

Degree: Associate of Arts

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Focus: Theatre-Technical

Major: Theatre Design and Technology

Credits completed at CLC: 61

Credits at Columbia College Chicago: 59

The Theatre Design and Technology program emphasizes design as a collaborative process that requires close cooperation among directors, designers, technical teams, and performers. You can explore many interests or choose from advanced courses to focus on a single area of design and production. No matter what path you choose, you'll get experience across disciplines. You'll take courses in set, lighting, costume, and sound design to gain hands-on experience creating theatre in many genres and styles. 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
THE 121 Introduction to Theatre	3	Humanities course
THE 126 Stagecraft	3	See THE 125 below
IAI Physical or Life Science course	3	Science course
IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	Social and 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 125 Principles of Acting	3	THEA 111 Theatre Foundation 1: Theatre Making (with THE 126)
THE 128 Introduction to Theatrical Costuming	3	THEA 262 Costume Design II (Design/Tech Elective)
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	Fulfills IAI Communication requirement
THE 223 Play Analysis for Production	3	THEA 205 Text Analysis
THE 226 Lighting for Stage and Studio	3	THEA 164 Introduction to Lighting Technologies
200-Level IAI Social and 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 129 Theatre Practicum	3	Collegewide Elective*
THE 228 Directing	3	Collegewide Elective*
THE 299 Special Topics in Theatre	3	Collegewide Elective*
200-Level IAI Social and Behavioral Science course	3	Social and Behavioral Science course
IAI Humanities course	3	Humanities 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	3
THEA 157 Rendering for Theatre I	3
THEA 159 Drafting for Theatre	3
THEA 202 Traditions of World Theatre (DEI course)	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

6th Semester Courses

	Credits
THEA 152 Aesthetics for Theatre (Spring Only)	3
THEA 228 Design/Tech Practicum	1
Innovation and Impact course (Columbia Experience)	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	2
Total Semester Credit Hours	15

7th Semester Courses

	Credits
THEA 228 Design/Tech Practicum	1
THEA 285 Creating a Performance	3
THEA Design Course	3
THEA Advanced Tech/Design Course	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	16

8th Semester Courses

	Credits
THEA 227 VectorWorks or THEA 247 AutoCAD	3
THEA 228 Design/Tech Practicum	1
THEA 346 Period Styles for Theatrical Design	3
THEA 390 Theatre Career	1
THEA 425 Creating a Career in Tech and Design	2
Collegewide Elective	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	13

Completion of BA Degree: 120 credit hours

Learn about design and technology in other fields:

Studying theatre at an arts and media school gives you opportunities to collaborate with students in other disciplines. You can work on concert, dance, and event lighting; costumes for fashion, film, and television; art exhibit scenic design; and sound for events of all kinds.

Internships:

Theatre design and technology internships can be diverse. You may work as a crew member in a professional theatre, sometimes as an assistant designer or assistant technical director. Or you may work on a specific show for a brief, intense period. Or you may work on many aspects of creating and maintaining a theater's season for a semester. Students often assist one of the faculty members on their professional work.

Select Collegewide Electives that will go toward a related minor:

- Entrepreneurship
- Live and Performing Arts Management
- Stage Combat
- Visual Arts Management

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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