

Program Mission

Long Beach City College's Theatre Program has a three-fold mission:

- To provide the general student an opportunity to participate as artists and technicians in contemporary and classical theatre while offering a basic knowledge and experience of live drama so that they may be informed and enriched as audience members.
- To provide skills and academic lower division requirements to assist students in the successful transfer to universities or to college and conservatory training programs.
- To prepare students for entry level employment in selected technical and commercial areas of the entertainment industry.

Collectively, drama, in all its forms, film, television, and theatre, is the most popular art form in the world. In the last hundred years it has become the major art by which society examines the human condition. Drama's roots lie in live theatre and its development over thousands of years. For this reason theatre and the dramatic arts are an important, even essential, field of study, providing understanding and context for young people growing up in a fast changing multi-media world.

The Theatre Program at Long Beach City College seeks to promote a deeper understanding and appreciation of the underlying principles in all drama, while cultivating standards of excellence in all its



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Program Areas

The programs mission is pursued through classes and experiences in the following areas that lead to an Associate in Arts degree, available with either a General, Acting, or Technical emphasis:



Performance – Each year the program mounts in the auditorium theatre, at least five major productions of leading contemporary and classical plays. •Additionally, it produces approximately sixteen shorter length plays in assorted styles, assuring all students performance opportunities under the guidance of professional teacher/directors. •Each year six or more guest artist performances/appearances are available to students helping promote an aspiration for excellence.

Theory – All program classes and performance work rests upon the theoretical understanding gained in introductory core classes in Theatre, Dramatic Literature, and Stage and Screen Writing.

Acting – Following an introduction to the principles underlying the craft of acting, students pursue classes in movement, mask, and combat, together with voice and speech. Improvisation helps free the student's work while Technique and Characterization together with Scene Study classes helps them build the necessary skills. Numerous other classes from style work such as Shakespeare to audition preparation for stage and film provide a wide range of training opportunities for the serious student.

Production – Technical skills in the areas of scenery, lighting, costumes, stage makeup, stage management, and production crewing are each taught in hands-on workshop classes by professional award-winning designers in their field.

Media – Preparation for the business of show business is available through vocational media certificate classes in commercials, voice-overs, and acting for film.



Selected Courses

Core Transfer Courses

- TART 1 Acting—1 Introduction to Acting
- TART 25 Introduction to Theatre
- TART 30 Introduction to Dramatic Literature

Some Available Elective Courses

- TART 1B Acting 1—Movement
- TART 1C Acting 1—Voice
- TART 1D Acting 1—Improvisation
- TART 2 Acting 2—Technique and Characterization
- TART 2A Acting 2—Spoken Text
- TART 2C Acting 2—Movement, Mime, and Mask
- TART 3 Scene Study
- TART 13 Advanced Acting
- TART 32 Stage and Screen Writing
- TART 40 Stage Scenery
- TART 42 Stage Lighting
- TART 43 Costume Crafts
- TART 47 Theatre Management
- TART 49 Rehearsal and Performance
- TART 50 Major Production Performance
- TART 55 Stage Makeup
- TART 205 Auditions for Theatre & Film
- TART 212 Acting in Film



Degree & Certificate Programs

Degrees and Certificates are available in the following areas:

- General Emphasis—AA Degree / Transfer*
- Technical Emphasis—AA Degree / Transfer*
- Acting Emphasis—AA Degree / Transfer*
- Commercials—Certificate*
- Voice-Over's—Certificate*
- Film Acting—Certificate*



Additional Information:

Theatre students are also encouraged to take appropriate courses in other Department Programs in Dance and Film. Located at the entertainment capital's backdoor, with many faculty who are working professionals with industry connections, together with the low cost of tuition makes this program an ideal place to begin.

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