

THEATRE: PERFORMANCE (AA)

Award: Associate of Arts Degree

No. of credits required: 60

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Program Description

The Associate of Arts degree in Theatre: Performance is designed to provide a broad liberal education as well as specialized professional training in a variety of performing arts media. Harford Community College faculty work with each student to develop their artistic skills and professional work ethic.

Courses in theatre provide a comprehensive study of acting, voice, movement, directing, production, and script analysis. Students gain practical experience through participation in faculty, guest, and student directed productions and media projects, working in all forms of theatre and media, such as plays, musicals, film, and television, as well as games, trainings, and simulations.

Program Goals

Upon completion of the Associate of Arts in Performing Arts degree students will be able to:

1. Perform specific, marketable skills in theatre.
2. Demonstrate professional standards of behavior.
3. Apply appropriate performance or production skills to a variety of theatrical projects.
4. Use appropriate resources to identify jobs and training opportunities in theatre.

Transfer Information

Graduates of this program may transfer to such institutions as Towson University and University of Maryland campuses in Baltimore County and College Park. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution should check the requirements of that institution. If they are significantly different from the courses listed, students should consult with an advisor for academic guidance as early as possible in their academic careers.

Employment Information

Close professional advising and job networking provided by the faculty allows graduates to find employment opportunities with performing arts organizations and a variety of businesses and promoters involved in live theatrical and musical performances including: live theater, cruise ship lines, theme parks, film, television, commercial promotions, and new media. See also the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics report for actors (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/entertainment-and-sports/actors.htm>).

Field Trip Statement

Courses in this program may require field trips.

Degree Requirements

Recommended Course Sequence

First Semester		Credits
ENG 101	English Composition (GE)	3
PSY 101	General Psychology (GB)	3
THEA 101	Introduction to Theatre (GAH)	3
THEA 102	Acting I	3
THEA 104	Stagecraft I	3
Credits		15
Second Semester		Credits
MC 206	History of Film (GAH)	3
THEA 103	Acting II	3
Behavioral/Social Science Elective (GB) (https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#behavioral-social-science)		3
Select one of the following:		3
THEA 105	Stagecraft II	
THEA 202	Scene Design	
THEA 204	Costuming	
Mathematics Elective (GM) (https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#mathematics) ¹		3
Credits		15
Third Semester		Credits
ART 108	Digital Media Culture (GI)	3
DRAM 203	Survey of World Drama (GAH) ²	3
or THEA 106	or Script Analysis: From Page to Stage (GAH)	
THEA 221	Vocal Performance for the Stage	3
THEA 222	Movement for the Actor	3
Biological/Physical Science Elective (GS) (https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#science) ³		3
Credits		15
Fourth Semester		Credits
DRAM 204	Survey of Modern Drama (GAH)	3
PE 178	Dance Movement	1
THEA 201	Fundamentals of Play Directing	3
THEA 223	Makeup for the Performer	3
Biological/Physical Lab Science Elective (GL) (https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#biological-physical-laboratory-science)		4
General Elective ^{4,5}		1
Credits		15
Total Credits		60

¹ A four credit course in mathematics may be substituted.

² THEA 106 Script Analysis: From Page to Stage (GAH) is required for students intending to transfer to Towson University or Stevenson University.

³ A four credit Biological/Physical Science Lab course may be substituted.

⁴ If a four-credit course in mathematics is substituted, the one-credit General Elective in the fourth semester is not necessary.

⁵ If a four-credit course in biological/physical science is substituted, the one-credit General Elective in the fourth semester is not necessary.

General Education Degree Requirements

Note: The following codes identify courses which satisfy the General Education Degree Requirements:

Behavioral/Social Science (GB)

English Composition (GE)

Arts/Humanities (GAH)

Interdisciplinary and Emerging Issues (GI)

Biological/Physical Laboratory Science (GL)

Mathematics (GM)

Biological/Physical Science (GS)