# Best Choices Guide

## Visual & Performing Arts – Theatre Option (BA)

This Associate of Arts degree is designed for Colorado Community College System (CCCS) students who want to transfer to UCCS and complete a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in in Visual & Performing Arts. It is based on the best academic advising choices for future UCCS students. Please note that final graduation requirements for the bachelor's degree will be based on your year of admission to UCCS. Contact transfer@uccs.edu for more information.

To earn the Associate of Arts degree with Designation (DwD), students must complete courses listed on page 1 of this guide for a total of 60 credit hours. At least 34 credits must be GT Pathways Courses. At least 15 credit hours must be earned from the CCC granting the AA or AS degree. Courses taken at other colleges, AP, IB, CLEP, DSST, and other sources of credit may not be applicable upon transfer to UCCS even if applied to the associate's degree at CCCS. Check the CDHE's GT Pathways website for more information.

A cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better is required for transfer student admission to UCCS. A minimum grade of C- or higher is required for courses to transfer to UCCS.

| Degree Requirements | Courses | |
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| **Written Communication** (6 hours) | • ENG 121/1021<br>• ENG 122/1022<br>*Note: Students who test into ENG 122/1022 should take ENG 201/2001 or HIS 265/2765 as their second written communication course.* | |
| **Mathematics**[1] (3 hours) | • Complete one GT-MA1 Course (MAT 120/1240, Math for the Liberal Arts, preferred) | |
| **Arts & Humanities** (6 hours) | • THE 105/1005<br>• THE 211/2011 | |
| **History** (3 hours) | • Complete one GT-HI1 course (GT-HI1) (**DO NOT** take more than one GT-HI course for this AA.) | |
| **Social & Behavioral Sciences** (6 hours) | • Complete two GT-SS courses (GT-SS1) (GT-SS2) (GT-SS3) | |
| **Natural and Physical Sciences** (7 hours) | • Complete two GT-SC courses. (GT-SC1) (GT-SC2)<br>○ At least one course MUST come from the GT-SC1 category. | |
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| **Additional Required Courses** (29 hours) | THE 108/1008 | 3 |
| | THE 111/1011 | 3 |
| | THE 116/1016 | 3 |
| | THE 212/2012 | 3 |
| | THE 215/2015 | 3 |
| | Complete one from: THE 1031, 1032, 2031 or 2032 | 3 |
| | General Electives[2]<br>○ Highly recommended: At least one from: MUS 1021, 1022, 1023, 1025; ART 1111, 1112 | 11 |

**State-Wide Articulation Agreement**

This guide is based on the Colorado State-Wide Transfer Articulation Agreement (STAA) for your major. For additional information regarding guarantees, limitations, and addendums to that agreement please visit Transfer Degrees | Colorado Department of Higher Education Home.

**[1]Reasoning Skills – UCCS**

The College of Letters, Arts and Sciences (LAS) at UCCS requires all students to complete a Reasoning Skills requirement. It can be completed in two ways:

1. Take MAT 1240, Math for the Liberal Arts (strongly encouraged for VAPA majors) **OR**
2. Take MAT 1340, College Algebra (or higher) **AND** either MAT 1260, Intro to Statistics **or** PHI 1013, Logic. PHI 1013 fulfills a GT-AH3 course for the AA/AS.

**VAPA – Theatre majors** should complete option 1, MAT 1240.

**[2]Language other than English - UCCS**

Beginning fall 2023, the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences (LAS) at UCCS requires all students to complete a language requirement as part of their degree program. Students who provide a final, official transcript showing completion of an Associate's degree prior to their first semester of enrollment at UCCS will be waived from this requirement. For those who don't complete the Associate's degree, the second semester of a world language (ex: SPA 1012, Spanish Language II) or higher completes the requirement. Students who completed two years of the same world language in high school, or have AP, IB, or CLEP scores equivalent to a Language II course, will have completed the requirement upon receipt of high school transcripts and/or exam scores. Other exemptions and test-out options are available.

