Monmouth University’s combined Department of Music and Theatre Arts offers a unique opportunity to major in one or both of these disciplines. Students of these majors have the rare opportunity to share facilities and receive guidance from the same faculty members. They work collaboratively, displaying their talents together in concerts, plays, and musicals. Students entering the department are required to present evidence of proficiency in their major area of study.

Music
The music curriculum at Monmouth is designed to provide specific knowledge and skills in music and a basic education in the liberal arts. Applied music study in voice, piano, woodwinds, brass, guitar, and percussion serves students pursuing a degree in music, music and education, and music with a concentration in music industry. The program also serves non-majors who wish to develop musical skills primarily for personal enrichment. Private, weekly instrumental or vocal instruction with a professional instructor is provided for students taking applied music throughout a semester.

Theatre Arts
The theatre arts major at Monmouth covers both onstage and offstage training, and it guides students as they grow into accomplished performers, stage managers, designers, or technicians. The program also prepares students to move on to specialized graduate programs in theatre arts. In addition, students can pursue a theatre arts minor that will give them a variety of sought-after skills in whatever area of employment they choose. Theatre arts students have opportunities to work on Actors’ Equity productions for the Shadow Lawn Stage, Monmouth’s summer professional theatre company, and to earn points toward Equity membership.

Dual Major Options
There are many dual major opportunities for students in the Department of Music and Theatre Arts. For example, those interested in performance can double major in theatre arts and music, and students who want to focus on production or management can double major in theatre arts and music with a concentration in music industry. In addition, students can choose one major from within the department and one from outside the department, such as communications, history, or English. Students pursuing the dual major option may need to take additional time to graduate.

Faculty
Monmouth’s faculty members bring professional experience to the department from their work on Broadway and in opera, rock music, symphony orchestras, regional theatre, playwriting, directing, lighting, scenery, and costume management.

Courses Available in Music
- Chorus II
- Group Voice II
- Chamber Choir II
- Music Appreciation
- Applied Music Industry I
- Applied Music Voice
- From Blues to Rap
- American Music Tradition
- History & Literature of Music
- Rock and Roll in American Culture
- Music Theory
- Songwriting I

Courses Available in Theatre Arts
- Acting I and II (non-major)
- Acting for Majors II and IV
- Theatre History I
- Intro to Theatre Production and Design
- Applied Theatre Tech I and II
- Applied Theatre Design
- Applied Theatre Management
- Applied Theatre
- Theatre Appreciation
- Acting for Television
- Creative Dramatics
- Summer Theatre Workshop
- Actors’ Equity Workshop

Music and Theatre Arts Degree Programs
- BA, Theatre Arts
- BA, Music
- BA, Music and Education
- BA, Music with a Concentration in Music Industry

About Monmouth University
Monmouth University is an independent, comprehensive institution of higher learning, committed to service in the public interest, lifelong learning, and the enhancement of the quality of life. Seven schools within the University provide a wide variety of academic programs at both undergraduate and graduate levels. The Wayne D. McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences includes the Department of Music and Theatre Arts.