



Theatre Arts: Acting A.A. Degree

FULL TIME

This program roadmap represents one possible pathway to complete the program. **Please see a counselor** to create an education plan that is customized to meet your needs. This roadmap is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Catalog: 2025-26

GE Pattern: Cal-GETC

Total Units: 65

First Year

Semester 1

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	TA 300 Introduction to the Theatre	3		3A
Req	TA 350 Theory and Techniques of Acting I	3		
RE	DANCE 377 ¹ Musical Theatre Dance I	2		
GE	ENGL C1000 Academic Reading and Writing or	3		1A
	ENGL C1000H ^H Academic Reading and Writing - Honors	3		
GE	any Area 5B (Biological Sciences) course	3		5B
GE	any Area 5C (Science Lab) course ²	1		5C

¹ Enrollment in DANCE 377 requires instructor approval based on prior experience or successful completion of DANCE 310, 320, 330, 340, or 360.

² The Area 5C (Science Lab) course must correspond with either the Area 5A (Physical Sciences) or Area 5B (Biological Sciences) course.

Semester 2

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	TA 351 Theory and Techniques of Acting II	3	TA 350	
Req	TA 375 Voice, Diction and Dialects	3		
RE	TA 344 Improvisation and Theatre Games	2		
GE	STAT C1000 Introduction to Statistics or	4		2
	STAT C1000H ^H Introduction to Statistics - Honors	4		
GE	any Area 1C (Oral Communication) course	3		1C

Second Year

Semester 3

17 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
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TRANSFER PATH

Potential Transfer Majors:

- Theatre Arts B.A.

Potential Career/Options After Completing a Bachelor's Degree:

- acting
- directing
- technical theatre
- theatre management
- playwriting
- dramaturgy
- stage management
- motivational speaking
- recreation
- costume/scenic/lighting/sound design

Advising Notes:

- This degree can be completed using either the [local AA/AS](#) general education (GE) pattern or the [Cal-G ETC](#) transfer GE pattern. [See a counselor](#) to determine which pattern is best for you based on your academic goals.
- It is highly recommended to take TA 300 and 350 early, especially because TA 350 is a prerequisite for other courses in the degree.
- TAP courses require an [audition](#). Consult the department for various alternatives.
- TAP courses should be auditioned for at every opportunity.

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	TA 370 Theatre Movement	2		
Req	TA 420 Stagecraft	3		
RE	TA 430 Costume Construction	3		
GE	any Area 1B (Critical Thinking and Composition) course	3		1B
GE	any Area 3B (Humanities) course	3		3B
GE	any Area 4 (Social & Behavioral Sciences) course (from 2 academic disciplines)	3		4

Semester 4

18 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	TA 437 Stage Make-up I	3		
RE	TA 356 Acting for the Camera I	3	TA 350	
RE	TAP 300 Modern Rehearsal and Performance I	3	audition/interview	
GE	any Area 4 (Social & Behavioral Sciences) course (from 2 academic disciplines)	3		4
GE	any Area 5A (Physical Sciences) course	3		5A
GE	any Area 6 (Ethnic Studies) course	3		6

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES

Req	Required Core	A course that is required for this program
RE	Restricted Elective	A course selected from a list of elective courses specified for this program in the course list in the catalog, which can be replaced with another course from the same list
GE	General Education	A course that fulfills a specific general education requirement for a degree, which can be replaced with another course that meets the same requirement

- Students can substitute ESLW 340 for ENGL C1000/C1000H (formerly known as ENGWR 300/480).

Scheduling Notes:

- TAP course offerings vary according to the plays produced each semester.

Other Notes to Students Preparing to Transfer:

- See [ASSIST.ORG](https://assist.org) for the transfer requirements of the institution to which you plan to transfer.
- The CSU system requires every student receiving a bachelor's degree to be knowledgeable about the Constitution of the United States, American history, and state and local government. This requirement is generally known as the American Institutions requirement. Students can complete this requirement at ARC before transferring. [See a counselor](#) for a list of approved courses.

Honors Courses (H):

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better who complete 15 or more units of Honors coursework earn an H onors Transfer Certificate and can take advantage of honors-to-honors transfer agreements with highly selective colleges and universities, both public and private.