

TECHNICAL THEATER, A.S.

The Technical Theater A.S. Degree will prepare students for a career in performing arts productions specifically entailing set construction and painting, lighting design, operation and rigging of lighting instruments, costume design and construction, makeup application, and sound recording and reproduction. Students will develop the practical and aesthetic skills necessary for employment in scene shops, costume shops, recording studios, professional theaters, college theaters, film/television studios, theme parks, and other venues. Students will also build the foundation necessary for transfer to a baccalaureate program in these or related fields of study.

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Program Map

Design Your Future!

Begin by exploring MSJC program maps to find a career or transfer (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/?radius=®ion=All%20Regions>) opportunities. Program maps show the recommended sequence of courses that lead to graduation or transfer. The maps were developed by program experts to give you the skills and knowledge you need to succeed.

- **Starting in Spring?** Choose Fall Semester 1 courses.
- **Are you a part-time student?** Start Fall Semester 1 courses and follow the course sequence.

MSJC General Education Option A

Fall Semester 1		Units
ENGL-101	College Composition (formerly Freshman Composition)	4
MATH-115	Ideas of Mathematics	3
THA-117	Stagecraft	3
DAN-120	Conditioning and Alignment for Dance	2
THA-101	Introduction to Theater	3
PE-112	Body Conditioning	1

Units 16

Spring Semester 1		Units
CSIS-111B	Fundamentals of Computer Programming	3
THA-136	Cultural History of American Motion Pictures	3
HIST-111	U.S. History to 1877	3
AUD/MUS-140	Beginning Studio Recording	3
THA-120	Stage Lighting	3

Units 15

Fall Semester 2		Units
THA-124	Scenic Painting	3
ENVS-100	Humans and Scientific Inquiry	3
THA-216	Musical Theater Production: Theater	3
THA-118	Stage Management	3
THA-122	Stage Makeup	3

Units 15

Spring Semester 2		Units
DAN-100	History and Appreciation of Dance	3

THA-201	Rehearsal and Performance	2
THA-155	Musical Theater History	3
THA-135	Introduction to Film	3
THA-121	Costume Construction	3
Units		14
Total Units		60

Requirements

An Associate Degree in this program requires students to follow MSJC's General Education, Option A and complete all general education areas, all major requirements, and complete an overall total of 60 degree applicable units with a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Course	Title	Credits
MSJC General Education Option A (https://catalog.msjc.edu/degrees-certificates-curricula/general-education-option-a/)		24
Required Technical Theater Courses		12
Technical Theater Electives		6
Electives (as needed to reach 60 units)		

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
AUD-140 or MUS-140	Beginning Studio Recording	3
THA-117	Stagecraft	3
THA-120	Stage Lighting	3
THA-121	Costume Construction	3
Elective Courses		
Select two of the following:		6
THA-118	Stage Management	
THA-122	Stage Makeup	
THA-123	Introduction to Scene Design (formerly Models and Rendering)	
THA-124	Scenic Painting	

Total Units 18

Career Exploration

Discover information about careers that interest you!

1. Take a Career Quiz (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/assessment/>) to learn about yourself and receive career suggestions based on your interests.
2. Search available in-demand jobs (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/browse-careers/>) in your career areas of interest and find up-to-date salaries and education requirements.
3. Find the MSJC Program (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/browse-programs/>) that connects your interests to a career.

Note: There are no guaranteed positions for students completing these programs. Education and work experience required will vary by employer. The salary and benefits for specific occupations will be dependent on work experience, education, background, and employer.