

Theatre

University of Kansas

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Theatre Design (B.F.A.) Theatre (B.A., B.G.S.)	collegeundergrad@ku.edu
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Program Description

The Associate of Arts, AA (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degree/requirements/associate-arts/>) at JCCC is a general transfer degree and partners well with the first two years of most bachelor degree programs. Students pursuing the AA may select courses that satisfy both the AA degree requirements and lower division requirements for a bachelor's degree at four-year institutions. The elective hours within the AA allow students to complete additional general education and lower division courses required for specific majors. The AA degree requires completion of 60 credit hours. Meeting with a JCCC counselor (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/counseling/academic-counseling/>) is strongly recommended for selection of appropriate courses.

- The **Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Theatre Design** is intended as a general preparation for the professional designer of scenery, costumes or lighting in theatre and/or film or as preparation for graduate studies. Students learn through small-class studio courses, laboratories, and involvement in productions in the University Theatre. Students in the B.F.A. Theatre Design program take 72 hours in Theatre, Visual Art, and Art History in addition to the KU Core and electives. Students must complete a minimum of 120 hours required for graduation, a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the major, a minimum of 27 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major, and a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses in the major. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including "F's" and repeated courses. Please note the JCCC Associate of Fine Arts degree (A.F.A.) or the Associate of Arts degree (A.A.) could be a good general transfer degree to the Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Theatre Design.
- The **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) in Theatre**, each require 120-121 hours. The primary distinctions between the B.A. and the B.G.S. degree are the foreign language requirement (required of the B.A. but not the B.G.S.) and a second degree offered by the College or other school, a second College major or co-major, a minor offered by the College or another school, or two certificates offered by the College or another school/unit (required for the B.G.S but not the B.A.). Students must complete a minimum of 120 hours required for graduation, a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the major, a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major, and a minimum of a 2.0 GPA in junior/senior courses in the major. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of student including "F's" and repeated courses.

Admissions Requirements

- Admission to the College is a different process from admission to a major field.
- There are no major admission requirements for the B.F.A. in Theatre Design.
- There are no major admission requirements for the B.A. or B.G.S. in Theatre. Students considering a theatre major should enroll in THR 106 (<https://catalog.ku.edu/search/?P=THR%20106>) and THR 101 (<https://catalog.ku.edu/search/?P=THR%20101>) and complete all 100- and 200-level courses in the first 2 years of study. It is imperative that theatre students earn practicum credit (THR 101 (<https://catalog.ku.edu/search/?P=THR%20101>), THR 201 (<https://catalog.ku.edu/search/?P=THR%20201>), THR 301 (<https://catalog.ku.edu/search/?P=THR%20301>)) early in their careers at KU.
- Some majors have admission requirements or impose specific GPA's for admission. Consult the KU catalog for details.
- A maximum of 75 hours may be transferred to KU from community colleges. Students should be aware that 45 junior/senior credit hours are required for completion of the bachelor's degree; 30 of those hours must be at KU; and community college courses do not transfer as junior/senior hours.
- The courses listed below are REQUIRED for degrees from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. These courses MAY be taken to complete the KU Core 34, but if they are not, this additional coursework is necessary to complete degree requirements. Also, students must satisfy the major requirements of the degree they are pursuing (listed below).
- Students transferring to KU, that complete the General Education requirements required for the Associate of Arts (AA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degreerequirements/associate-arts/>), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degreerequirements/associate-fine-arts/>) or Associate of Science (AS) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degreerequirements/associate-science/>) degree from JCCC will be considered to have satisfied KU's Core 34 general education curriculum.
- Students who transfer to KU, without completing the General Education requirements required for the Associate of Arts (AA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degreerequirements/associate-arts/>), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degreerequirements/associate-fine-arts/>) or Associate of Science (AS) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degreerequirements/associate-science/>) degree will have courses evaluated on a course-by-course basis toward meeting KU requirements. To learn more about courses that satisfy KU Core 34 Requirements (<https://catalog.ku.edu/core34/>) and KU CredTran (<https://creditransfer.ku.edu/>).
- Visit the KU Core 34 General Education guide (<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fnextcatalog.jccc.edu%2Ftransfer-guides%2Fku%2Fku-general-education&data=05%7C02%7Cskhalif2%40jccc.edu%7C506a4b607ca34eaa00fb08de158ef1c2%7C15244239dcf245e7aefd127b69fc5438%7C1%7C0%7C638971900858599422%7CUnknown%7CTWfPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUslYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoITWfPbCIsldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=b2O9VaVq9VFjN8MjkWQ4YCl60oq5GZXnn69Vpa2sSL0%3D&reserved=0>) for JCCC equivalents.

