

THEATRE ARTS

Associate of Art / Associate of Science degree



Program and Career Description:

The Theatre Arts emphasis is a two-year program for students planning to complete a bachelor's degree at a four-year school. Students can pursue careers in writing screen plays, acting, television, choreography, and music. A few examples of career and salary estimates are listed below.

Career	Entry-Level Pay	Median Pay	Experienced Pay
Actor	\$17.00 an hour	\$17.00 an hour	\$17.32 an hour
Choreographer	\$12.02 an hour	\$26.94 an hour	\$35.11 an hour
Musician	\$12.05 an hour	\$26.96 an hour	\$46.60 an hour

Career and salary information taken from JOBS4TN.GOV. Check out this website for additional information about job descriptions, education requirements and abilities, and supply and demand for these careers. For additional information from a national perspective, go to Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor on the internet at www.bls.gov. Visit the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) on this website. Salaries are not guaranteed.

Transfer Options

This program is a Tennessee Transfer Pathway (TTP) major. A student who completes the associates degree in this major is guaranteed that all required community college courses will be accepted in this major at the transfer institution. To see which four-year institutions offer this TTP major and guarantees a seamless transfer, visit the Tennessee Transfer Pathway website at www.tntransferpathway.org.

Articulation agreements exist between other private and non-TN public institutions. These agreements are available at www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information.



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Major in Tennessee Transfer Pathway with Emphasis in Theatre Arts (A.A., A.S.)

Program Requirements

Students may be required to take additional Learning Support courses.

Communications Requirement

COMM 2025 or COMM 2055
ENGL 1010, 1020

History Requirement (Take 2 courses)

HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2310, 2320

Humanities/Fine Arts

THEA 1030

(Take 2 courses -one must be a literature course)

ART 1035, 2000, 2020

ENGL 2160, 2860

HUM 1010, 1020

MUS 1030

PHIL 1030, 1040, 2200

Literature Options: ENGL 2055, 2130, 2235, 2310, 2320

Natural Sciences Requirement (Take 2 courses)

ASTR 1030

BIOL 1080 (must not take with another BIOL)

BIOL 1110, 1120, 2010, 2020

CHEM 1110, 1120

ESCI 1010, 1020

PHYS 2010, 2020, 2110, 2120

PSCI 1030

Mathematics Requirement (Take one course)

MATH 1010, 1130, 1530, 1630, 1710, 1720, 1730, 1830, 1910

Social/Behavioral Sciences (Take 2 courses)

ANTH 1230, 1430

ECON 2100, 2200

GEOG 2010

MCOM 1110

PHED 2120

POLS 1010, 1030, 2025, 2035

PSYC 1030, 2130

SOCI 1010, 1040, 2010

Major Required Courses

COLS 101

THEA 1015, 1025

THEA Electives (excluding theatre history)

**Electives

**Note: An elective can be any college-level course.

If you have completed TN eCampus courses, run a degree audit from the student tab in myChargerNet to determine how these courses apply to this program.

Requirements for Graduation include:

- earning 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State.
- earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- taking the Exit Exam.

Sample Academic Plan

First Year – Fall Semester

___ ENGL 1010	English Composition I	3
___ Mathematics Requirement		3
___ Humanities/Fine Arts		3
___ History Requirement		3
___ THEA 1015	Acting I	3
___ COLS 101	Columbia State College Success	1
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First Year – Spring Semester

___ ENGL 1020	English Composition II	3
___ COMM 2025	Fundamentals of Communication <u>or</u>	
___ COMM 2055	Argumentation and Debate	3
___ Social/Behavioral Science		3
___ History Requirement		3
___ THEA 1030	Introduction to Theatre	3
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Second Year – Fall Semester

___ Literature Requirement		3
___ Natural Science Requirement		4
___ Social/Behavioral Science		3
___ THEA 1025	Stage Craft I	3
___ Elective**		3
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Second Year – Spring Semester

___ Natural Science Requirement		4
___ THEA Electives		7
___ Elective**		2
		13

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 60

**If pursuing the A.A. degree, the 6 elective hours must be one-year sequence of the SAME foreign language. Requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Degree at universities include demonstrated competency in foreign language at the intermediate level. Community college students are encouraged to attain intermediate-level competency in foreign language before transferring. Complete information regarding foreign language requirements at each university may be found on the transfer and articulation web sites of the Tennessee Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee System. Community college students are encouraged to be familiar with foreign language requirements at the universities and, if applicable, complete the requirements before transferring. The B.S. Degree with a major in Theatre Arts is available at Austin Peay State University, Middle Tennessee State University, and Tennessee State University.

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