

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN THEATRE



The Associate of Arts degree with a concentration in Theatre is based on the Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathway in Theatre. It is recommended for students planning to start at Tri-C and transfer to a four-year institution to major in Theatre Arts (Performance, Production, or Theatre Management).

The Theatre Arts program at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) can help students explore their interest in acting and stagecraft as an avocation, or it can set the stage for a career in theatrical performance, production, management and more.

Through studies in acting, stage management, and technical Theatre, Tri-C Theatre Arts students will build a solid base for transferring to a four-year institution for a bachelor's degree in performance or Theatre technology.

Students in this program have access to seven different Theatre facilities across three Tri-C campuses. The facilities provide students with an opportunity to practice stagecraft and acting by putting on quality productions for Theatre lovers.

Program contact: Learn more

Learn more about Theatre Arts courses at Tri-C.

Related Degrees and Certificates

Ohio Transfer 36, Certificate of Proficiency

Program Admissions Requirements

- ENG-0995 Applied College Literacies or appropriate placement score to enroll in ENG-1010 College Composition I
- Eligibility to enroll in MATH-1100 Mathematical Explorations or higher

Program Learning Outcomes

This program is designed to prepare students to demonstrate the following learning outcomes:

- Utilize the basic tools of acting: Body movement, vocal production, and imagination to perform in a College Theater Production.
- Perform scene and prop construction, set up stage rigging and lighting, and utilize the applications of audio in accordance with the principles and practices of technical theatre, costuming, makeup, and stage management

- Use script analysis techniques when reading a script and envision it in production either through directing, acting or designing.
- Perform backstage or design duties as required by the director or technical director.
- Communicate effectively in spoken and written English, for an intended audience, using clear, organized language.
- Use critical thinking skills to analyze situations, adapt to changes, and resolve problems.
- Be prepared for transfer to four-year Bachelor of Arts program in Theatre.

First Semester		Credit Hours
GEN-1070	First Year Success Seminar	1
THEA-1010	Theatre Appreciation	3
THEA-1430	Introduction to Scenery and Stagecrafts	3
DEGR-XXX	Foreign Language or elective (see below list)	3-4
Select one of the following:		3
ENG-1010	College Composition I	
ENG-101H	Honors College Composition I	
Select one of the following:		3
COMM-1010	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	
COMM-101H	Honors Speech Communication	
Credit Hours		16-17
Second Semester		Credit Hours
MATH-1190	Algebraic and Quantitative Reasoning (or higher Ohio Transfer 36 Approved Mathematics course)	3
THEA-1500	Acting I	3
THEA-1550	Practicum in Technical Theatre	2
DEGR-XXXX	Foreign Language or Elective (see below list)	3-4
Select one of the following:		3
ENG-1020	College Composition II ²	
ENG-102H	Honors College Composition II	
ENG-2151	Technical Writing	
Credit Hours		14-15
Third Semester		Credit Hours
THEA-1540	Rehearsal and Performance	2
Ohio Transfer 36 Arts and Humanities Requirement (must be from a discipline other than Theatre - see below list) ²		3
Ohio Transfer 36 2000 level Arts and Humanities Requirement (see below list) ²		3
DEGR-2XXX	Elective (see below list) or Foreign Language (if needed)	3
Ohio Transfer 36 Natural Science Requirement with Lab		3-4
Ohio Transfer 36 Social and Behavioral Science Requirement (must be selected from at least two disciplines))		3
Credit Hours		17-18
Fourth Semester		Credit Hours
THEA-2010	Script Analysis	3

Ohio Transfer 36 Social and Behavioral Science Requirement (must be selected from at least two disciplines))	3
DEGR-XXXX Ohio Transfer 36 Natural Science Requirement	3
DEGR-2XXX Elective (see below list) or Foreign Language (if needed)	3
Select one of the following Social Science/Civic Responsibility electives:	3
GEOG-2030 Environmental Geography	
HIST-1510 United States History to 1877	
HIST-1520 United States History Since 1877	
HIST-152H Honors United States History since 1877	
POL-1010 American National Government	
POL-101H Honors American National Government	
POL-1020 State & Local Government	
POL-2030 Comparative Politics	
POL-2070 International Relations	
Credit Hours	15
Total Credit Hours	62-65

¹ MATH-1190 Algebraic and Quantitative Reasoning highly recommended.

² Students planning to take ENG-2710 Shakespeare or any other 2000 level Literature class to meet Humanities requirements or elective requirements must take ENG-1020 to meet prerequisite requirements.

Foreign Language Requirement

The majority of schools require at least 6-8 credits of foreign language at the College level to complete a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre; however, the Foreign Language requirement varies from institution to institution and may depend on how many foreign language courses you took at the high school level. For this reason, you should check with your intended transfer institution to determine how many foreign language credits are required for your intended transfer program and plan accordingly. To fulfill foreign language requirements, you should select from the below Transfer Assurance Guide approved foreign language courses. If your intended program of study doesn't require foreign language or you have fulfilled the requirement based on coursework taken in high school, you may select other appropriate Ohio Transfer 36 or Transfer Assurance Guide approved courses as electives, in place of the foreign language requirement. See recommendations below for elective course selection.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Foreign Language Requirement		
ASL-1010	Beginning American Sign Language I	4
ASL-1020	Beginning American Sign Language II	4
ASL-2010	Intermediate American Sign Language I	4
ASL-2020	Intermediate American Sign Language II	4
FREN-1010	Beginning French I	4
FREN-1020	Beginning French II	4
FREN-2010	Intermediate French I	3
FREN-2020	Intermediate French II	3
GER-1010	Beginning German I	4
ITAL-1010	Beginning Italian I	4
ITAL-1020	Beginning Italian II	4

SPAN-1011	Beginning Spanish Language and Cultures I	4
SPAN-1021	Beginning Spanish Language and Culture II	4
SPAN-2010	Intermediate Spanish Language and Culture I	3
SPAN-2020	Intermediate Spanish Language and Cultures II	3

Arts and Humanities Recommended Electives

Note: These courses can also be used to fulfill elective credits if the program you plan to pursue at your intended transfer institution does not require 2 years of a foreign language. It is required to take at least one course from two different disciplines to fulfill Arts and Humanities Requirements. View full list of courses that can be selected to fulfill Arts and Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Natural Sciences requirements here.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Recommended courses to meet Arts and Humanities requirements		
ART-2020	Art History Survey: Prehistoric to Renaissance	3
ART-2030	Art History Survey: Late Renaissance to Present	3
DANC-1100	Dance Appreciation	3
ENG-2710	Shakespeare	3
THEA-2210	History of Theatre and Drama I	3
THEA-2220	History of Theatre & Drama II	3

MATH-1140, MATH-1141, MATH-1200, MATH-1270, and MATH-1280 can no longer count towards fulfilling the college-level mathematics requirement. These courses were re-classified as developmental mathematics by the state of Ohio in 2016. Tri-C established a 5-year transitioning window for students who had completed these courses prior to 2016 to apply them towards meeting graduation requirements, which expired in Summer 2021. It is highly recommended to see a counselor to determine the appropriate math required for your current major.