

# DRAMA

ASSOCIATE DEGREE &amp; CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

2023-2024 CATALOG

## DESCRIPTION

The discipline of theatre arts includes theoretical and practical courses in all aspects of theatre, providing preparation in acting, directing, and technical theatre through productions. The degree program allows for a course of study that expands and increases creativity. It is a meaningful journey of personal discovery and self-expansion. It connects the study of script analysis to creating complex characters or theatrical designs.

In addition, a solid foundation of fundamental skills learned through a variety of performance as well as technical theatre courses will help the student build confidence and emphasize the importance of responsibility, dedication, collaboration and commitment.

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER PROGRAMS

Students who complete an [Associate Degree for Transfer \(ADT\)](#) and transfer to a similar major at a CSU are guaranteed a pathway to finish their baccalaureate degrees in 60 semester or 90 quarter units. These degrees require students to meet both of the following requirements: (1) Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following: (A) The Intersegmental GE Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University GE-Breadth Requirements (CSU GE-Breadth). (B) A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district. (2) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

## DEGREES, CERTIFICATES & AWARDS

- Associate in Arts for Transfer (A.A.-T.)

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Actor
- Drama Teacher
- Director for the Stage
- Director for Film
- Entertainer
- Performer
- Event Planner
- Welder
- Construction Worker
- Construction Management
- Program Director
- Talent Director
- Casting Agent
- Screen writer
- Playwright
- Stage technical Director
- Film Production Assistant
- Prop Designer for film
- Special FX Make up Artist
- Producer
- Critic
- Arts Program Administrator
- Advertising Researcher
- Civil Servant
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Researcher
- Dramaturg

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**ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER PROGRAM**

**Theatre Arts** — Associate in Arts for Transfer

The Associate in Arts in Theatre Arts for Transfer degree will prepare students to transfer into a curriculum at a CSU to pursue a baccalaureate degree in Theatre Arts. The Associate in Arts in Theatre Arts for Transfer (AA-T in Theatre Arts) includes theoretical and practical courses in all aspects of theatre, providing preparation in acting, directing, and technical theatre through productions. The degree program allows for a course of study that expands and increases creativity. It is a meaningful journey of personal discovery and self-expansion. It connects the study of script analysis to creating complex characters or theatrical designs. In addition, a solid foundation of fundamental skills learned through a variety of performance as well as technical theatre courses will help the student build confidence and emphasize the importance of responsibility, dedication, collaboration and commitment. The AA-T in Theatre Arts degree provides lower division preparation for students planning to transfer into baccalaureate level Theatre Arts programs.

**Required Courses: (9 credits)**

DRA 207 . . . . .	Introduction To Theatre . . . . .	3
DRA 200 . . . . .	Acting 1 . . . . .	3
DRA 240 . . . . .	Technical Theatre Practicum . . . . .	3
or DRA 241 . . .	Technical Theater Practicum II . . . . .	(3)
or DRA 242 . . .	Theatrical Design Practicum . . . . .	(3)
or DRA 243 . . .	Technical Management Practicum . . . . .	(3)
or DRA 260 . . .	Rehearsal And Performance: Children’s Theatre . . . . .	(3)
or DRA 261 . . .	Rehearsal And Performance: Shakespeare/Classical. . . . .	(3)
or DRA 262 . . .	Rehearsal And Performance: Musical Theatre . . . . .	(3)
or DRA 263 . . .	Rehearsal And Performance: Devised/New Works . . . . .	(3)
or DRA 264 . . .	Rehearsal And Performance: Modern Theatre. . . . .	(3)

**Select at least 9 credits from the following courses:**

**One Technical Theater Course (DRA 240, 241, 242, 243) or Rehearsal and Performance Course (DRA 260, 261, 262, 263, 264) not already used above. 3 credits max.**

DRA 201 . . . . .	Acting II - Acting For The Camera . . . . .	3
DRA 209 . . . . .	Introduction To Theatre Design . . . . .	3
DRA 211 . . . . .	Stagecraft . . . . .	3
DRA 212 . . . . .	Entertainment Lighting. . . . .	3
DRA 214 . . . . .	Script Analysis . . . . .	3
DRA 236 . . . . .	Introduction To Theatrical Costume Construction. . . . .	3

**Total Credits: . . . . .18**

“P” (Pass) grade is acceptable for major coursework in the Associate Degrees for Transfer. In addition to major preparation course work listed above, completion of the CSU GE or IGETC pattern is mandatory.

Courses completed for the major can also be double counted towards GE, where appropriate. See a counselor for details.

[Click Here For Program Student Learning Outcomes](#)

- Lighting Designer
- Sound Designer
- Lighting Specialist
- Projection Designer
- Master Electrician
- Shop Foreman
- Scenic Charge
- Painter
- Drama Therapist

**TRANSFER PREPARATION**

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree may differ from those needed to prepare to transfer. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with a Cuesta College counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

**TRANSFER RESOURCES:**

CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine:

[www.ASSIST.org](http://www.ASSIST.org)

CSU System Information:

[www2.calstate.edu](http://www2.calstate.edu)

**FINANCIAL AID**

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that Cuesta College offers a full array of financial aid programs—grants, work study, scholarships, federal loan programs, and fee waivers. These programs are available to both full-and part-time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information:

[www.cuesta.edu/student/student-services/financial-aid](http://www.cuesta.edu/student/student-services/financial-aid)



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