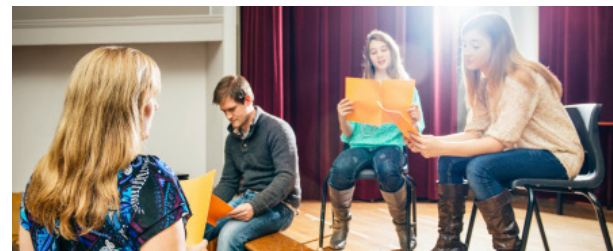


Sample Education Plan Associate in Arts (AA) Area of Focus: Theatre



Please note that the AA degree is not awarded in a specific major or focus area.

This is a SAMPLE plan to help guide you toward courses relevant to your interests while you are deciding on a transfer institution. Suggested courses are based on requirements of several four-year institutions and the IAI Theatre Major Panel recommendations. Please note that requirements vary among four-year colleges and universities and among bachelor degree types: Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA). It is important to check early with your transfer school and academic advisor to ensure you are taking appropriate courses and meeting all requirements. You will find transfer guides for specific universities on MCC's website: www.mchenry.edu/transfer.

AA Degree Requirements: Area of Focus—Theatre

Please see Transfer Notes for information about the different types of bachelor's degrees in theatre and the associate's degree that may best meet your academic goal. A minimum of 60 credits is required for transfer as a junior into a bachelor's degree theatre program.

Please refer to MCC's AA degree planning sheet in the current academic catalog for specific degree requirements and course options.

Suggested Courses

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM	CREDITS	OTHER COURSE REQUIREMENTS	CREDITS
Communications		Diversity and Multicultural Studies	
^ENG 151 Composition I	3	Two 3-credit hour courses are required. Courses that fulfill this requirement may be used to fulfill credits in Humanities/Fine Arts, Social/Behavioral Sciences, or Electives. See current catalog for complete list of Diversity & Multicultural Studies course options and how they apply toward degree requirements.	
^ENG 152 Composition II	3		
SPE 151 Introduction to Speech	3	Electives (approximately 23 credits, will depend on credit value of your course selections)	
Humanities and Fine Arts		Recommended Courses (select with your advisor):	
IAI Humanities	3	^THE 153 Theatre Practice	1–5
THE 151 Introduction to Theatre	3	THE 157 Acting I	3
IAI Humanities or Fine Arts	3	THE 158 Acting II	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences		THE 159 Stagecrafts	3
PSY 151 Introduction to Psychology	3	Foreign Language	0–16
IAI Social and Behavioral Science	3	Additional courses selected with your advisor to satisfy the AA degree credit requirements	
IAI Social and Behavioral Science	3		
(Recommended courses: HIS 170 or HIS 172, PLT 151)		Total Credits Required for AA Degree	60
^Physical and Life Sciences		Many 4-year schools will accept a maximum of 60–64 transfer credits.	
(7 credits, 1 lab course)	3–4		
IAI Physical Science	3–4		
IAI Life Science			
Mathematics			
^IAI Mathematics	3		

^Course has prerequisite(s)—Please reference the current academic catalog for prerequisites.

NOTE:

- Your transfer school may require at least 1 year of foreign language. High school foreign language may or may not count. It is always recommended that the foreign language requirement be completed prior to transfer.
- The AA degree includes the IAI General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) package. Meet with an MCC academic advisor to learn more about the IAI GECC and transfer benefits.

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Transfer Notes

Theatre majors learn about the theater industry as well as specific aspects such as what goes on behind the scenes, how actors become proficient in their craft, and in general how everything works together in a quality theatrical production. The degree granted is either a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Fine Arts. The BA degree generally is designed to give students a comprehensive understanding of theatre while also perfecting performance skills. It allows students to major in theatre with a continued focus in the liberal arts and the possibility to minor or to major in another area. The BFA degree prepares students with a background in the history and theory of theatre and production management but requires students to take a large number of courses in practical application and training in a specific area of study, such as acting, design and production, or dance.

All students should work closely with an MCC academic advisor and the Theatre Department for guidance toward an appropriate academic plan. It is not uncommon that a BA or a BFA program requires a minimum of three years at the four-year institution due to sequencing and course scheduling. Many four-year schools recommend students transfer after one year at the community college.

Admission and specific course requirements for baccalaureate theatre programs vary among four-year institutions. For transferability of theatre courses and admission, many require an audition and for the design and production focus a portfolio review. Coursework in a foreign language may be required for a BA degree. Ask about the language requirement of the schools you are considering, and complete the required foreign language courses before transfer. In some cases, two years of foreign language study in high school will substitute for two semesters in college.

Theatre teachers in public schools are required to be licensed. Licensure requirements vary by state. Almost all states require that applicants to teacher education programs be tested for competency in basic skills and undergo a criminal background check.

Transfer Schools

Many schools offer majors in theatre. Following is a sample of Illinois public and private four-year institutions that offer theatre programs:

- Augustana College
- Aurora University
- Bradley University
- Columbia College Chicago
- Concordia University
- DePaul University
- Dominican University
- Eastern Illinois University
- Elmhurst College
- Governors State University
- Illinois State University
- Illinois Wesleyan
- Judson University
- Knox College
- Lake Forest College
- Lewis University
- Loyola University
- Millikin University
- Monmouth College
- North Central College
- Northern Illinois University
- Rockford University
- Roosevelt University
- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
- Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign
- Western Illinois University

Transfer Resources

www.itransfer.org—iTransfer is a portal for transfer assistance in the state of Illinois. Find information about the Illinois Articulation Initiative and MyCreditsTransfer (Transferology—a nationwide transfer tool).

www.mchenry.edu/transfer—Find transfer guides, course equivalencies, partnership agreements, and other transfer resources.