

Communication Arts – Theatre Option

The Communication Arts curriculum leads to the Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree. The Theatre Option gives students a concentration in theatre arts with a liberal arts foundation. The program is primarily suited for students seeking transfer to a four-year institution, although some graduates may plan on immediately entering the work force as communications professionals.

For students seeking transfer, the curriculum closely parallels the foundation program of virtually any four-year college, most specifically those institutions in the Philadelphia area.

Studies within the Theatre Option will enhance a student's ability to work effectively in fields such as acting, directing, technical theatre or any related career in the theatre.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of the Communication Arts – Theatre Option the student will be able to:

- Understand and write about performance and theatre with the vocabulary of the field.
- Create characters, perform scenes and monologues, and improvise in performance.
- Use the body as a performance instrument and understand and perform the basic principles, techniques and styles of body movement and dance.
- Build, design, paint and light stage scenery.
- Read and write about significant dramatic literature, with particular emphasis on an understanding and appreciation of both theatrical and literary techniques.
- Participate in every aspect of the rehearsal process and the presentation of a play.

PROGRAM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

The program is open to interested students. New students are normally required to take the College's placement tests at their time of entry. Students who are identified as needing developmental course work must complete satisfactorily the appropriate English and mathematics courses as a part of their degree program.

PROGRAM OF STUDY AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

A minimum of 62 credits and a grade point average of 2.0 ("C" average) are required for graduation.

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Course Number and Name	Prerequisites and Corequisites	Credits	Gen Ed Req.
FIRST SEMESTER			
ENGL 137 – Introduction to Theatre		3	Interpretive Studies
ENGL 101 – English Composition I		3	ENGL 101
ENGL 115 – Public Speaking		3	
ENGL 135 – Movement and Dance I		3	
CIS 103 – PC Applications		3	Tech Comp
SECOND SEMESTER			
ENGL 131 – Acting I		3	
ENGL 102 – English Composition II	ENGL 101	3	ENGL 102, Info Lit
Social Science Elective		3	Social Sciences
MATH 118 – Intermediate Algebra or higher		3	Mathematics
ENGL 107 – Society and Mass Communications	ENGL 101 which may be taken concurrently	3	
THIRD SEMESTER			
ENGL 132 – Acting II	ENGL 131	3	
ENGL 232 – Introduction to Literature: Drama	ENGL 101	3	
Social Science Elective		3	
ENGL 141 – Introduction to Technical Theatre		4	
Humanities Elective ¹		3	Humanities
FOURTH SEMESTER			
Science Elective		3/4	Natural Science
ENGL 142 – Rehearsal and Performance	ENGL 132	4	
Literature Elective (choose one of the following): ENGL 208, 209, 211, 212, 221, 222, 230, 241, 245, 246, 250, 251, 256, 260, 265	ENGL 101	3	
Humanities Elective ¹		3	
Directed Elective (Choose one of the following)		3	
ENGL 205 – Creative Writing	ENGL 101		
ENGL 120 – Voice and Articulation			
ENGL 136 – Movement and Dance II	ENGL 135		
ENGL 271 – Language of Film	ENGL 101		
ENGL 282 – Scriptwriting	ENGL 205		
PHOT 104 – Introduction to Video Production			
MINIMUM CREDITS NEEDED TO GRADUATE		62	

General Education Requirements

All General Education requirements are met through required courses (as indicated above) except for the Writing Intensive requirement and American/Global Diversity requirement. Therefore, in order to graduate, students in this program must choose one course that is designated Writing Intensive and one course that is designated American/Global Diversity. The same course may be used to fulfill both requirements. A list of courses that fulfill these requirements and a more detailed explanation of the College's general education requirements appear elsewhere in this Catalog and on www.ccp.edu.

- 1 Students who wish to study a foreign language or who plan to transfer to an institution that requires a foreign language are advised to take two semesters of a foreign language as their humanities electives. Students planning to take English 282 Scriptwriting as a directed elective should take English 205 as one of their humanities electives, since English 205 is a prerequisite for English 282.

For More Information Contact:

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