

Degree in Theatre Arts

Program Details

Step into the transformative world of live performance with our Theatre Arts program, designed to spark creativity on stage and behind the scenes. Whether your passion is acting, directing, design, or technical theatre, the program blends theory with hands-on training, collaborative productions, and coursework that prepares you for professional careers or advanced study.

Students train in real theatre environments, participating in Massasoit productions that range from contemporary plays and musicals to classical works. This direct, practical engagement builds confidence and industry-ready skills across every aspect of performance and production.

Massasoit also sets itself apart with professional development opportunities that connect students to the evolving field of theatre. Workshops, job-shadow placements, and mentorship pair students with professionals who guide them through the creative and technical process. Cross-disciplinary projects with the Media Arts program further expand skills into broadcasting, digital production, and performance for the screen.

Whether you're pursuing theatre as part of a liberal arts education or preparing for transfer to a competitive four-year program, Massasoit's Theatre Arts program equips you with the foundation, versatility, and artistic courage to thrive in today's performing arts landscape.

Graduates earn an Associate in Arts Degree.

Program Outcomes

The Associate in Arts Theatre Arts Degree Program will:

- Provide faculty who are experienced professionals dedicated to meeting the needs of community college students by creating a supportive environment necessary for learning.
- Provide lecture based and experiential learning, focusing on current industry methods and technology.
- Provide various elective options to explore Music, Dance, Musical Theatre, and Media Arts, as they relate to Theatre Arts.
- Foster an attitude of self-improvement, responsibility, and professionalism in the graduate, and to nurture life-long learning as a core value.
- Student Learning Outcomes:
 - Learn the vocabulary of artistic expression and competency in the theatrical knowledge applicable to performance and technical skills.
 - Understand, analyze, and explain the relationship among world cultures as they relate to theatrical study.
 - Apply knowledge in the theory and practice of both performative and technical theatre professional processes.
 - Demonstrate proficiency in text analysis, critical thinking, oral communication, writing skills.
 - Write critically about both primary and secondary texts, research, and viewing of productions.
 - Assess the interdisciplinary nature and components of the theatre performance and design.
 - Inhabit the ability to work creatively, collaboratively and cooperatively, in diverse teams.
- Every graduate will be able to:
 - Acquire an associate degree education equivalent to the first two years of a baccalaureate degree program.
 - Acquire academic skills necessary for successful transfer to a senior institution which include a strong foundation in the theatre arts.
 - Apply skills needed for entry-level positions in theatre and/or advanced study beyond the Associates Degree.
 - Transfer to state-supported schools in Massachusetts through the Mass Transfer Program.

Academic Map

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A minimum of 20 classes and 61 credits is required. At least 16 credits of your program must be taken at Massasoit. Note: Each course completed and passed can only fulfill one program requirement. The same course cannot be used to satisfy multiple program requirements.

Semester 1

3 Credits in THET 101
Introduction to the Theatre
3 Credits in THET 204
Movement for Acting
3 Credits in ENGL 101

English Composition I
3 Credits in History elective
3 Credits in Math elective - Topics in Mathematics I or higher

Semester 2

3 Credits in THET 102
Voice Improvement
3 Credits in THET 205
Acting I
3 Credits in ENGL 102
English Composition II
3 Credits in SPCH 107
Oral Interpretation
3 Credits in History elective

Semester 3

3 Credits in THET 110
Stagecraft
3 Credits in either ENGL 119 or Fine Arts elective
(Creative Writing or Fine Arts elective)
3 Credits in ENGL 217
Dramatic Literature I
3 Credits in either PSYC 101 or SOCI 104
(General Psychology or Principles of Sociology)
3 Credits in Science elective

Semester 4

3 Credits in THET 230
Design for the Theatre
3 Credits in ENGL 218
Dramatic Literature II
3 Credits in Fine Arts elective
4 Credits Lab Science elective
3 Credits in in General elective.

This academic map is a suggested semester-by-semester guide to keep you on a clear path to program completion. Please note that some classes are offered only in certain semesters, have prerequisites, or minimum passing grades. Winter and/or Summer Session classes may be available for some classes. Your [academic advisor](#) will provide you with clear direction needed to stay on course and discuss scheduling options with you. Taking courses not reflected on this map may result in courses not counting toward the completion of your requirements.