



Arts, Media, and Technology Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs) Program Map: Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer for Theater Arts with Costume Focus

Total number of units: 62-64 units

Top Code/Academic Plan: 1007.00

Updated on March 30, 2022

Fall Semester	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program/GE Course	THEATER 100	Introduction to Theater	3	Required core. Offered every semester. GE Area C1. Other option is THEATER 110, offered in Fall odd.	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 ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .
Program Course	THEATER 260	Acting Fundamentals	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."
GE Course	TECTHTR 367	Costume and Fashion History	3	GE Area C1 Arts course. Milestone course. Offered Fall odd.	Weekly morning course.
GE Course	ENGLISH 101	Area A2: College Reading and Composition I	3	GE Area A2: Written Communication. Milestone Course. ENGLISH 072 is a support course which can be added for a total of 4 units.	Day, evening, short term and online. 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 ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .
GE Course	Area E: Lifelong Learning and Self-Development		3	Although any course from the list may be selected, the department recommends HEALTH 002, which is also on the and CSU GE pattern for transfer.	Schedules vary based on selected course.

Total Units 15

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Program Course	TECTHTR 350	Make-up for Theater	3	List course. Offered every Spring.	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."

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Program Course	TECTHTR 342	Technical Stage Production	2	Core course. Offered every Fall and Spring.	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."
GE Course	MATH 125	Area B4: Intermediate Algebra	5	GE Area B4: Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning. 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 and online. 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."
GE Course	COMM 101	Area A1: Oral Communication	3		Multiple offerings: days, evenings, weekend, and online.
GE Course	Area D: Social Sciences		3	This course can be moved to another semester that is lower in units if needed, to create a balanced schedule.	Schedules vary based on selected course.

Total Units 16

Fall Semester	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	TECTHTR 345	Costume Practicum	2	Core course. Offered every Fall and Spring.	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."
Progra Course	TECTHTR 365	Historical Costume Sewing and Pattern Making	3	Elective CSU transferable course. Offered Fall even. Any costume course not included in this map can be substituted as a CSU transferable course, which will also count towards Costume Certificates.	Weekly morning course.
Program Course	TECTHTR 305	Orientation to Technical Careers in Entertainment	2	See TECTHTR 365 Note above.	Friday morning course.
GE Course	Area A3: Critical Thinking		3	Although any course from the list may be selected, the department recommends ENGLISH 102, which is also on the IGETC and CSU GE pattern for transfer.	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 ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .
GE Course	Area B1: Physical Science		3 to 5	Although any course from the list may be selected, the department recommends selecting a course with a lab, in order to fulfill Area B3 as well.	Schedules vary based on selected course.

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GE Course	Area D: Social Sciences		3	This course can be moved to another semester that is lower in units if needed, to create a balanced schedule. Although any course from the list may be selected, the department recommends HISTORY 011 or 012 and POLI SCI 001, which fulfill CSU Graduation Requirements.	Schedules vary based on selected course. These courses 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 ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .

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Spring Semester	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	TECTHTR 360	Costume Design for Theater	3	List course. Milestone course. Offered Spring odd.	Weekly morning course.
Program Course	THEATER 114	Script Analysis	3	Core course. Milestone course. Offered every spring. This course is required by select UC/CSU colleges for transfer, although there are other options.	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."
GE Course	Area C2: Humanities		3		Schedules vary based on selected course.
GE Course	Area D: Social Sciences		3	Although any course from the list may be selected, the department recommends HISTORY 011 or 012 and POLI SCI 001, which fulfill CSU Graduation Requirements.	Schedules vary based on selected course. These courses 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 ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .
GE Course	Area B2: Life Science		3		Schedules vary based on selected course.

Total Units 15

Degree Path and Requirements:

Associate of Arts Degree in Theater Arts for Transfer (AA-T). Requirement for an AA-T include: 18 minimum program units, 4-8 units any CSU transferable course elective, and 39-42 units IGETC or CSU GE pattern.

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 CSU 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. All program courses are offered on ELAC main campus only, with the exception of THEATER 100. Follow sewing and costume courses on social media with East Los Angeles College Costume Department on Facebook and [@ELACcostumes](#) on Instagram.

Program Description

The Associate of Arts in Theater Arts for Transfer is designed for student to complete the majority of their lower division general education requirements prior to transferring to a four-year institution. This transfer degree guarantees students priority consideration for admission into a California State University campus. Students with this degree enter the CSU system at junior status, needing 60 additional semester units to earn a baccalaureate degree in a CSU program that has been deemed as similar.

Career and Transfer Opportunities

The Associate of Arts in Theater Arts for Transfer focuses primarily on GE courses and is intended for transferring to a four-year institution. A more robust and in depth study of theater courses is needed in order to secure employment in the entertainment industry. In the entertainment industry, students with

a 4 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 costume programs within their Theater Arts Departments for either a BA, BFA, MA or MFA degree. Students that transfer and continue study in costuming will be able to pursue entry-level positions in entertainment costuming, including: theatre, dance, theme park, live performance, corporate events, film, television, commercials, and new media. Industry job titles include: stitchers, wardrobe attendants, costume technicians, pattern makers, costume designers, costume assistants, costumer, draper, dresser, wardrobe manager, wardrobe supervisor, costume buyer, historic clothing and costume maker, fashion designer and costume design director.

Job descriptions include: select, build, construct, fit, and take care of costumes for cast members and aid entertainers. May assist with multiple costume changes during a performance. Design costumes and accessories. Create original costume designs. Annual average earnings range from \$55,000 to \$77,000 based on job title. Explore [Costume](#) and [Stitching](#) careers here.

This transfer degree guarantees admission to the California State University system. 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 Theater: Costume Designer](#)

[A Day in the Life of a Dresser](#)

[Costume, Wigs, and Makeup at the National Theater](#)

[An Overview of the Costume Department](#)

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 for the latest and most accurate information.

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