

**ARTS, DIGITAL MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS**

**Program Description:** The Drama program at ACC provides students with the opportunity to achieve an Associate of Arts degree in Drama. This degree is compatible with and comparable to the first two years of Drama education at other universities and colleges. It offers a range of courses designed to establish competency in performance, production, dramatic literature, and theater history. The mission of the Drama program is to also prepare students for jobs in the creative sector by providing hands-on experiences beyond the classroom through departmental productions, internships, and partnerships with local performing arts companies.

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sites.austincc.edu/drama/

Use this **Program Map** to choose courses with your college advisor and track your progress towards milestones and completion of program.

<b>Pre-Degree Requirements</b>		
Program Specific	Reading and Writing Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>	Mathematics Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Developmental Courses <input type="checkbox"/> ESOL Courses <input type="checkbox"/> INRW Courses	<input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses paired with MATH courses <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses
<b>SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS</b>		
<i>Plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters</i>		

Semester 1	CR	Advising Notes
EDUC 1200 - Effective Learning: Strategies for College Success	2	
ENGL 1301 - English Composition I	3	
DRAM 1120 - Theatre Workshop	1	
DRAM 1310 - Introduction to Theatre	3	
HIST 1301 - United States History I	3	
Humanities Elective	3	Select from HUMA 1301, HUMA 1302, or HUMA 1315.
	<b>15</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours / Meet with your advisor</b>
Semester 2		
ENGL 1302 - English Composition II	3	
DRAM 1351 - Acting I	3	
Technical Theater Elective	3	Select Technical Theater Elective from DRAM 1330, DRAM 1341, DRAM 1342.
HIST 1302 - United States History II	3	
Foreign Language	4	
	<b>16</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours / Meet with your program advisor</b>
Semester 3		
DRAM 2336 - Voice and Diction	3	Students transferring to a four-year institution may choose to substitute DRAM 2336 with a Speech course from the Component Area Option section of the Core Curriculum Course List.
GOVT 2305 - United States Government	3	
Language, Philosophy, and Culture	3	Select from the appropriate section of the Core Curriculum Course List.
Life and Physical Sciences	3-4	Select from the appropriate section of the Core Curriculum Course List.
Mathematics	3	Select from MATH 1332, MATH 1342, MATH 1324, or MATH 1314 depending on the math requirements of the four-year institution to which the student will be transferring. Students should first consult with a mathematics advisor.
	<b>15-16</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours / Meet with your program advisor</b>

Semester 4		
Drama Capstone Elective	2-3	Select Drama Capstone Elective from DRAM 2289, DRAM 2331, or DRAM 2351.
GOVT 2306 - Texas State and Local Government	3	
Literature	3	Select a literature course from the Component Area Option section of the Core Curriculum Course List.
Life and Physical Sciences	3-4	Select from the appropriate section of the Core Curriculum Course List.
Social and Behavioral Sciences	3	Select from the appropriate section of the Core Curriculum Course List.
		<b>ACHIEVEMENT:</b> Associate of Arts in Drama
	14-16	Program Semester Hours
Total Program Hours: 60-63		

Please always check online at [catalog.austincc.edu](http://catalog.austincc.edu) or meet with your academic or program advisor to ensure that you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.

## Career & Transfer Resources

ACC's Career and Transfer websites provide detailed, guided information on career exploration and transfer.

[www.austincc.edu/career](http://www.austincc.edu/career)

[www.austincc.edu/transfer](http://www.austincc.edu/transfer)

For further information regarding this specific program, please see the Career & Transfer Resources supplement provided in the next section of this Program Map.

### Program Map

## Drama

Degree: Drama Associate of Arts (AA)

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## Transfer Information

The Associate of Arts in Drama provides a pathway to transfer to a four-year college or university where students can earn a bachelor's degree. Transfer options and course guides are found below. Students are strongly encouraged to select a transfer destination by the time they have completed 24 semester credit hours.

**Common majors students pursue at a four-year institution include:** Drama, Performance Studies, Theater Arts, Theater Arts - Emphasis Acting

**Transfer Guides:** *The universities listed here do not constitute an ACC endorsement. Transfer course evaluations and determination of what courses will count toward a bachelor's degree are made by the receiving transfer institution.*

**The University of Texas at Austin:** <https://admissions.utexas.edu/apply/transfer-resources/acc-transfer-guides>

**Texas State University:** <http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/future/transfer/tpg.html>

**Texas A&M University:** <https://admissions.tamu.edu/transfer/majors>

**Texas Tech University:** <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/admissions/apply/status/transfer>

**St. Edward's University:** <https://www.stedwards.edu/undergraduate/theater-arts>

**The University of Houston:** <http://www.uh.edu/admissions/apply/apply-transfer/by-major/>

**Additional Transfer Resources:** ACC's transfer website provides information on additional colleges & universities: <http://www.austincc.edu/transferguides>. Students are encouraged to consult with a faculty advisor, [area of study advisor](#), and/or their chosen transfer institution to ensure courses taken at ACC will apply toward their bachelor's degree program.

