

# THEATRE, ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (318)

## About Our Program

The Associate of Arts degree in theatre at Highland Community College prepares students to pursue their art at a four-year college and/or professional level. The Theatre Arts program trains responsible and creative theatre artists to be leaders in the field. Students are encouraged to think critically, engage in the global community and explore their artistic passions.

Through experiential learning, students may explore:

- Acting
- Directing and stage management
- Playwriting and devising for the theatre
- Costumes and props
- Technical aspects of theatre – lighting, sound, and set construction
- Playscript interpretation
- Musical Theatre

## Nature of Work and Employment

Theatre provides students with a diverse resume, allowing them to apply their skills to any career! The art builds public speaking skills and confidence, which has allowed Highland graduates to pursue careers in fields such as the media, medicine, public relations, and law. Several alumni now work professionally as actors, designers, and technicians.

Theatre equips students with desired skills including:

- Collaboration
- Creative problem solving
- Emotional intelligence
- Time management
- Initiative
- Adaptability
- Leadership

## Special Considerations

The listed coursework is a recommendation only. Students should check with a student advisor for HCC graduation requirements and specific university requirements in this major. Students must meet with an advisor to ensure that the special requirements of the department and institution to which they plan to transfer are met. Colleges and universities have specific requirements for transfer students. Courses will transfer as either general education, lower-division theatre major courses, or theatre electives.

## Requirements

### Associate of Arts Requirements

Students must meet all requirements for the Associate of Arts degree (<https://catalog.highland.edu/programs-available/aa-requirements/>) in order to graduate from Highland Community College. For more information, please see your advisor.

## Recommended Courses

The following are recommended courses for this major only.

### Actor Training

Code	Title	Hours
THEA 183	Principles of Acting I	3
THEA 184	Principles of Acting II <sup>1</sup>	3
THEA 104	Cultural Diversity in Perf.	3
THEA 196	Introduction to Theatre	3
THEA 201	Play Analysis for Production	3
THEA 283	Theatre Practicum <sup>2</sup>	1-5
MUS 167	Class Voice I	2

### Director, Dramaturge and Other Artistic Roles Training

Code	Title	Hours
THEA 183	Principles of Acting I	3
THEA 196	Introduction to Theatre	3
THEA 104	Cultural Diversity in Perf.	3
THEA 201	Play Analysis for Production	3
THEA 287	Beginning Directing	3
THEA 283	Theatre Practicum <sup>2</sup>	1-5
ENGL 229	Introduction to Shakespeare <sup>1</sup>	3

<sup>1</sup> Course has a prerequisite. See course description.

<sup>2</sup> This course should be repeated each semester.

## Program Outcomes

- **Written Communication:** Students will be able to produce written work that displays college-level skills, insight, and critical thinking through meaningful and appropriate content.
- **Oral Communication:** Students will be able to prepare and deliver a purposeful presentation designed to increase knowledge, to foster understanding, or to promote change in the listeners' attitudes, values, beliefs, or behaviors.
- **Critical Thinking:** Students will be able to evaluate and create arguments that consider a variety of issues, ideas, artifacts, and events.
- **Quantitative Literacy:** Students will demonstrate the ability to reason and solve quantitative problems from a wide array of authentic contexts and everyday life situations.
- **Information Literacy:** Students will engage in reflective discovery of information, evaluate information based on an understanding of how it is produced and valued, synthesize information to create new knowledge and participate ethically in communities of learning.
- **Diversity:** Students will recognize diversity in the global community and model culturally competent civic and social participation.

## Program Contacts

Students planning to major in theatre with an acting emphasis should contact a Theatre Department representative before enrolling. Call Highland at 815-235-6121 for the following program contacts:

- Laura Early, Theatre Faculty
- Vicki Schulz, Student Advisor/Transfer Coordinator

- Rae Schubach-Roe, Dean, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Fine Arts

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