



## Arts, Media, and Technology Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs) Program Map: Associate in Arts Degree for Theater Arts with Lighting Emphasis

Total number of units: 62-63 units

Top Code/Academic Plan: 1007.00

Updated on March 30, 2022

Fall Even	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program/GE Course	THEATER 100	<b>Introduction to Theater</b>	<b>3</b>	Required core course. Offered every semester. GE Area C Humanities.	Day, evening, short term and online.  This course has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the <a href="#">ELAC Honors Program</a> website or contact Dr. Bermudez at <a href="mailto:bermudn@elac.edu">bermudn@elac.edu</a> .
Program Course	TECTHTR 315	<b>Introduction to Design</b>	<b>3</b>	Elective course. Offered every fall.	Bi-weekly morning class. Weekly morning course.
Program Course	TECTHTR 305	<b>Orientation to Technical Careers in Entertainment</b>	<b>2</b>	Core course. Milestone course. Offered fall even.	Friday morning course.
Program Course	TECTHTR 300	<b>Stagecraft</b>	<b>3</b>	Elective course list C. Offered every spring.	Bi-weekly morning class. Weekly later afternoon course.  This course has sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
GE Course	ENGLISH 101	<b>College Reading and Composition I</b>	<b>3</b>	GE Area D1: English Composition. Milestone Course. ENGLISH 072 is a support course which can be added for a total of 4 units.  This course has sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."	Day, evening, short term. Also available at South Gate.  This course has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the <a href="#">ELAC Honors Program</a> website or contact Dr. Bermudez at <a href="mailto:bermudn@elac.edu">bermudn@elac.edu</a> .

**Total Units 14**

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Program Course	TECTHTR 370	<b>Lighting Design for Theater</b>	<b>3</b>	Elective course list C. Offered every Spring.	Bi-weekly morning class. Weekly morning course.  This course has sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."

Spring Odd	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	TECTHTR 346	<b>Lighting Practicum</b>	<b>2</b>	Elective course list B. Offered every semester.	Weekly afternoon course. This course has sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
Program Course	TECTHTR 384	<b>Computer Drafting for the Theater</b>	<b>3</b>	Elective course for degree unit count. Offered Spring odd only. This elective is suggested for transfer and career purposes.	Weekly morning course.
GE Course	MATH 125	<b>Intermediate Algebra</b>	<b>5</b>	GE Area D2: Communications and Analytical Thinking. Milestone course. MATH 125 or higher is needed for transfer. Please see a counselor for appropriate placing. MATH 125S offers additional lab support and can be substituted for 125.	Day, evening, short term. Also available at South Gate. This course has sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."

**Total Units    13**

Summer	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
GE Course	Area E1 and 2: Physical Education and Activity		<b>3</b>	This course can be taken in any intersession or semester. Although any course from the list may be selected, the department recommends HEALTH 002, which covers both E1 and E2.	Schedules vary based on selected course.

**Total Units    3**

Fall Odd	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	TECTHTR 323	<b>Stage Management</b>	<b>3</b>	Required core course. Offered every fall.	Bi-weekly morning class. Weekly morning course with lab requirements out of scheduled class time.
Program Course	THEATER 225	<b>Beginning Direction</b>	<b>3</b>	Core course. Offered every Fall.	Weekly afternoon class.
Program Course	TECTHTR 348	<b>Stage Management Practicum</b>	<b>2</b>	Elective course list A. Offered every semester.	Evening/weekend short term. This course has sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
Program Course	TECTHTR 342	<b>Technical Stage Production</b>	<b>2</b>	Elective course. Offered every semester.	This lab course is scheduled on a per show basis. An orientation will be held to discuss schedule and requirements at the beginning of the semester. This course has sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."