It is the STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to check for updates to all transfer information. This transfer guide is provided as a service and is updated as needed. Degree requirements at the four-year colleges are subject to change by those institutions. To ensure you have the most accurate information about the program, you must meet with an advisor at the transfer institution.

KU Core 34 Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	Visit the KU Core 34 English (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. ^(two courses)	6
	Visit the KU Core 34 Communications (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents.	3
	Visit the KU Core 34 Math and Statistics (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents.	3
	Visit the KU Core 34 Natural and Physical Sciences (lab required) (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents.	4-5
	Visit the KU Core 34 Social and Behavioral Sciences (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. (Select two courses in two different disciplines)	6
	Visit the KU Core 34 Arts and Humanities (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. ^(Select two courses in two different disciplines)	6
	Visit the KU Core 34 US Culture (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. ^{Institutionally Designated}	3
	Visit the KU Core 34 Global Culture (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. ^{Institutionally Designated}	3

Core 34: Arts & Humanities

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Core 34: Arts & Humanities					
Select one of the following:					
THEA 121	Fundamentals of Acting +BA/BGS	3	THR 106	Acting I	3
THEA 130	Acting I* +BA/BGS	3	THR 106	Acting I	3
Select one of the following:					
THEA 120	Introduction to Theater +BFA	3	THR 100	Introduction to the Theatre	3
THEA 130	Acting I* +BFA	3	THR 106	Acting I	3

B.A. (Bachelor of Arts) Requirements

KU Core 34 Requirements (see list above (p. 2))

Writing: 6 hours

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Select one of the following:					
ENGL 121	Composition I*	3	ENGL 101	Composition	3
ENGL 119	College Composition I with Review*	5	ENGL 101	Composition	3
ENGL 122	Composition II*	3	ENGL 102	Critical Reading and Writing	3

Quantitative Reasoning: 3 hours. A single course cannot count for both the BA Quantitative Reasoning requirement and the KU Core 34 Math and Statistics requirement.

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
CHEM 124 & CHEM 125	General Chemistry I Lecture* and General Chemistry I Lab*	5	CHEM 130	General Chemistry I	5
CHEM 131 & CHEM 132	General Chemistry II Lecture* and General Chemistry II Lab*	5	CHEM 135	General Chemistry II	5
ECON 132	Survey of Economics	3	ECON 104	Introductory Economics	4
ECON 230	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	ECON 144	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON 231	Principles of Microeconomics	3	ECON 142	Principles of Microeconomics	3
Select one of the following:					
MATH 151	Contemporary Mathematics*	3	MATH 105	Intro Quantitative Reasoning	3
MATH 175	Discrete Mathematics and its Applications*	3	MATH 105	Intro Quantitative Reasoning	3
MATH 171	College Algebra*	3	MATH 101	College Algebra	3
MATH 173	Precalculus*	5	MATH 104	Precalculus Mathematics	5
MATH 201	Statistics*	3	MATH 365	Elementary Statistics	3

MATH 231	Business and Applied Calculus I*	3	MATH 115	Calculus I	3
MATH 232	Business and Applied Calculus II*	3	MATH 116	Calculus II	3
MATH 241	Calculus I*	5	MATH 125	Calculus I	4
MATH 242	Calculus II*	5	MATH 126	Calculus II	4
MATH 243	Calculus III*	5	MATH 127	Calculus III	4
PHYS 130	College Physics I*	5	PHSX 114	College Physics I	4
PHYS 220	Engineering Physics I*	5	PHSX 211 & PHSX 216	General Physics I Lecture and General Physics I Laboratory	5
PSYC 209	Statistics in Psychological Research*	3	PSYC 210	Statistics Psychological Rsrch	3

Laboratory or Field Experience: Variable credits. One laboratory science (at least one credit hour) is required for the B.A. degree. Courses that fulfill this requirement will contain the code "LFE" in the course description.

