

# LPC Department of Theater Arts NEW Degree!

## Associates Degree (For Transfer)

The Associate in Arts for Theater for Transfer (AA-T) major is designed to provide knowledge, training, and practical experience in all aspects of theater arts. The benefit of transfer admission with junior status to the CSU and UC schools is of immeasurable value for our students. The ability to save money, work towards their major, and gain training and skill in a personalized environment such as ours, will only serve to better prepare them as artists and academics. This degree follows a specific state mandated curriculum in order to make transferability easier for students.

### What does the Associate Degree for Transfer program do for me?

- Creates an Associate Degree for Transfer that guarantees your admission with junior standing to the California State University system.

- Defines this associate degree as having 60 transferrable units that include a minimum of 18 units in a major or area of emphasis and an approved general education curriculum (either IGETC or GE Breadth).



- Provides you with priority admission consideration to your local California State University campus and to a program or major that is similar to the major or area of emphasis you studied at your community college.
- Prohibits the California State University from requiring you to repeat courses that are similar to those completed at your community college as part of your Associate Degree for Transfer.
- Prohibits the California State University from requiring you to take more than 60 units to complete a 120-unit baccalaureate degree.
- Reduces the need to take unnecessary courses, thereby shortening your time to degree completion and reducing your costs at the community college and California State University.
- Eliminates confusion caused by different and shifting major preparation requirements that can vary by each California State University campus.
- Even if you do not complete or have to delay finishing your bachelor's degree, you'll still have an associate degree and no one can take that from you. It can significantly increase your earning potential and provide you with the skills employers are looking for in this difficult economy.

## What classes would I need to take, in THEATER, in order to obtain this degree?

### Program Requirements

#### **THEA 10: Introduction to Dramatic Arts**

Exploration of the history of theater through lively lecture and active participation in this course, designed to help you develop a greater appreciation and understanding of a 2500 yr. old art form.

#### **THEA 1A: Theory and Practice of Acting I**

Introduction to the techniques and theories of acting, explored through improvisation, exercises and scene study.

#### **THEA 48A: Technical Theater in Production: Beginning**

Participation in crews of scheduled major productions. Enrollment is for the full semester.

### 9 units from any of the following courses:

#### **THEA 1B: Theory and Practice of Acting II**

Continued exploration of the theory and practice of acting, focusing on more complex characterization and character analysis.

#### **THEA 47A: Performance in Live Production: Beginning**

Participation in cast of scheduled major production. Enrollment is for the duration of the production.

#### **THEA 50: Stagecraft**

Introduction to technical aspects of theatrical production, including theater architecture and scenic design, set construction and painting, drafting and rendering, production organization, lighting and sound design.

#### **THEA 50L: Intro to Lighting Design**

Introduction to research, imagining, and designing lighting for a play or musical.

#### **THEA 51: Intro to Costume Design**

Introduction to costume history, design, and basic construction techniques as an introduction to basic theatrical costuming.

The above courses, combined with the CSU or IGETC Gen Ed Course, should make up the basics of your AA degree. You must complete a total of 60 units with a 2.0 Average in order to receive the AA-T (Associates Degree for Transfer). If, after completing the above requirements and the GE requirements, you do not meet the full 60 units, you must complete more electives. We, of course, recommend taking those elective in the Department of Theater Arts in order to continue to grow your theatrical skill set.