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GE Course	Area B1: American Institutions		3	Although any course from the list may be selected, POL SCI 001, and HISTORY 005, 006, 011, 012 are also on the IGETC and CSU GE pattern for transfer.  POL SCI 001, CH DEV 001, HISTORY 011, and HISTORY 012 have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."	Schedules vary based on selected course.  POL SCI 001, HISTORY 011, and HISTORY 012 have sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the <a href="#">ELAC Honors Program</a> website or contact Dr. Bermudez at <a href="mailto:bermudn@elac.edu">bermudn@elac.edu</a> .
GE Course	Area B2: Social and Behavioral Sciences		3	Although any course from the list may be selected, PSYCH 001, SOC 001, CH DEV 001, COMM 190 are suggested, as the are IGETC and CSU GE courses for transfer.  POL SCI 001, CH DEV 001, HISTORY 011, and HISTORY 012 have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."	Schedules vary based on selected course. PSYCH 001, HISTORY 011, HISTORY 012, and SOC 001 have sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the <a href="#">ELAC Honors Program</a> website or contact Dr. Bermudez at <a href="mailto:bermudn@elac.edu">bermudn@elac.edu</a> .

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Program Course	THEATER 114	<b>Script Analysis</b>	3	Core course. Offered every spring. Other options are THEATER 259 (spring odd) or THEATER 101 (every semester) or THEATER 110.	Weekly evening course.  This course has sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
Program Course	THEATER 260	<b>Acting Fundamentals</b>	3	Required core. Offered every semester.	Day and evening weekly course.  This course has sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
Program Course	TECTHTR 350	<b>Makeup for Theatre</b>	3	Required core. Offered every spring.	Bi-weekly morning class. Weekly morning course.  This course has sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."

Spring Even	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	TECTHTR 372	<b>Advanced Lighting Design</b>	<b>3</b>	Elective course list C. Offered every Spring.	Weekly morning class. This course has sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
GE Course	Area A: Natural Sciences		<b>4</b>	Although any course from the list may be selected, see a counselor for transfer requirements, which includes a lab course in addition or embedded into a class.	Schedules vary based on selected course.

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**Degree Path and Requirements:**

Associate of Arts Degree in Theater Arts. Requirement for an AA include: 33-41 program units, 1-9 units any CSU transferable course elective, and 21 units LACCD GE pattern. 3 units of program courses may be doubled towards LACCD GE Area C. This map is a suggested term-by-term sequence of courses to complete the program in a recommended time frame. This is an efficient and recommended plan, but actual plans may vary by individual student need. This map cannot replace a meeting with [counselors](#). Students can apply for certificates as soon as the necessary courses are completed. Meet with a counselor and the financial aid office to ensure continued financial aid. Check with [financial aid](#) for eligibility.

**Department Advising Notes:**

This map was created using the LACCD GE requirements. Students should consult a counselor for specific information about transfer, IGETC, and CSU GE requirements. Program courses are offered in specific semesters and odd/even years as noted.

**Program Description**

Our primary AA degree provides professional training to prepare students to enter the entertainment field or transfer to a four-year institution. It is a two year program where students learn valuable skills in the major area of theater, with emphasis in technical theater and focus on lighting design and technology.

**Career and Transfer Opportunities**

The Associate of Arts in Theater Arts prepares student to enter the entertainment field or transfer to a four-year institution. In the entertainment industry, students with a four-year or graduate level degree have a greater network and skill set which can be beneficial in a competitive field. CSU and UC schools have technical theater programs focusing on scenery, lighting, props, and sound programs within their Theater Arts Departments for either a BA, BFA, MA or MFA degree. Students that obtain an AA in Theater Arts or transfer and continue study in technical theater will be able to pursue entry-level positions in entertainment, including: theatre, dance, theme park, live performance, corporate events, film, television, commercials, and new media industry job titles include: electrician, master electrician, theatrical lighting designer, programmer, assistant lighting designer, and stage crew.

Visit the [Transfer Center](#) for transfer information, which varies based on transfer college. Make an appointment with a [counselor](#). Students can visit [Career and Job Services](#) for career counseling and further exploration. For additional resources, students pursuing a certificate can visit the [American Job Center of California](#) on ELAC main campus.

**Youtube Videos**

[Working in the Theatre: Lighting Design](#)

**Program Map**

A suggested sequence of classes to complete a degree, certificate, or program of study. Students should consult an academic counselor for variations to this plan based on part-time or full-time status, transfer plans, pre-requisites needed, etc.

**Prerequisite Course**

A specific course that must be completed before advancing to the next course.

Check the online catalog at [elac.edu](http://elac.edu) for the latest and most accurate information.

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