

Norfolk State University Bachelor of Arts in Drama and Theatre

Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Theatre

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at NSU		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT	SATISFIED BY			BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
SEM 101 (1 credit), SEM 102 (1 credit), and SEM 201 (1 credit)	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation	Students will receive 1 or 2 credits based on the number of credits transferred from the VCCS course. Students may need to take an additional 1 or 2 credits at NSU to meet the 120-credit-hour minimum.	ENG 383, MUS 234, HIS 335, HIS 336, HRP 320, HIS 371	6	Select two courses from this group to satisfy the University's cultural perspectives requirement.
ENG 101	3	ENG 111 College Comp I		DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY CONCENTRATION		
ENG 102	3	ENG 112 College Comp II or ENG 113 Technical-Professional Writing		FIA 114 Basic Design I	3	
				DRM 115 Dramatic Theory & Criticism	3	
				DRM 240 Theatre Management	3	
				FIA 120 Drawing I	3	
				PED 251 Modern Dance I	1	
				PED 254 Jazz Dance	1	
				Third Year		
				DRM 220 Stagecraft II	3	
				DRM 238 Stage Management	3	
				DRM 310 Stage Make-Up	3	
				DRM 315 History of Theater I	3	
				DRM 320 Lighting Design	3	
				DRM 321 Stage Design	3	
				ENG 410 History of the English Language	3	
				DRM 426 Special Project in Theater I Or DRM 450 Research Seminar	3	

				Fourth Year DRM XXX Drama Elective 3 DRM 420 Play Production 3 DRM 425 Directing 3 DRM 436 Sound Design 3 Minor or Unrestricted Electives 18	
DRM 114	3	CST 130 Introduction to Theatre			
Gen. Ed. Humanities or Literature	3	Any UCGS Humanities or Literature			
Gen. Ed. Social & Behavioral Science	3	Any UCGS Social & Behavioral Science (not History)			
Gen. Ed. History	3	Any UCGS History			
Gen. Ed. Natural Science with Lab	4	Any UCGS Natural Sciences			
Gen. Ed. Math	3-5	Any UCGS Math			
ENG 285	3-4	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking			
CSC 150	3-4	CSC 110 Principles of Computer Science or ITE 152 Introduction to Digital and Information Literacy			
DRM 123	3	CST 131 Acting I		PERFORMANCE CONCENTRATION	
DRM 200	3	CST 132 Acting II		Third Year PED 251 1 PED 254 1 DRM 115 3 DRM 238 3 DRM 240 3 DRM 310 3 DRM 315 3 DRM 324 3 SCM 350 3 ENG 413 3 DRM 426 3 or DRM 450	
DRM 120	3	CST 145 Stagecraft		Fourth Year Drama Elective 3 DRM 420 3	

				DRM 425 DRM 413 Minor or Unrestricted Electives	3 3 18	
DRM 219	3	CST 210 Dramatic Literature				
DRM 213	1	CST 136 Theatre/Musical Theatre Workshop				
DRM 212	3	CST 160 Improvisation				
DRM 113 SCM 350	3-9	Select 1-2 courses from: CST 111 Voice and Diction I CST 112 Voice and Diction II CST 161 Improvisation II CST 211 Acting III CST 212 Acting IV CST 237 Movement I CST 238 Movement II	CST 237 Movement I is recommended. CST 111 and 112 recommended			
DRM 220 DRM 310	3-6	Select 1-2 courses from: CST 147 Costume Construction CST 149 Intro to Makeup for Theatre CST 241 Directing CST 245 Basic Lighting CST 258 Scenic Design	CST 147 or 245 recommended as transfer for DRM 220 CST 149 recommended as transfer for DRM 310	HED 100 (Personal and Community Health) and PED 100 (Fundamentals of Fitness for Life)	3	Students may take these courses at VCCS if possible.
	Up to 9		Students who have completed all prerequisites and community college requirements should take additional courses from the rows above or transfer elective courses to fulfill the 60-62 credit requirement.			Additional credits, if needed to meet 120 credit hour minimum
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-62				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60		

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

Guaranteed Admission Agreement between NSU and the VCCS

This degree program is covered by NSU's Guaranteed Admission Agreement.

By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission to the B.A. in Drama and Theatre:

- Earn a transfer associate degree based on the Theatre curriculum.
- Earn a minimum of 2.0 GPA for the associate degree.
- A maximum of 63 credits will transfer and apply toward a bachelor's degree requirements.
- Submit your transfer application for Fall admission by March 1 and for Spring admission by December 1, including an unofficial transcript.
- Request an official transcript to be sent upon completing the associate degree.
- Transfer within four years of first enrolling at the community college and within one year of completing the appropriate associate degree.

