

June 8, 2023

Dear Vice Provost and Curricular Affairs,

The School of Theatre, Film and Television (TFTV) is going to disestablish the Theatre Production Bachelor of Fine Arts degree due to changes in the industry. The program has concentrations in Professional Actor Training and Design and Technical Production. The School of TFTV seeks to modernize our Theatre programs and better prepare students for a wider range of jobs after graduation. The future of the Design and Technical emphasis is still being considered but will likely transform into a service entity meeting the design and production needs in TFYV instead of recruiting students into a new major. We are no longer able to recruit as successfully for the Design and Technical emphasis as we were in the past because the field has migrated to the entertainment industry and our program was theatre-centric. Conversely, acting has room for growth and is still a highly popular major. Therefore, we will be making changes and proposing a new updated acting program focusing predominantly on film and television that will better prepare our students for employment in the professional world.

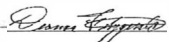
In November 2022, we made an announcement regarding the pause on recruitment for our Theatre BFA programs. All applicants, who had paid admissions were refunded and those who decided UArizona was still their school of choice moved into another major. We plan on continuing to teach our current Theatre Production students the curriculum they were promised. Our last class will graduate in spring 2026.

Sincerely,



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