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
ASTR 122	Astronomy	4	ASTR 191 & ASTR 196	Contemporary Astronomy and Contemporary Astronomy Lab	4
BIOL 121	Introductory Biology for Non-Majors	4	BIOL 100 & BIOL 102	Principles of Biology and Principles of Biology Lab	4
BIOL 135	Principles of Cell and Molecular Biology	4	BIOL 150 Prin. of Molecular and Cellular Biology AND BIOL 154 Introductory Biology Lab for STEM Majors		
BIOL 150	Biology of Organisms*	5	BIOL 152 Principles of Organismal Biology AND BIOL NLAB		
BIOL 230 & BIOL 231	Microbiology* and Microbiology Lab*	5	BIOL 200 & BIOL 203	Basic Microbiology and Introductory Microbiology Lab	5
EVRN 130 & EVRN 132	Environmental Science and Environmental Science Laboratory*	5	EVRN 140 & EVRN 160	Global Environment I and Environmental Solutions	4-6
GEOS 140 & GEOS 141	Physical Geography and Physical Geography Lab*	5	GEOG 104 & GEOG 105	Intro to Physical Geography and Intro Lab Phys Geography	5
PHYS 130	College Physics I*	5	PHSX 114	College Physics I	4
PHYS 220	Engineering Physics I*	5	PHSX 211 & PHSX 216	General Physics I Lecture and General Physics I Laboratory	5
PHYS 221	Engineering Physics II*	5	PHSX 212 & PHSX 236	General Physics II Lecture and General Physics II Laboratory	4
CHEM 122	Principles of Chemistry*	5	CHEM 110	Introductory Chemistry	5

CHEM 124 & CHEM 125	General Chemistry I Lecture* and General Chemistry I Lab*	5	CHEM 130	General Chemistry I	5
CHEM 131 & CHEM 132	General Chemistry II Lecture* and General Chemistry II Lab*	5	CHEM 135	General Chemistry II	5

Non-English Language: Variable credits. Students must demonstrate fourth semester proficiency in a single non-English language, or third semester proficiency in a first non-English language and first semester proficiency in a second non-English language. This requirement may be met through coursework or examination by the appropriate language department (BA only). Visit the JCCC Foreign Language (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/coursedescriptions/fl/>) for course options. Check with JCCC Counselor for placement into appropriate courses and course offerings per semester at KU.

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
FL 120	Elementary German I	5	GERM 104	Elementary German I	5
FL 121	Elementary German II*	5	GERM 108	Elementary German II	5
FL 130	Elementary Spanish I	5	SPAN 104	Elementary Spanish I	5
FL 131	Elementary Spanish II*	5	SPAN 108	Elementary Spanish II	5
FL 140	Elementary French I	5	FREN 110	Elementary French I	5
FL 141	Elementary French II*	5	FREN 120	Elementary French II	5
FL 165	Elementary Chinese I	5	CHIN 104	Elementary Chinese I	5
FL 166	Elementary Chinese II*	5	CHIN 108	Elementary Chinese II	5
FL 170	Elementary Japanese I	5	JPN 104	Elementary Japanese I	5
FL 171	Elementary Japanese II*	5	JPN 108	Elementary Japanese II	5
FL 182	Intermediate Japanese I*	5	JPN 204	Intermediate Japanese I	5
FL 183	Intermediate Japanese II*	5	JPN 208	Intermediate Japanese II	5
FL 265	Intermediate Chinese I*	3	No KU equivalent, but counts as CHIN U Intermediate Chinese		
FL 266	Intermediate Chinese II*	3	CHIN 204	Intermediate Chinese I	5
FL 220	Intermediate German I*	3	GERM 201	Intermediate German I	3
FL 221	Intermediate German II*	3	GERM 202	Intermediate German II	3
FL 230	Intermediate Spanish I*	3	SPAN 212	Intermediate Spanish I	3
FL 231	Intermediate Spanish II*	3	SPAN 216	Intermediate Spanish II	3
FL 240	Intermediate French I*	3	FREN 230	Intermediate French I	3
FL 241	Intermediate French II*	3	FREN 240	Intermediate French II	3

B.G.S. (Bachelor of General Studies) Requirements:

- Option A. Completion of the requirements of a single B.G.S. major AND a secondary field of academic study (a second degree offered by CLAS or other school, a second CLAS major or co-major, a minor offered by CLAS or another school, or two certificates offered by CLAS or another school/unit);
- Completion of an approved career preparation course, or a combination of approved courses (minimum 3 credit hours total). Eligible courses can include both department specific experiential courses or traditional classroom instruction. In both cases, a career preparation class will emphasize and develop students' ability to select and secure a career, succeed in the workplace, and pursue professional development. Visit currently approved courses (<https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/#undergraduatetext>) for course options.