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## Four-Year Degree Plan - Visual & Performing Arts – Theatre Option

The following four-year plan lists all the specific course requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Visual & Performing Arts – Theatre Option degree at UCCS. Courses are listed by the course number at the appropriate institution. The order in which these courses are taken may vary with course availability. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.** Please note that this is a *suggested* degree program; your program may vary.

***Suggested First Year***

| FALL | | | SPRING | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| √ | *Course* | *Hours* | √ | *Course* | *Hours* |
| | ENG 121/1021 | 3 | | ENG 122/1022 | 3 |
| | THE 105/1005 | 3 | | THE 108/1008 | 3 |
| | THE 111/1011 | 3 | | GT-MA1 course | 3 |
| | GT-AH course *(see recommendations above)* | 3 | | GT-HI course | 3 |
| | General Elective | 3 | | General Elective | 3 |
| | **TOTAL** | 15 | | **TOTAL** | 15 |

***Suggested Second Year***

| FALL | | | SPRING | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| √ | *Course* | *Hours* | √ | *Course* | *Hours* |
| | THE 116/1016 | 3 | | THE 212/2012 | 3 |
| | THE 211/2011 | 3 | | THE 215/2015 | 3 |
| | THE Production Course - 1 from: THE 131/1031, THE 132/1032, THE 231/2031, or THE 232/2032 | 3 | | GT-SS course | 3 |
| | GT-SC1 course | 4 | | GT-SC course | 3 |
| | GT-SS course | 3 | | General Elective | 2 |
| | **TOTAL** | 16 | | **TOTAL** | 14 |

***Suggested Third Year***

| FALL | | | SPRING | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| √ | *Course* | *Hours* | √ | *Course* | *Hours* |
| | VAPA 1000-Level Course | 3 | | VAPA 3000-Level Course | 3 |
| | Upper-Division (UD) THTR Elective | 3 | | UD THTR Advanced Technical course | 3 |
| | UD THTR Elective | 3 | | UD THTR Practicum* | 1 |
| | DNCE 2000-level Elective | 3 | | UD THTR Elective | 3 |
| | General Elective | 3 | | HUM 3990 | 3 |
| | | | | General Elective *(Inclusiveness)* | 3 |
| | **TOTAL** | 15 | | **TOTAL** | 16 |

***Suggested Fourth Year***

| FALL | | | SPRING | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| √ | *Course* | *Hours* | √ | *Course* | *Hours* |
| | VAPA 3000-Level Course | 3 | | THTR 4393 | 1 |
| | THTR 4060 | 3 | | UD THTR Practicum | 1 |
| | UD THTR Practicum | 1 | | UD THTR Elective | 3 |
| | UD THTR Practicum | 1 | | UD General Elective | 4 |
| | UD THTR Elective | 3 | | UD General Elective *(Inclusiveness)* | 3 |
| | UD THTR Elective | 3 | | General Elective *(Sustainability)* | 3 |
| | **TOTAL** | 14 | | **TOTAL** | 15 |

***Meet with the Program Director for Theatre and Dance before enrolling for a Practicum. It is recommended that 15 hours at UCCS be completed before enrolling in a Practicum.**

**UCCS Bachelor of Arts, Visual & Performing Arts – Theatre Option Major Requirements**

- A minimum of 120 hours must be completed with a cumulative CU grade point average of 2.0; at least 45 of these hours must be at the upper-division level (courses numbered 3000-4999).
- The Visual & Performing Arts – Theatre Option major requires a minimum of 45 hours of THTR with a grade point average of 2.0, and at least 35 of the hours must be at the upper-division level.
- At least 30 hours of the degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at UCCS.

**Additional Resources**

- Visit the UCCS Transfer website at Transfer Admissions
- Contact a Transfer Advisor at transfer@uccs.edu