

THEATRE ARTS, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

Banner Code: 1_AA_THEA
Financial Aid Eligible

The Theatre Department provides the student opportunities to study the art and craft of theater. Students who enroll in the Associate in Arts in Theater Arts degree program prepare for transfer education and/or careers related to theatrical performance, design/technology, and management. Theater Arts majors are introduced to core courses in theatrical literature and production, as well as courses in design and technology, acting, directing, and management through coursework and performance/production opportunities.

The Theatre Arts AA degree major is a performance-oriented major emphasizing a "hands-on" approach and places special focus on the "well-rounded" theatre artist. After completing the required core Theatre courses, students can focus their studies on performance, on a specific aspect of technical theatre, on management, or on a general study of theatre. Critical thinking and practical problem-solving skills will be acquired through production assignments in faculty-directed productions and productions in "The Rep" our student-produced theatre company/course.

Students who complete the program can successfully transfer to a competitive four-year university or conservatory to further pursue their chosen career in performance, entertainment technology or design, production, management, directing, or other allied entertainment fields.

Complete 18 units from the following and the Associate in Arts graduation requirements as outlined in the Graduation Requirements section of the catalog. If the student chooses this degree option, a plan must be developed with a counselor and placed on file prior to petitioning for graduation..

Program Outcomes

1. Understand and demonstrate the fundamental performance and technical production processes for the theatre arts.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the historical and cultural dimensions of theatre, including the works of leading playwrights, actors, directors and designers, past and present.
3. Develop a clear understanding of the interaction between script, actor, and audience and the areas of scenery, lighting, sound and costume.

Review Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/graduation-requirements/associate-degree/>) and General Education (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/>).

Course	Title	Units
Required Courses		
<i>Core Courses</i>		
THEA A100 or THEA A101	Introduction to Theatre Introduction to History and Literature of the Theatre	3
THEA A106 or THEA A129	Acting Fundamentals Technical Theatre Practicum	3

Course	Title	Units
Select one of the following:		
THEA A120	Drama Rehearsal and Performance - Beginning	3
THEA A126	Musical Theatre Rehearsal and Performance - Beginning	
THEA A123	Comedy Rehearsal and Performance - Beginning	
THEA A172	Elizabethan Play Workshop and Production	
THEA A131	OCC Theatre Repertory 1	
Restricted Electives		
Select a minimum of nine units of the following:		9-10
THEA A106	Acting Fundamentals ¹	
THEA A107	Acting 2	
THEA A110	Theatre Laboratory Level 1	
THEA A111	Theatre Laboratory Level 2	
THEA A112	Theatre Laboratory Level 3	
THEA A113	Theatre Laboratory Level 4	
THEA A115	Acting for Camera and Stage	
THEA A120	Drama Rehearsal and Performance - Beginning ¹	
THEA A123	Comedy Rehearsal and Performance - Beginning ¹	
THEA A126	Musical Theatre Rehearsal and Performance - Beginning ¹	
THEA A129	Technical Theatre Practicum ¹	
THEA A131	OCC Theatre Repertory 1	
THEA A132	OCC Theatre Repertory 2	
THEA A133	OCC Theatre Repertory 3	
THEA A134	OCC Theatre Repertory 4	
THEA A175	Stage Scenery	
THEA A176	Stage Lighting	
THEA A177	Make-Up	
THEA A178	Stage Costuming	
THEA A182	Advanced Make-Up	
THEA A188	Body Movement for the Actor	
THEA A189	Stage Combat	
THEA A200	Voice and Articulation	
THEA A206	Acting 3	
THEA A207	Acting 4	
THEA A215	Rehearsal and Performance 1	
THEA A275	Directing	
THEA A285	Advanced Directing	
Program Major Units		18-19
AA General Education Option 1, 2, or 3		Varies
Transferable electives as needed to satisfy unit requirement		Varies
Total Units		60

¹ Courses taken as part of the core cannot be used to satisfy the unit requirement for this section.

