

Theater



What is the theater program?

HCC's Theater Program is an outstanding educational foundation that provides immediate opportunity for students to perform and/or work with a technical crew. The A.A. degree in theater allows students to enhance their resumes as actors or technicians and/or to transfer to four-year institutions as theater majors.

What can I do with my theater degree?

There are many opportunities for people with a theater degree. Many employers accept applications from graduates with a wide-variety of degree subjects.

Students often pursue opportunities in one or more of the following careers:

- Actor
- Arts administrator
- Broadcast presenter
- Community arts worker
- Dancer
- Drama therapist
- Film director
- Music therapist
- Stage manager
- Teacher
- Theater director

What is the employment outlook?

Earnings and employment will vary by location, industry, education, and experience; however, there is a projected 12 percent increase from 2016 to 2026 in employment of actors, faster than the average for all occupations. Job growth in the motion picture industry will stem from continued strong demand for new movies and television shows. Internet only platforms, such as streaming services, are likely to increase, along with the number of shows produced for these platforms, leading to more work for actors. (source: www.bls.gov/ooh)

Why should I study theater at HCC?

The curriculum at HCC has two concentrations: performance or technical aspects of theater, depending on the students' interests. As an HCC student, there are many opportunities to be a part of a cast and crew of the Robinwood Players or the Maryland Entertainment Group (MEG). MEG is currently HCC's Artists in Residence and they provide myriad community theater opportunities working with professionals and semi-professionals to produce plays, musicals, and theater workshops.

The Kepler Center

The Kepler Performing and Visual Arts Education Center provides an attractive and

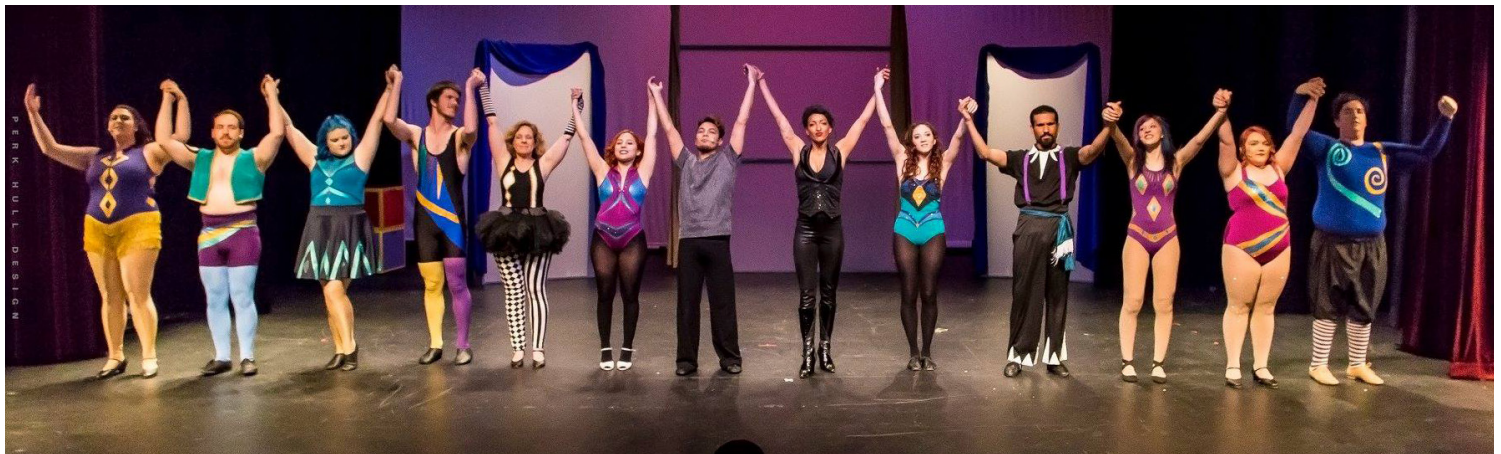
inspiring space for students studying the arts. The Kepler Center features a dance studio/black box theater, campus gallery, classrooms, practice rooms, art rooms, and faculty offices. The 491-seat Kepler Theater includes dressing rooms, a costume shop, and extensive wardrobe storage.

How can I get involved on campus?

HCC supports an active social life combined with academics. There is a wide variety of student organizations for students to get involved and make new friends. The Robinwood Players Theater Club is open to students interested in the performing arts. The club's goals are to promote a better understanding of all aspects of the performing arts and to foster the performing arts at HCC by providing opportunities to explore, develop, create, share and support dance, dramatic and musical productions.

The Robinwood Players Theater Club raises and offers up to two \$500 scholarships every spring semester to its club members. The scholarships are given to students who demonstrate dedication to the club, as well as academic achievement and interest in the performing arts field. For more information, visit www.hagerstowncc.edu/student-activities/clubs-organizations/robinwood-players.





A.A. Degree Arts and Sciences, Theater Concentration

The theater concentration prepares students to transfer to a four-year theater program at the university level. Students may select a concentration in either performance or technical aspects of theater.

General Education Requirements 31 credits

Arts/Humanities

Select any foreign language course 3
Select a course from the approved General Education course list 3

Behavioral/Social Sciences

Select two courses from the approved General Education course list 6

Biological/Physical Science

Select two courses from the approved General Education course list –
one must be a laboratory course..... 7

Diversity

Select one course from the approved General Education course list 3

English

ENG 101 English Composition 3
(ELL 101 English Composition for English Language Learners is an approved substitution for ENG 101)
*minimum grade of "C" or better is required
ENG 102 Composition and Literature..... 3

Mathematics

Select one course from approved
General Education course list..... 3

Program Requirements 16 credits

THR 101 Introduction to the Theater 3
THR 102 Elements of Dramatic Production..... 3
THR 106 Fundamentals of Acting..... 3
THR 112 Costume Design..... 3
THR 120 Theater Practicum 1
THR 207 Technical Theater..... 3

Restricted Electives

9 credits

Select three courses from the following list:

THR 113 Introduction to Directing:
Television and Theater 3
THR 114 History of the Theater 3
THR 115 Introduction to Theater Makeup 3
THR 201 Theater Workshop..... 3

Free Electives

1 credit

Select elective credits in consultation with an advisor.

Some recommended courses are as follows:

SPD 103 Public Speaking..... 3
SPD 108 Introduction to Human
Communication..... 3
THR 121 Theater Practicum II 1
THR 122 Theater Practicum III 1
THR 123 Theater Practicum IV 1

Degree Requirement.....60

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