## Career Information

### Common Job Titles

Actor (includes Actor, Actress, Comedian, Comic, Community Theater Actor, Narrator, Stand Up Comedian, Theatre Ensemble Member, Understudy, Voice-Over Artist); Directors-Stage (includes Artistic Director, Assistant Director, Associate Artistic Director, Stage Manager); Set and Exhibit Designers (includes Design Chief, Designer, Display Coordinator, Exhibit Designer, Production Designer, Scenic Designer, Set Decorator, Set Designer, Show Design Supervisor)

### Regional Labor Market Information

Actors: New workers generally start around \$22,382. Normal pay for Actors is \$37,321 per year, while highly experienced workers can earn as much as \$76,992 in this region. There are currently 324 Actors that are employed in Austin-Round Rock, TX.

Source: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/careers/actor>

Directors: New workers generally start around \$24,660. Normal pay for Directors- Stage, Motion Pictures, Television, and Radio is \$47,411 per year, while highly experienced workers can earn as much as \$100,526 in this region. There are currently 1,838 Directors- Stage, Motion Pictures, Television, and Radio that are employed in Austin-Round Rock, TX.

Source: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/careers/director-stage-motion-picture-television-or-radio>

Set and Exhibit Designers: New workers generally start around \$26,206. Normal pay for Set and Exhibit Designers is \$36,862 per year, while highly experienced workers can earn as much as \$53,388 in this region. There are currently 123 Set and Exhibit Designers that are employed in Austin-Round Rock, TX.

Source: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/careers/set-and-exhibit-designer>

**Career and labor market research tools** (see Quick Reference Guide at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>):

EMSI: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/>, Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>, O\*NET: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

**Career Resources:** ACC's career services website provides information on career exploration and employment at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>. Students are encouraged to consult with their [area of study advisor](#) for additional career assistance. The above information is provided as a guide and reference tool for occupations related to this program. This is not a guarantee of job placement in any of these occupations after successful completion of an ACC program. The common job titles listed are representative titles and are provided for career research. These are not the only occupations possible in this area of study.

### Performance

Screen Acting  
Voice Acting  
Stage Performer  
Musical Theater Artist  
Performance Artist

### Education

Teaching/Artist  
Educator (EC, Secondary, Post-Secondary)  
Coaching

### Dramatic Literature

Dramaturg  
Playwright  
Script Supervisor  
Literary Management  
Dramatic Criticism

### Production Management

Producing  
Program Director  
Talent Director  
Directing- Stage, Motion Pictures, Television, and Radio  
Production Management  
Stage Management  
Operations Management  
Facilities Management  
Managing Director or General Management  
Development/ Fundraising

Marketing/PR  
Communications  
Box Office Management  
House Management  
Office Management  
Artistic Director  
Director of Production  
Marketing Director  
Company Management  
Usher  
Ticketing Agent

### Technical Theater

Technical Directors/Managements  
Production Design  
Multimedia Artists and Animators  
Stage Technician  
Costume Designer  
Set Supervisor  
Performer's Costumer  
Set Costumer  
Prep Costumer  
Cutter  
Dresser  
Seamster/Seamstress  
Construction Coordinator  
Construction Foreman  
Lead Carpenter  
Scenic Carpenter  
Scenic Helper  
Scenic Metal Fabricator  
Construction Buyer

Maintenance Person  
Model Maker  
Art Director  
Set Design  
Draftsperson  
Set Decorator  
Set Buyer  
Set Dresser  
Lead Dresser  
Draperer/Upholsterer  
Special Effects Coordinator  
Special Effects Make-Up Artist  
Key Make-Up Artist  
Paint Coordinator  
Paint Foreman  
Lead Painter  
Scenic Artist  
Sign Painter/Fabricator  
Scenic Painter  
Property Master  
Props Buyer  
Prop Makers  
Lighting Technician/Gaffer  
Rigging Gaffer  
Generator Operator  
Lighting Technician  
Lighting Design  
Light Board Operator  
Master Electrician