

## **B.S. Theater Arts Management Interview Tips**

The Theater Arts Management (TAM) degree is a very unique program. In addition to their academic studies, TAMs are required to work approximately 600 hours over their four years of academic training. Students are assigned management positions which support the department's six main stage productions. Students manage all aspects of the theater production process. Candidates to this program should understand that being a part of this major requires both time management skills and the ability to work as a team.

While pursuing their academic degree, TAMs are encouraged to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities. In addition to the many opportunities offered within the Ithaca College community, students often take on internship positions at the local professional performing arts venues. TAMs are strongly encouraged to develop professional work experience on a national level during the summer months. Bringing individual work experiences into the classroom is a critical aspect to the overall academic experience.

Along with your resume and portfolio of your work in the theater, please come prepared to discuss your skills as a manager, a leader and your capability to work as part of a team. Questions will be asked in the interview about what aspects of theater interests you, and what are your vocational short-term and long-term goals. We are interested in knowing why you are applying for the TAM program and what qualities and skills you can contribute to this program.

As with any important interview session it is important to be prepared to ask us any particular questions you have regarding the program. We understand that it is difficult for some to attend interviews at Ithaca College; however, we highly encourage it if possible. On campus interviews give candidates the chance to meet with current TAMs and allow you the opportunity to talk amongst your peers.

Receiving a B.S. degree in Theatre Arts Management is a distinguished achievement, and has led to great successes both in and out of the theatrical profession after college. So, bring a positive attitude to an interview, along with good grades and enthusiasm, and you may well become a member of this exciting program.