



**2024-2025 Academic Year**

# Theatre

**Associate in Arts Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences (A.A.)**  
**Associate in Fine Arts Degree in Performing Arts (A.F.A.)**

**Liberal Arts Division**

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The **Theatre** program combines intensive classroom study and performance to challenge the serious student who aspires to a career in the entertainment industry. The program is dedicated to developing the total actor who can cope with the demands of the contemporary stage and work with a range of dramatic materials – from classical to modern, musicals to the avant-garde – that reflect current productions in the theatre centers of the United States.

The program offers two degree options, A.A. or A.F.A., both of which combine conservatory training in the performing arts with academic education in the liberal arts. The A.A. allows students to transfer as juniors into bachelor of arts programs in theatre. The A.F.A. includes additional training in performing arts and prepares students for work as well as further study in the field.

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Conduct research in preparation for performing a role;
- Independently interpret dramatic literature for performance;
- Use a variety of acting, movement, and vocal techniques to craft a performance;
- Work collaboratively with artistic and production staff;
- Create successful auditions by preparing materials and exhibiting professional conduct.

Graduates have transferred to four-year institutions including Temple University, Rider University, The College of New Jersey, Pace University, SUNY Purchase, Penn State, and Rutgers University, among others. Theatre program students have also gone on to perform at The New York International Fringe Festival, George Street Playhouse, Luna Stage, Passage Theatre, and chashama.

The program may be pursued part- or full-time. Theatre courses are offered during the afternoon and early evening, requiring some day classes in order to complete the program. Admission requires a high school diploma or its equivalent.

## SEE ALSO:

[Communication: Speech and Theatre](#) degree program

# A.A. DEGREE CURRICULUM

2024-2025 Academic Year

THTR.AA  
CIP 500101

The course sequence below represents a recommended example of how this degree program can be completed in two years, presuming a Fall Term start and satisfaction of all Developmental Studies (foundation courses) requirements and prerequisites. Actual approaches toward completion depend on each student's anticipated transfer institution, career objectives, or other individual circumstances.

Students are encouraged to meet regularly with an academic advisor or Success Coach to consider options, establish plans, and monitor progress.

Code	Course (lecture/lab hours)	Credits	To Do This Semester
<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>			
<a href="#">CMN 112</a>	Public Speaking (3/0)	3	✓ Meet with your faculty advisor to complete an academic plan. Make sure you are aware of any course prerequisites you may need to take, and how long it will take to complete your degree.  ✓ Use your online tools: Check your <a href="#">MercerMail</a> daily, utilize features of Office 365, and get to know <a href="#">Student Planning</a> .  ✓ Take advantage of <a href="#">Learning Centers</a> or <a href="#">Online Tutoring</a> to support your studies and assignments.
<a href="#">ENG 101</a>	English Composition I (3/0)	3	
<a href="#">MAT 125</a>	Elementary Statistics I (3/0)	3	
<a href="#">THR 101</a>	Introduction to Theatre (3/0)	3	
<a href="#">THR 104</a>	Fundamentals of Acting (2/2)	3	

## SECOND SEMESTER

<u>ENG 102</u>	English Composition II (3/0)	3	<p>✓ Transitioning to college can be challenging. Meet with your <a href="#">Success Coach</a> for guidance and support.</p> <p>✓ Apply for <a href="#">financial aid</a> by May 1.</p> <p>✓ Contact professors with questions and use their office hours to develop a connection.</p> <p>✓ Apply for Continuing Student scholarships at <a href="http://www.mccc.edu/m-scholarships">www.mccc.edu/m-scholarships</a>.</p> <p>✓ Begin attending college transfer events and visit campuses. Be sure to visit the <a href="#">Transfer Services</a> and <a href="#">Career Services</a> offices to get to know how the transfer process works and to explore career options.</p> <p>✓ Plan for how you will complete transfer applications while finishing your classes.</p>
<u>THR 105</u>	Acting II: Principles of Characterization (2/2)	3	
<u>THR 210</u>	Theatre History: Classical to Elizabethan (3/0)	3	
<u>HIS</u> —	<u>Historical Perspective general education elective</u> HIS 112 and 113 recommended.	3	
<u>MAT</u> —	Mathematics elective Select MAT 120 or 126 in consultation with an academic advisor.	3	

## THIRD SEMESTER

<u>DAN 101</u>	Introduction to Dance and Culture (3/0)	3	<p>✓ Keep in contact with each professor and your faculty advisor. Make sure you are on track to graduate.</p>
<u>THR 207</u>	Scene Study I (3/0)	3	
<u>THR 212</u>	Central Voices in World Drama (3/0)	3	
<u>VPA 228</u>	Artistic Collaboration Workshop (2/2)	3	

