

Degree: Associate of Arts

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Focus: Theatre Performance

Major: Acting

Credits completed at College of Lake County: 61

Credits at Columbia College Chicago: 59

In Columbia College Chicago's Acting bachelor's program, you'll gain hands-on experience in a diverse range of productions and develop professional skills to help you launch a career in theatre, film, or television. You'll learn an approach to performance that asks actors to contemplate motive and fully experience the characters they play, as well as take professional workshops covering topics like auditioning, working with agents, evaluating opportunities, and navigating contracts and union representation. Learn more at colum.edu/academics.

1 st Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ENG 121 English Composition I	3	ENGL 111 Writing and Rhetoric I
THE 121 Introduction to Theatre	3	Humanities course
THE 125 Principles of Acting	3	*With THE 126 Stagecraft in 4 th semester
IAI Physical or Life Science course	3	Physical or Life Science course
IAI Social & Behavioral Science course	3	Social & Behavioral Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

2 nd Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
ENG 122 English Composition II	3	ENGL 112 Writing and Rhetoric II
THE 123 Diversity in American Theatre	3	Humanities course
THE 145 Voice for the Stage	3	*With THE 225 Acting II in 3 rd semester
THE 229 Stage Make-up	3	THEA 135 Introduction to Basic Makeup
IAI Physical or Life Science course with Lab	4	Science course with Lab
Total Semester Credit Hours	16	

3 rd Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
CMM 121 Fundamentals of Speech	3	Collegewide Elective*
THE 223 Play Analysis for Production	3	THEA 205 Text Analysis
THE 225 Acting II (with THE 145)	3	THEA 112 Theatre Foundation II: Performance
200-Level IAI Social & Behavioral Science course	3	Social and Behavioral Science course
IAI Mathematics course	3	Mathematics course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

4 th Semester Courses	Credits	Columbia Course/IAI GECC Category
THE 126 Stagecraft (with THE 125)	3	THEA 111 Theatre Foundation 1: Theatre Making
THE 228 Directing I	3	THEA 266 Directing I
THE Performance (Elective)	3	Collegewide Elective*
200-Level IAI Humanities course	3	Humanities and Fine Art course
IAI Social & Behavioral Science course	3	Social and Behavioral Science course
Total Semester Credit Hours	15	

Completion of AA Degree: 61 credit hours

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5th Semester Courses

	Credits
THEA 106 Theatre Survey I: Global Drama	2
THEA 203 Voice for the Actor	3
THEA 204 Movement for the Actor	3
THEA 207 Scenes: Performance & Analysis	3
Production Tech course	1
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

6th Semester Courses

	Credits
THEA 107 Theatre Survey II: American Drama	2
THEA 202 Traditions of World Theatre	3
THEA 250 Character & Ensemble	3
THEA 285 Creating a Performance or THEA 286 Production & Performance	1
THEA 322 Voice and Text	3
Innovation and Impact (Columbia Experience course)	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

7th Semester Courses

	Credits
THEA 301 Advanced Acting: Heightened Languages	3
THEA 302 Advanced Acting: Physical Approaches	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide elective	3
Collegewide elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

8th Semester Courses

	Credits
THEA 389 An Actor's Guide to Hollywood or THEA 420 Professional Survival and How to Audition or THEA 485 Audition Workshop	1-3
THEA 390 Theatre Career	1
Collegewide elective	3
Collegewide elective	3
Collegewide elective	3
Collegewide elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	14-16

Completion of BA Degree: 120 credit hours

Semester in LA

Go Hollywood—while earning your Columbia degree. Our one-of-a-kind multidisciplinary program is led by industry insiders and held on a historic studio lot. This immersive experience provides real-world skills and network-building opportunities that can help you rise to the top of a competitive job market.

Alumni Success

- **Behzad Dabu '08** might be recognized from ABC's *How To Get Away With Murder* and Showtime's *The Chi*. Before he began acting on television, Dabu got his start in the Chicago theatre scene, performing at Steppenwolf Theater Company, Goodman Theatre, Victory Gardens Theatre, and TimeLine Theatre Company (of which he is a company member), among others.
- **Mariah Morris '17** started dancing when she was 6 years old. Following the advice of her mentor Debbie Allen, who portrayed Principal Simms in the TV series *Fame*, Morris enrolled as an Acting major at Columbia. As a junior, Morris appeared on the Golden Globe-winning series *Empire* and starred in her first Columbia main stage play, *Love and Information*.
- **Kaiser Ahmed '08, Gus Menary '08, and AJ Ware '08** collaborated on a senior class project which laid the plans for the **Jackalope Theatre Company**. Now in its ninth season, Jackalope Theatre is about to celebrate a decade on the Chicago scene.

Consider pursuing a related minor:

- ASL (American Sign Language) Studies
- Literature
- Live and Performing Arts Management
- Stage Combat
- Theatre Directing
- Visual Arts Management
- Writing for Performance
- Writing for Television

Columbia College Chicago participates in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). Students who complete the AA degree prior to transferring to Columbia College Chicago will have completed the Essential Liberal Arts & Sciences section of the Columbia Core requirements. Additionally, all degree-seeking Columbia students are required to complete 9 credit hours of 200-level (or higher) coursework, Columbia Experience courses as indicated, as well as at least two courses (6 credit hours) with a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation to meet graduation requirements.

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