

Associate in Fine Arts - Theatre

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Mission

The Fine Arts Department at Riverland Community College is a comprehensive arts program dedicated to developing the students' intellectual and creative potential in art, music and theatre, through quality instruction and a variety of performance/exhibition opportunities by expecting a high standard in all artistic endeavors.

Theatre Department Overview

Riverland's Theatre Department is a high-energy performance oriented program. Plays produced vary from classical tragedy to modern comedy and from full-scale large cast musicals to intimate small cast plays. Students are encouraged to get involved in all areas of theatre production, including, but not limited to, acting, stage managing, set building and painting. Strong academic offerings provide challenges in and out of the classroom.

What is an Associated of Fine Arts (AFA) Degree?

An AFA in Theatre Arts requires at least 40 general education credits and completion of the entire Minnesota Transfer Curriculum. The AFA is designed to enable the student to transfer to a baccalaureate degree program with a focus in theatre or to establish the completion of a degree of study.

Why an AFA in Theatre?

- An AFA communicates the focus is in the chosen art form - theatre
- Students will have a directed course of study that will prepare them for transfer to a four-year university or to enter the field.
- Transfer institutions will have a clearer understanding of the focus and scope of the student's training and education.
- Practical application courses will ensure the student's involvement in play production.
- The inclusion of the MnTC will foster communication and conceptualization skills necessary for further study or a professional career.

Why Riverland Theatre?

- AFA available - one of a few Minnesota colleges to offer the AFA in Theatre
- Excellent opportunity to participate no matter what your experience
- Immediate opportunity to participate in all areas of theatre
- Articulation agreements in place to ensure smooth transition to university work
- Low student-to-faculty ratio
- Opportunity to complete general education classes while focusing on the arts
- Affordable on-campus housing

About the Department:

Riverland Theatre produces four main stage major productions each academic year: one classic well-known musical, one newer or more innovative musical, one comedy (modern or classic) and 1 (classic or modern) drama. Students also have an opportunity to participate in Summerset Theatre, which is currently in its 40th year. Summerset mounts three productions in June and July. In August current students are able to join alumni in a major production with the purpose of raising money for theatre and music scholarships.

Past productions include:



Degree Type: Associate in Fine Arts (AFA)

Location: All

Program Starts: Fall, Spring

Total Credits: 66

Course Plan: Two Year

Program Costs:

Number of Credits: 66

Tuition per credit: \$162.00

Estimated Total Tuition

Cost: \$10,692.00

Additional Costs

Other required costs: -

Books: -

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- [Hello Dolly](#)
- [Metamorphoses](#)
- [Phantom](#)
- [A Christmas Carol](#)
- Evita
- [Eleemosynary](#)
- [The Laramie Project](#)
- Macbeth
- [Urinetown](#)
- Grease
- [Of Mice & Men](#)

The annual Theatre Day brings professionals to campus for acting and other workshops. RCC students, along with high school students from the surrounding area, work with professionals and then view a professional production. Past Theatre Days include performances and actors from the Guthrie Theatre and Mixed Blood Theatre. The newly expanded curriculum ensures students have not only practical performance experience but also a strong academic background.

Helpful Background

Students who wish to pursue the AFA in Theatre should take advantage of every performance opportunity available. Academic preparation should include the standard college prep courses and especially include any theatre, music or art classes available. Dance training and vocal lessons will further prepare the student for a successful experience.

Transfer and Career opportunities:

Students completing an AFA in Theatre can look forward to a smooth transfer to a university enabling the successful student to complete the BA degree in four years. The successful AFA student also has a completed degree in hand and may choose to pursue a career in theatre at that point. In addition to theatre, many with a degree in theatre pursue careers in mass media, film studios, advertising firms, radio/television, business and industry, public relations firms and industrial studios.

Associate in Fine Arts - Theatre Program Curriculum

Required Core Courses (33 Credits)

Crs ##	Name
	MUSC Private Voice (choose from MUSC1150, 1151, 2150, 2151)
	THTR Theatre Activities (choose from THTR1001, 1002, 2001, 2002)
THTR1100	Introduction to Theatre and Film
THTR1111	Movement for the Stage I
THTR1112	Movement for the Stage II
THTR1120	Stage Make-Up
THTR1130	Stagecraft and Technology
THTR2100	Beginning Acting
THTR2222	Speech for Performance
THTR2300	Intermediate Acting
THTR2400	Advanced Acting/Audition Techniques
THTR2500	Directing
THTR2700	Musical Theatre
THTR2900	AFA Portfolio

MnTC General Education Courses (33 Credits)

Crs ##	Name	Credits
ENGL1101	Freshman English	3
ENGL1104	Exposition and Argumentation	3
	People and Environment Theme (one course is required) (Choose from: BIOL1010, 1092, ESCI1000, GEOG1200, or ANTH2220)	3
	Mathematics & Logical Reasoning Category	3
	Natural Sciences Category (Choose at least one course in area A and one course in area B; one must be a lab course)	9
	History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences (choose from two disciplines in area A and one course in area B)	9
	Humanities and Fine Arts Category (Recommend: ENGL2255 Shakespeare)	3
SPCH1100	Fundamentals of Speech	3

Electives (11 - 13 Core Electives)

Crs ##	Name
	MUSC Ensemble (MUSC1121-1128 and 2121-2128)
THTR2000	Current London Theatre
THTR2001	Theatre Activities III
THTR2002	Theatre Activities IV
THTR2111	Movement for the Stage III
THTR2112	Movement for the Stage IV
THTR2600	USA Cultural Studies