<u>HIS</u> —	<u>Historical Perspective general education elective</u> HIS 112 and 113 recommended.	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Complete your applications to desired transfer institutions.</li> <li>✓ Develop team and leadership skills by getting involved in <a href="#">activities and clubs</a>.</li> <li>✓ Manage your stress! Take advantage of the MCCC pool, <a href="#">Fitness Center</a>, free yoga and Zumba. Reach out for <a href="#">counseling</a> or other support if you need it. Your <a href="#">Success Coach</a> can connect you with resources.</li> </ul>
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**FOURTH SEMESTER**

<u>THR 217</u>	Theatre Production (1/5)	3	✓ Apply for <a href="#">financial aid</a> by May 1.
— —	<u>Lab Science general education elective</u> Select from among the course categories of BIO (excluding BIO 114 and 115), CHE, or PHY.	3	✓ Talk to your faculty advisor and the <a href="#">Transfer office</a> for advice on how to successfully transition to a new school.
— —	<u>Social Science general education elective</u> ANT 101 and PSY 101 recommended.	3	✓ Apply for Graduating Student scholarships at <a href="http://www.mccc.edu/m-scholarships">www.mccc.edu/m-scholarships</a> .
— —	<u>Technology general education elective</u> DMA 144 recommended.	3	

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**NOTE:** Students who forego the courses recommended above should select all other electives in consultation with an academic advisor in order to assure maximum transfer of credits.

# A.F.A. DEGREE CURRICULUM

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THTR.AFA  
CIP 500101

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<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>			
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<a href="#">MAT 125</a>	Elementary Statistics I (3/0)	3	
<a href="#">THR 101</a>	Introduction to Theatre (3/0)	3	
<a href="#">THR 104</a>	Fundamentals of Acting (2/2)	3	

## SECOND SEMESTER

<a href="#">DAN 103</a>	Modern Dance I (1/2)	2	<p>✓ Transitioning to college can be challenging. Meet with your <a href="#">Success Coach</a> for guidance and support.</p> <p>✓ Apply for <a href="#">financial aid</a> by May 1.</p> <p>✓ Contact professors with questions and use their office hours to develop a connection.</p> <p>✓ Apply for Continuing Student scholarships at <a href="http://www.mccc.edu/m-scholarships">www.mccc.edu/m-scholarships</a>.</p> <p>✓ Begin attending college transfer events and visit campuses. Be sure to visit the <a href="#">Transfer Services</a> and <a href="#">Career Services</a> offices to get to know how the transfer process works and to explore career options.</p> <p>✓ Plan for how you will complete transfer applications while finishing your classes.</p>
<a href="#">ENG 102</a>	English Composition II (3/0)	3	
<a href="#">THR 102</a>	Stagecraft (2/2)	3	
<a href="#">THR 105</a>	Acting II: Principles of Characterization (2/2)	3	
<a href="#">THR 210</a>	Theatre History: Classical to Elizabethan (3/0)	3	
<a href="#">HIS</a> —	<a href="#">Historical Perspective general education elective</a> HIS 112 recommended.	3	

## THIRD SEMESTER

<a href="#">CMN 112</a>	Public Speaking (3/0)	3	<p>✓ Keep in contact with each professor and your faculty advisor. Make sure you are on track to graduate.</p>
<a href="#">DAN 101</a>	Introduction to Dance and Culture (3/0)	3	
<a href="#">DAN 102</a>	Ballet I (1/2)	2	
<a href="#">THR 207</a>	Scene Study I (3/0)	3	

<a href="#">THR 212</a>	Central Voices in World Drama (3/0)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Complete your applications to desired transfer institutions.</li> <li>✓ Develop team and leadership skills by getting involved in <a href="#">activities and clubs</a>.</li> <li>✓ Manage your stress! Take advantage of the MCCC pool, <a href="#">Fitness Center</a>, free yoga and Zumba. Reach out for <a href="#">counseling</a> or other support if you need it. Your <a href="#">Success Coach</a> can connect you with resources.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">VPA 228</a>	Artistic Collaboration Workshop (2/2)	3	

## FOURTH SEMESTER

<a href="#">DAN 105</a>	Hip Hop and Jazz I (1/2)	2	✓ Apply for <a href="#">financial aid</a> by May 1.
<a href="#">DAN 116</a>	Studio Dance Technique I (0/6)	3	✓ Talk to your faculty advisor and the <a href="#">Transfer office</a> for advice on how to successfully transition to a new school.
<a href="#">THR 217</a>	Theatre Production (1/5)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Apply for Graduating Student scholarships at <a href="http://www.mccc.edu/m-scholarships">www.mccc.edu/m-scholarships</a>.</li> </ul>
— —	<a href="#">Social Science general education elective</a> ANT 101 or PSY 101 recommended.	3	
— —	<a href="#">Technology general education elective</a> DMA 144 recommended.	3	

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