Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the BA in Theater program. The Department of Theater at Brooklyn College boasts a long history of excellence in all aspects of theater, and our location in the heart of one of the world’s theater capitals offers students many exciting opportunities. The BA in Theater embraces its liberal arts setting by taking an integrative approach to theater study and practice. The BA program offers a range of courses—in acting, directing, devising, design, technical production, management, history, literature—and students are encouraged to complement these offerings with study in a variety of other fields. Over the course of their time here, students will craft a program of study that best suits their developing identities as theater artists. Students will be encouraged to engage research into critical social, historical, aesthetic, and political questions in the development of their own creative work.

The Department of Theater was ranked #14 for Best College Theater nationwide by The Princeton Review’s The Best 376 Colleges: 2012 Edition (this ranking was determined by a survey of over 122,000 colleges across the country).

Candidates for the BA in Theater are required to complete the departmental application, including four (4) brief essay questions (see below), and attend their scheduled interview. Applicants must submit their CUNY application to Brooklyn College well in advance of their scheduled interview. You must complete BOTH the application to Brooklyn College AND the application for the BA program. Interviews are held once each year in late February for admittance the following fall semester. Please submit your written application by February 1. Once we receive your application, we will contact you to schedule an interview. Please note that anyone accepted into the BA in Theater program must also complete Brooklyn College’s internationally recognized core curriculum requirements for their baccalaureate degree. For a full description of academic requirements for Brooklyn College, please refer to the college’s web-page: http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/core.htm.

Thank you for your interest in the Department of Theater at Brooklyn College. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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BROOKLYN COLLEGE
THEATER MAJOR APPLICATION

Applicant Information Form

Name: ___________________________ Last 4 digits SS#: ___________ Date: ___________

Mailing Address: ___________________________ City: ___________________________

State: ____ Zip: ______ Phone (Home): _______ (Cell): __________ Email: __________

Please check your primary area of interest:

Acting: _____ Directing: _____ Technical Theater: _____ Other: _____

Please list the plays that you have seen and theater books you have read. (List no less than five, but no more than ten):

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APPLICATION STATUS

1. ( ) Incoming Freshman--High School Graduation Date: __________________________

   High School Name and Address: __________________________________________________

   ACT Score: ___________ SAT Score: ___________ Current G.P.A.: ___________

   Have you applied for Admission to Brooklyn College? ________ If yes, accepted? _________

2. ( ) Transfer Student currently enrolled at: __________________________

   ( ) Freshman ( ) Sophomore ( ) Junior ( ) Senior

   # of Credits Completed: ______ Expected Semester of Grad: ______ Current G.P.A.: __________

   Have you applied for admission to Brooklyn College? __________ If, yes, accepted? __________

   Degrees completed or projected to be completed prior to transferring: __________________________

3. ( ) Current Brooklyn College Student Major: __________________________ Current G.P.A.: __________

   ( ) Freshman ( ) Sophomore ( ) Junior ( ) Senior

   # of Credits Completed: ______ Expected Semester of Grad: ______ Current G.P.A.: __________
ESSAY QUESTIONS

In one to two paragraphs, please answer each of the following essay questions. All answers must be typed, double spaced, and carefully proof-read. Good composition and grammar are important, but also allow your writing style to reflect who you are. Each answer should be a maximum of approximately 125 words.

1. What is it about theater that makes you want to study it as a major? What do you love about it or what about it intrigues and engages you? For example, you may discuss a specific event, production, experience, person (teacher, peer or role model), etc.

2. What do you hope to learn and accomplish over the course of your study as a Theater Major at Brooklyn College, and in what way will the study of theatre and the performing arts help you to meet or pursue your goals beyond college?

3. Describe your prior theatrical or performance experience. Please be specific and feel free to include information about your previous training, instructors, and productions you have participated in.

4. Tell us about your non-theater related passions, interests or hobbies.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

For admittance into the Theater Major Program at Brooklyn College applications must be received by February 1. You must submit the following materials:

- Applicant Information Form
- Answers to essay questions.

Optional Letter of Reference: In addition to the required application materials, you may also submit a letter of explanation or reference speaking to any inconsistencies in your grades.

Return completed Theater Major Application by mail or via email:

By Mail: Department of Theater
Brooklyn College
c/o BA Theater Admissions
2900 Bedford Ave
Brooklyn NY, 11210

Via Email: BATheaterAdmissions@brooklyn.cuny.edu
1. Attach your application in PDF format.
2. Save File as: [Your name] Theater Major Application (Example-John Doe Theater Major Application.)
3. Subject line should read: [Your name] Theater Major Application (Example- Subject: John Doe Theater Major Application.)

After your completed application is received you will be contacted to schedule an interview.

*Please note that this application is in addition to the general Brooklyn College admissions application. In order to be admitted into the Theater Major you must also be accepted into Brooklyn College.