

# Theatre (308)

## ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

### 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.

### 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
- Jim Phillips, Dean, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Fine Arts

### Recommended Courses

The following are recommended courses for this major only. Students must still meet all requirements for the Associate of Arts degree (see page 56) in order to graduate from Highland Community College. For more information, please see your student advisor.

#### Actor Training

	THEA	183	Principles of Acting I	3
*	THEA	184	Principles of Acting II	3
	THEA	104	Cultural Diversity in Performance	3
	THEA	196	Introduction to Theatre	3
	THEA	201	Play Analysis for Production	3
**	THEA	283	Theatre Practicum	1-5
	MUS	167	Class Voice I	2

#### Director, Dramaturge and Other Artistic Roles Training

	THEA	183	Principles of Acting I	3
	THEA	196	Introduction to Theatre	3
	THEA	104	Cultural Diversity in Performance	3
	THEA	201	Play Analysis for Production	3
	THEA	287	Beginning Directing	3
**	THEA	283	Theatre Practicum	1-5
*	ENGL	229	Introduction to Shakespeare	3

\* Course has a prerequisite. See course description.

\*\* This course should be repeated each semester.