

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.

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

Recommended Course Sequence	Course Number and Name	Prerequisite or Corequisite	Credits
Program Core Courses - Communication Arts - Theatre Option			
1	ENGL 137 - Intro to Theatre		3
3	ENGL 115 - Public Speaking	ENGL 101 or 114, which may be taken concurrently	3
6	ENGL 107 - Society and Mass Communications	ENGL 101, which may be taken concurrently	3
10	ENGL 131 - Acting I		3
11	ENGL 135 - Movement and Dance for Actors		3
12	ENGL 141 - Technical Theatre		4
13, 17	ENGL 208 and ENGL 209 - Intro to Literature: Poetry and Prose, or ENGL 211 and ENGL 212 - British Literature I and II or ENGL 221 and ENGL 222 - American Literature I and II or ENGL 245 and ENGL 246 - World Literature I and II or ENGL 250 and ENGL 251 - African-American Literature I and II	ENGL 101	6
16	ENGL 132 - Acting II	ENGL 131	3
General Education Courses (See page 36 for information on disciplines which meet these requirements.)			
2	ENGL 101 - English Composition I		3
7	ENGL 102 - English Composition II	ENGL 101	3
5	PSYC 101 - Intro to Psychology or SOC 101 - Intro to Sociology		3
9	CIS 103 - PC Applications		3
4	Science or Math (rec. Math 150 or higher) ¹		3/4
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14	Humanities Elective ⁴ (or Intermediate Foreign Language) ²		3
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Directed Electives³			
15	GEOG, HIST, POLS, or SOC		3
19	ANTH, PHIL, HIST, or ENGL 271- Language of Film		3
20	ENGL 205 - Creative Writing or ENGL 120 - Voice and Articulation or ENGL 136 - Movement and Dance II	ENGL 101	3
	ENGL 142 - Rehearsal and Performance or ENGL 282 - Scriptwriting ⁴	ENGL 135 or Dept. Approval ENGL 132, 101 ready ENGL 205	4 3

Total to Graduate: 61 credits minimum

¹For appropriate transfer credit, these math courses should be taken in consultation with an advisor.

²Students planning to transfer to a school requiring a foreign language will be advised to take two terms of intermediate foreign language as their humanities elective. For appropriate transfer credit, these courses should be taken in consultation with an advisor.

³One of the directed electives must be a second social science course. If a student has not already satisfied the College's American Diversity requirement by taking SOC 101 or another course, then one of these directed electives must meet that requirement. (See p. 36 for American Diversity course list).

⁴A student aiming to take ENGL 282 - Scriptwriting is encouraged to take the prerequisite course ENGL 205 - Creative Writing as one of the two required humanities electives, in consultation with his/her advisor.

For More Information Contact:

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