Requirements for the BA and BGS Major:

Both the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) in Theatre require 41 hours. The primary distinctions between the B.A. and the B.G.S. degree are the foreign language requirement (required of the B.A. but not the B.G.S.) and a second degree offered by CLAS or other school, a second CLAS major or co-major, a minor offered by CLAS or another school, or two certificates offered by CLAS or another school/unit (required for the B.G.S but not the B.A.).

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Select one of the following:					
THEA 121	Fundamentals of Acting	3	THR 106	Acting I	3
THEA 130	Acting I*	3	THR 106	Acting I	3
THEA 131	Voice and Speech	3	THR 212	Beg Voice Speech for Actors	3
THEA 133	Technical Practicum I	1	THR 101	Theatre Practicum I	1
THEA 137	Movement for the Stage	3	THR 213	Movement I:The Acting Instrumn	3
THEA 145	Introduction to Theater Design	3	THR 215	Approaching Design	3
THEA 230	Acting II*	3	THR 206	Acting II	3
THEA 233	Technical Practicum II*	1	THR 201	Theatre Practicum II	1
Select two of the following:					
THEA 136	Costume Construction	3	THR 220	Costume Production	2
THEA 140	Basic Stagecraft	3	THR 216	Scenic Production	2
THEA 260	Introduction to Light, Sound and Projections	3	THR 224	Lighting Production	2

B.F.A. (Bachelor of Fine Arts) in Theatre Design Degree Requirements

The program leading to the B.F.A. degree in theatre design is offered cooperatively by the School of the Arts and the Department of Theatre. It requires 6 hours of foundational coursework, 73 additional hours in the major, and completion of the KU Core 34, as well as additional general electives, for a total of 120 hours.

KU Core 34 Requirements (see list above (p. 2))

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Foundations: Art and Design (6 hours)					
ART 130	Drawing I	3	ART 101	Drawing I	3
Core Theatre Courses (30 hours)					
Select one of the following:					
THEA 120	Introduction to Theater	3	THR 100	Introduction to the Theatre	3
THEA 130	Acting I*	3	THR 106	Acting I	3
THEA 145	Introduction to Theater Design	3	THR 215	Approaching Design	3
Select one of the following:					
THEA 140	Basic Stagecraft	3	THR 216	Scenic Production	2
THEA 245	Introduction to Scene Design*	3	THR 216	Scenic Production	2
THEA 136	Costume Construction	3	THR 220	Costume Production	2
THEA 260	Introduction to Light, Sound and Projections	3	THR 224	Lighting Production	2
THEA 133	Technical Practicum I	1	THR 101	Theatre Practicum I	1
THEA 233	Technical Practicum II*	1	THR 201	Theatre Practicum II	1
Theatre Design Electives - choose 9 hours from the following:					
ARTH 180	Art History: Ancient to Medieval	3	HA 150	Hist Western Art: Ancient-Medi	3



ARTH 182	Art History: Renaissance to Modern	3	HA 151	Hist Western Art: Ren-Contemp	3
FMS 100	Intro to Film	3	FMS 100 Introduction to Film and Media		
FMS 275	Introduction to Film and Media Production*	3	FMS 275	Basic Video Production	3
THEA 135	Stage Makeup	2	THR 111	Make-Up	1

Select two courses from the following:

ARTH 184	Art History: Twentieth Century	3	History of Art Elective		
ARTH 186	Art History: Introduction to Asian Art	3	History of Art Elective		
ARCH 244	Architectural History Before the Modern Era	3	History of Art Elective		
ARCH 245	Architectural History: Modern	3	History of Art Elective		

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- * JCCC course with registration requirements.
 - + This course is a Recommended Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. This specific course is not required but is recommended by the program's faculty.
 - BA BA Major Requirement
 - BGS BGS Major Requirement
 - BFA BFA Major Requirement