:23)

I think one of the most exciting things that I can do as a teacher is help someone find out what they really want to do. How do they want to make art?

What kind of theater do they want to make?

[Professor Gerrad Alex Taylor] (1:30 – 1:39)

UMBC has an infrastructure of mentorship at all levels and then it kind of blossoms out informally.

[Nia Zagami, BFA Acting Student] (1:40 – 1:45)

I found so much community in the theater department.

[Christian Price-Burnett, BFA Acting Student] (1:45 – 1:51)

It doesn't really matter if you're outgoing or if you're very shy they'll like introduce you and include you.

It's like a big hug.

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