

Musical Theater: Associate in Arts – Non-Transfer

Everything you do in life involves elements of theater from developing social skills as a child to interviewing for a job as an adult. Apart from preparing our theater majors for transfer and entering the entertainment industry, the study of theater arts offers a number of advantages such as improved oral communication; a healthy self-image; creative problem solving; working cooperatively and independently; the ability to learn quickly; adaptability and flexibility; a goal-oriented approach to work to name a few; and let's not forget FUN!

Please see a Pathways Counselor: Create an education plan customized to meet your needs. [Contact a Counselor](#)

Transfer Majors/Award Focus

- Musical Theater, A.A., Certificate

GE Pattern/Units

- GE Pattern: Option A
- Total Units: 61



Program maps indicate the major coursework and recommended general education courses to fulfill your degree in 2 years (approximately 15 units/ semester or 30 units/year). Some of the courses listed may be substituted by another course. Please view these options in the official course [catalog](#).

Semester 1

16 Units

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL-101	College Composition	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	MATH-115	Ideas of Mathematics	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	THA-110	Fundamentals of Acting	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	DAN-123A	Beginning Jazz Dance	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	DAN-120	Conditioning and Alignment for Dance	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	MUS-115	Beginning Voice Class - Breath/Tone	2

Semester 2

14 Units

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL-103	Critical Thinking and Writing	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	DAN-133	History of Popular Dance in the United States	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HIST-111	U.S. History to 1877	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	THA-216	Musical Theater Production: Theater	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	DAN-131A	Beginning Hip Hop	2

Career Options

Actor (A+)

Director (A+)

Set and Exhibit Designer (A+)

Find more careers: msjc.emsicc.com

Required Education: SM: some college; C: Certificate; A: Associate,

B: Bachelor's, M: Master's; D: Doctorate

Financial Aid



Financial aid is determined by the number of credit hours you take in a semester. Maximize your financial aid by taking 12-15 units per semester.

Semester 3**15 Units**

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	NUTR-101	Introduction to Nutrition Science	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	THA-155	Musical Theater History	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	THA-216	Musical Theater Production: Theater	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	MUS-116	Beginning Voice Class - Diction and Expression	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	DAN-127A	Intermediate Jazz Dance	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	DAN-124	Beginning Tap Dance	2

Semester 4**16 Units**

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	AREA F ¹	Various THA, MUS courses	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	THA-216	Musical Theater Production: Theater	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	DAN-131B	Advanced Beginning Hip Hop	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	DAN-129	Intermediate Tap Dance	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	THA-111	Intermediate Acting	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	THA-108	Improvisation for Dance and Theater	3

¹ MUS-108, DAN-109, DAN-100, DAN-201 Choose one

Work Experience

Sign up for a special project or internship opportunity. Gain [work experience](#) and earn credits.

Scheduling Notes

Whether your focus is performance or technical theater, you need to get a thorough understanding of theater on and off the stage. Actor's should serve on the crew for one production and techies should take an acting class.

Helpful Hints

It is great to support local theater, but you must be diligent about saving up to see a professional production in San Diego or Los Angeles. Start looking at the schedules now to see what is coming up and how much tickets will be. If this is going to pose a real financial hardship, speak with your chair early on so that you both can look into grant and fund-raising possibilities.

