

DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

THEATER ARTS ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (AA)

About the Program

The Associate of Arts in Theater Arts is designed to provide knowledge, training, and practical experience in all aspects of theater arts. The curriculum provides the essential lower-division courses necessary for transfer to some similar programs at four-year institutions, as well as assisting students towards employment in professional, academic and community theater.

Program Goals and Objectives

The Associate of Arts in Theater Arts is designed to provide knowledge, training, and practical experience in all aspects of theater arts. This degree provides students with an understanding and an appreciation for the art of theater and includes courses in theater history, acting, technical theater, rehearsal and performance. Completion of this curriculum will provide preparation for future theater studies. Though similar to the Associate in Arts in Theater for Transfer, this program is specifically designed for students who are interested in completing an AA degree, without intention of transfer, and as such, a higher and more comprehensive course load requirement is expected.

Career Opportunities

Career Opportunities for Theater majors may include: actor, director, playwright, dramaturg, literary manager, casting director, production manager, producer, artistic director, political advocate for the arts, teacher, lighting designer, lighting operator, scenic painter, stage/set designer, stage manager, sound operator, costume designer, or stage hand. While there are a multitude of career opportunities in the arts, Theater majors also develop highly valuable skills sets that are advantageous to any profession.

Program Outcomes

- Upon completion of the AA in Theater Arts, students are able to apply the learned techniques of acting or technical theater in a public performance of various genres of theater, or other types of personal creative work.
- Upon completion of the AA in Theater Arts, students are able to critically analyze the artistic elements in productions, looking at design, acting, directorial choices, as well as personal performance processes.
- Upon completion of the AA in Theater Arts, students are able to possess the skills necessary for textual interpretation for academic discourse, design, and/or performance studies.
- Upon completion of the AA in Theater Arts, students are able to understand how to develop and maintain a positive contribution the field of theater in academics, performance, or technical theater.
- Upon completion of the AA in Theater Arts, students are able to understand the historical and cultural significance of theater through completion of projects in the technical theater courses and theater history class.

Required Core: (12 Units)

THEA 1A Theory/Practice of Acting I.....	3
THEA 10 Introduction to Dramatic Arts.....	3
THEA 47A Performance in Production: Introduction to Live Performance or	3
THEA 48A Technical Theater in Production - Beginning.....	3
THEA 50 Stagecraft.....	3

List A: Select Three from One Concentration (9 Units)

THEA 1B Theory/Practice of Acting II.....	3
THEA 3A Beginning Improvisation.....	3
THEA 5 Theater for Young Audiences.....	3
THEA 25 Fundamentals of Stage Speech.....	3
THEA 31A Drama Workshop - Beginning.....	3
THEA 39A Musical Theater Workshop - Beginning.....	3
THEA 47A Performance in Production: Introduction to Live Performance.....	3
THEA 14 Bay Area Theater.....	3
THEA 48B Technical Theater in Production - Intermediate.....	3
THEA 50L Introduction to Stage Lighting.....	3
THEA 51 Introduction to Costume Design.....	3
THEA 52 Introduction to Design.....	3

List B: Select from Below (4 Units)

CMST 2 Oral Interpretation of Literature.....	3
CMST 5 Readers Theater.....	3
DANC 1 Introduction to Dance.....	1
DANC 2A Jazz Dance Fundamentals/Beginning.....	1
DANC 3A Ballet Fundamentals/Beginning.....	1
MUS 6 Basic Music Skills.....	2
MUS 23A Elementary Voice.....	1
MUS 44 Concert Choir.....	1
MUS 45 Chamber Choir.....	2
MUS 46 Vocal Jazz Ensemble.....	2
THEA 4 Modern American Theater.....	3
THEA 11 Stage to Screen.....	3
THEA 53 Script Analysis.....	3

Total Units for the Major..... 25

Additional General Education and Electives..... 35