Please visit the www.TransferVirginia.org portal to find course requirements for different majors (Transfer Tools) and Transfer Guides that outline course requirements for specific majors (Resource Center).

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** Transfer Admissions & Services <https://www.nsu.edu/transfer>
- **Register Intent to Transfer:** By the end of your first semester at the Community College through College Connect at www.TransferVirginia.org
- **Admission Application:** By May 1 at <https://www.nsu.edu/Admissions-Aid/Apply-Online>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.nsu.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid>
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** By October 1 at studentaid.gov

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered, and complete your first math and English courses in your first year. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at www.TransferVirginia.org
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and Norfolk State University within your first year. College Connect available in your account at www.TransferVirginia.org

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Through a balance of theory and real-world experience, our Theatre and Drama students gain confidence, expertise and connections that help them excel both professionally and personally.
- While mastering their craft, Drama and Theatre majors at NSU participate in the nationally renowned and award-winning NSU Theatre Company. To find out more, check the NSU Theatre Company website at <https://www.nsutheatre.com/>.
- The curriculum offers two areas of emphasis to equip students with concentrated training in either Design and Technology or Performance.
- The Design and Technology emphasis is designed to expand the career preparation of students by providing knowledge, skills, and practical experience in stagecraft as well as costume, scenic, sound and lighting design.

- The Performance emphasis is designed to expand the career preparation of students by providing knowledge, skills, and practical experience in script analysis, voice, movement, acting theory and period styles of performance.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** Completion of a transfer-level associate degree satisfies all lower-division general education requirements.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** The agreement of guaranteed admission into the college applies to students earning an associate degree concurrent with high school who have completed a transfer-approved degree with a minimum of 45 credits completed through a Virginia Community College, with a GPA of 2.0 or higher and that meets all requirements outlined in the Transfer Guide.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** All course credits that were awarded by the two-year institution for equivalent prior learning experiences (IB, AP, CLEP, Military, etc.) will transfer based on the transfer equivalence for the course awarded.
- **Catalog Year:** Catalog year is determined by first semester of attendance at the community college post high school graduation. For students maintaining continuous enrollment, this entitlement will be in effect for a minimum of four years from the time of the student's first enrollment at the two-year institution. Students must enroll at the four-year institution within one year of completing their associate degree.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- NSU has been ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the Top 20 HBCUs in the nation.
- It is close to downtown Norfolk and within driving distance of Virginia Beach.
- On-campus housing is available.
- Weekend/evening/summer courses are available, and online degree options are available for several programs.
- NSU is a military-friendly institution.
- Learn more about our college at www.TransferVirginia.org.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Completing your Associate transfer degree post-high school satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the chance of completing your bachelor's degree?
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college means you may have exhausted your financial aid at that college and have limited your future financial aid at NSU?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- Our drama and theatre program is versatile, which can prepare you for careers both in entertainment and in related fields. Many of our graduates have gone on to succeed in film, television, Broadway and off-Broadway as actors, directors, producers, set designers and voice actors.
- The skills you accrue as you earn your degree in theatre and drama, like public speaking, writing, managing, working as a team member and editing, are always in high demand in every industry and career.

- Some popular jobs you'll be prepared to pursue after graduation include actor, producer, director, lighting designer, costume designer, voice actor, filmmaker, instructor, voice coach, broadcaster, public relations specialist, event planner, or manager.
- Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at www.TransferVirginia.org

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- As a Drama and Theatre major at NSU, you'll be supported by a remarkable community of students, faculty and alumni dedicated to furthering equity, social justice and diversity both on and off the stage. In fact, in 2016, NSU Theatre Company became the first HBCU theatre program and one of few undergraduate programs in the nation to form partnership agreements with a professional Equity company — ensuring the equal rights of all students in the program.
- Entering the field from one of the most respected drama and theatre programs in the nation, our graduates are highly sought-after around the world for their knowledge, skills, and passion.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- NSU accepts close to 90 percent of students who complete an application.
- The average GPA of students admitted is a 2.9.
- Learn more about applying at www.TransferVirginia.org.

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- Tailor your journey to suit your professional goals with one of our two Drama and Theatre degree tracks.
- If you're interested in acting, our performance emphasis will provide you with the skills to step on the stage or in front of the camera.
- If you want to work behind the curtain or camera, our design and technology emphasis will help you build foundational knowledge in key crafts to keep the show running smoothly.

OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

- Students will be required to complete hands-on projects or productions.