

Theatre Arts

Theatre is a collaborative art form that brings stories to life through performance, design, and production. At Lee College, students develop the artistic, technical, and creative skills needed to succeed both on stage and behind the scenes while gaining hands-on experience through classroom instruction and live productions.

Whether your interests lie in acting, directing, stagecraft, lighting, sound, scenery, or costume design, the Theatre program encourages students to explore every aspect of theatrical production. Working alongside faculty and fellow artists, students learn the value of collaboration, communication, discipline, and creative problem-solving while participating in productions that serve both the campus and the community.

From the first rehearsal to the final curtain call, students gain practical experience that prepares them for successful transfer to four-year theatre programs while building the confidence and professionalism expected throughout the performing arts industry.

The Lee College Theatre Department offers two different concentrations: Acting or Technical Theatre. Students may continue to complete their advanced BA or BFA degree requirements. **Students should work with their advisors to tailor course selections to align with the chosen transfer university. The transfer plan on this page outlines a general course plan, but it is essential for students to select courses that best fit their educational goals as they continue their education at a university.**

What Will I Learn?

The Theatre curriculum combines performance, technical production, and theatrical design to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of live performance. Through rehearsals, classroom instruction, production assignments, and public performances, students develop artistic ability while strengthening communication, teamwork, leadership, and critical thinking skills.

Students are encouraged to explore multiple areas of theatre, gaining an appreciation for every role involved in bringing a production to life. Whether performing under the lights or working behind the scenes, students learn professional production practices while developing the technical knowledge and creative confidence necessary for continued study and future careers.

Acting

Acting develops the skills necessary to create believable, compelling performances through the study of character, movement, voice, and script analysis. Students explore a variety of acting techniques while building confidence, stage presence, and effective communication skills through classroom exercises, rehearsals, and public performances.

What You'll Learn

- Character Development
- Script Analysis
- Scene Study
- Voice and Diction
- Movement for the Actor
- Improvisation
- Audition Techniques
- Stage Presence
- Ensemble Performance
- Professional Rehearsal Practice

Technical Theatre

Technical Theatre introduces students to the design, construction, and operation of the technical elements that make live performance possible. Through hands-on production experience, students learn the craftsmanship and technology behind scenery, lighting, sound, costumes, and stage management while working on departmental productions.

What You'll Learn

- Scenic Construction
- Stage Lighting
- Sound Production
- Costume Construction
- Stage Makeup
- Prop Design and Management
- Theatre Safety
- Stage Management and Production Planning

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"What Can I Do With This Course of Study?"

Theatre prepares students for careers throughout the performing arts and live entertainment industries, as well as for the many professions that prize confident communication, collaboration, and creative problem-solving. While many pathways require continued study beyond the associate degree, the Theatre program builds the practical production experience and professional habits that four-year programs and employers expect.

- Professional Performance in Theatre, Film, Television, Voice Acting, and Commercial Work
- Directing Theatre and Film/Television
- Technical Theatre and Design, including scenery, lighting, sound, makeup, and costume construction
- Live Entertainment, Concert, and Event Production
- Stage Management, Production, and Performing Arts Management

- Theatre and Fine Arts Administration
- Theatre Education

Acting prepares students for continued study and careers in theatre, film, television, voice acting, commercial performance, arts education, and other professions that value creativity, confidence, and communication.

Technical Theatre prepares students for careers in scenic construction, exhibit fabrication, technical direction, event production, entertainment technology, and production support. It provides a foundation for careers in theatrical production, live entertainment, concert production, television, film, themed entertainment, and performing arts management.

Associate of Arts for Transfer in Theatre Arts

Semester 1

- EDUC 1200 — Learning Frameworks
- ENGL 1301— English Composition I
- HIST 1301 — History of the United States to 1877
- DRAM 1310 - Theatre Appreciation
- Elective in Major

Semester 2

- ENGL 1302 — English Composition II
- HIST 1302 — History of the United States since 1877
- Oral Communication Core Course
- Mathematics Core Course
- Elective in Major

Semester 3

- Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core Course
- Life and Physical Sciences Core Course
- GOVT 2305 — Federal Government
- Elective in Major
- Elective in Major

Semester 4

- Life and Physical Sciences Core Course
- GOVT 2305 — Texas Government
- Social/Behavioral Sciences Core Course
- Elective in Major
- Elective in Major

Transfer

Students pursuing the Associate of Arts (AA) degree are strongly encouraged to connect with the Transfer Department early and often to ensure a smooth transition to a four-year university.

The Transfer team can help you explore your options, understand admission requirements, and create a clear academic plan aligned with your goals.

- Visit the [Transfer Page](#) to access resources and connect with advisors.
- Explore guidance on [Transferring to a University](#), including an easy-to-follow checklist.
- Review detailed [University Partner Transfer Maps](#) to see how your Lee College courses merge seamlessly into bachelor's degree programs.

Taking advantage of these resources will help you stay on track and make informed decisions about your future.

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