These sequences at Orange Coast College are general course curriculum maps for students to finish all major and general education requirements for two-year completion of degrees, and/or fulfillment of transfer

requirements. The course sequence may include course prerequisites and other placement requirements. **Students are advised to meet with an Orange Coast College Counselor to review course selections and sequences to ensure that completion of this program will meet a student's transfer and career goals.**

Select one of the following tracks:

Performance Track

Course	Title	Units
Year 1		
Semester 1		
THEA A100 or THEA A101	Introduction to Theatre or Introduction to History and Literature of the Theatre	3
THEA A106 or THEA A129	Acting Fundamentals or Technical Theatre Practicum	3
OCC AA GE AREA A1- CHOOSE ONE		3
OCC AA GE AREA E1- CHOOSE ONE ¹		0.5-4
Select one of the following or satisfy Math competency (completion of High School Algebra 2 with a "C" or better)		3-4
MATH A030 or MATH A045	Intermediate Algebra ² or Combined Elementary and Intermediate Algebra	
Units		12.5-17
Semester 2		
THEA A107	Acting 2	3
THEA A120 or THEA A123 or THEA A126 or THEA A172 or THEA A131	Drama Rehearsal and Performance - Beginning or Comedy Rehearsal and Performance - Beginning or Musical Theatre Rehearsal and Performance - Beginning or Elizabethan Play Workshop and Production or OCC Theatre Repertory 1	3
OCC AA GE AREA A2- CHOOSE ONE ³		3-4
OCC AA GE AREA B- CHOOSE ONE		4-6
ELECTIVE (DEGREE APPLICABLE)		3
Units		16-19
Year 2		
Semester 1		
THEA A206	Acting 3	3
HIST A170 or HIST A170H or HIST A175 or HIST A175H	History of the United States to 1876 or History of the United States to 1876 Honors or History of the United States Since 1876 or History of the United States Since 1876 Honors	3
OCC AA GE AREA D2- CHOOSE ONE		3
ELECTIVE (DEGREE APPLICABLE)		3
OCC AA GE AREA E2- CHOOSE ONE ¹		1
Units		13
Semester 2		
THEA A207	Acting 4	3

Course	Title	Units
PSCI A180 or PSCI A180H	American Government or American Government Honors	3
OCC AA GE AREA D3- CHOOSE ONE		3
ELECTIVE (DEGREE APPLICABLE) ⁴		6.5
AA Global/Multicultural Requirement- CHOOSE ONE ⁵		3
Units		18.5
Total Units		60-67.5

- ¹ OCC AA GE AREA E requires a minimum of 3 units to include one course from E1 and one course from E2
- ² Math A030 or higher OR take 3-4 degree applicable elective units if math competency was met through completion of High School Algebra 2 with a "C" or better; *100-level Math courses satisfy AA Math Requirement and OCC AA GE AREA A2
- ³ OCC AA GE AREA A2 - Required if 100-level MATH will not be taken to meet Math competency. If MATH A100 or higher will be taken, then needs to take 3-4 degree applicable elective units
- ⁴ VARIES TO REACH MINIMUM 60 DEGREE APPLICABLE UNITS
- ⁵ OCC AA Global/ Multicultural required if not already taken in other GE areas, refer to AA Graduation Requirement webpage

Suggested Electives:

THEA A120 Drama Rehearsal and Performance - Beginning

THEA A123 Comedy Rehearsal and Performance - Beginning

THEA A126 Musical Theatre Rehearsal and Performance - Beginning

THEA A177 Make-Up

In addition to Acting 2, 3, 4, the following classes are highly recommended for performance track:

THEA A115 Acting for Camera and Stage

THEA A131 OCC Theatre Repertory 1

THEA A188 Body Movement for the Actor

THEA A189 Stage Combat

THEA A200 Voice and Articulation

THEA A275 Directing

Technical Track

Course	Title	Units
Year 1		
Semester 1		
THEA A100 or THEA A101	Introduction to Theatre or Introduction to History and Literature of the Theatre	3
THEA A110 or THEA A129	Theatre Laboratory Level 1 or Technical Theatre Practicum	2-3
OCC AA GE AREA A1- CHOOSE ONE		3
OCC AA GE AREA E1- CHOOSE ONE ¹		0.5-4
Select one of the following or satisfy Math competency (completion of High School Algebra 2 with a "C" or better) ²		3-4

Course	Title	Units
MATH A030 or MATH A045	Intermediate Algebra or Combined Elementary and Intermediate Algebra	
Units		11.5-17
Semester 2		
CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:		3
THEA A175 or THEA A176 or THEA A177 or THEA A178	Stage Scenery or Stage Lighting or Make-Up or Stage Costuming	
OCC AA GE AREA A2- CHOOSE ONE ³		3-4
OCC AA GE AREA B- CHOOSE ONE		4-6
OCC AA GE AREA C2- CHOOSE ONE		3
OCC AA GE AREA E2- CHOOSE ONE ⁴		1
Units		14-17
Summer		
ELECTIVE (DEGREE APPLICABLE)		3
AA Global/Multicultural Requirement- CHOOSE ONE ⁴		3
Units		6
Year 2		
Semester 1		
HIST A170 or HIST A170H or HIST A175 or HIST A175H	History of the United States to 1876 or History of the United States to 1876 Honors or History of the United States Since 1876 or History of the United States Since 1876 Honors	3
OCC AA GE AREA D2- CHOOSE ONE		3
ELECTIVE (DEGREE APPLICABLE)		3
CHOOSE TWO (2) OF THE FOLLOWING:		5-6
THEA A111 or THEA A131 or THEA A175 or THEA A176 or THEA A177 or THEA A178 or THEA A120 or THEA A123 or THEA A126 or THEA A172	Theatre Laboratory Level 2 or OCC Theatre Repertory 1 or Stage Scenery or Stage Lighting or Make-Up or Stage Costuming or Drama Rehearsal and Performance - Beginning or Comedy Rehearsal and Performance - Beginning or Musical Theatre Rehearsal and Performance - Beginning or Elizabethan Play Workshop and Production	
Units		14-15
Semester 2		
PSCI A180 or PSCI A180H	American Government or American Government Honors	3
OCC AA GE AREA D3- CHOOSE ONE		3
ELECTIVE (DEGREE APPLICABLE) ⁵		6.5
CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: ⁶		2-3

Course	Title	Units
THEA A112 or THEA A131 or THEA A132 or THEA A120 or THEA A123 or THEA A126 or THEA A172	Theatre Laboratory Level 3 or OCC Theatre Repertory 1 or OCC Theatre Repertory 2 or Drama Rehearsal and Performance - Beginning or Comedy Rehearsal and Performance - Beginning or Musical Theatre Rehearsal and Performance - Beginning or Elizabethan Play Workshop and Production	
Units		14.5-15.5
Total Units		60-70.5

- ¹ OCC AA GE AREA E requires a minimum of 3 units to include one course from E1 and one course from E2
- ² Math A030 or higher OR take 3-4 degree applicable elective units if math competency was met through completion of High School Algebra 2 with a "C" or better; *100-level Math courses satisfy AA Math Requirement and OCC AA GE AREA A2
- ³ OCC AA GE AREA A2 - Required if 100-level MATH will not be taken to meet Math competency. If MATH A100 or higher will be taken, then needs to take 3-4 degree applicable elective units
- ⁴ OCC AA Global/ Multicultural required if not already taken in other GE areas, refer to AA Graduation Requirement webpage
- ⁵ VARIES TO REACH MINIMUM 60 DEGREE APPLICABLE UNITS
- ⁶ Must complete one of the following for the degree: THEA A120, A123, A126 or A172