

Performing Arts

A.A. Degree Program – Catalog Year 2017-2018

This program prepares students for transfer to baccalaureate programs in dance, music, theatre performance, and theatre production. Students may select courses within one of the categories listed or from among the various categories based on their interests and transfer needs.

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Transfer Information

Students pursuing the Performing Arts degree can transfer into majors such as music, dance, acting, and music/theater production & design. Admission for these majors is often competitive and usually requires an audition and testing of fundamental knowledge of theory. Students are encouraged to work closely with Faculty and Advising Transfer Services. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution in NJ can explore the “Transfer Programs” feature on NJ Transfer www.njtransfer.org.

Career Information

The Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science Degrees are designed to transfer to a four-year institution, where students will pursue a Bachelor’s Degree. Some students pursue the Associate Degree for personal enrichment, and/or for employment purposes, helping to improve qualifications for jobs requiring a credential beyond the high school degree. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with Faculty and Career Services as they begin to explore career options. Students can also utilize Career Coach, a resource provided by OCC to help students explore degree programs and corresponding careers ocean.emsicareercoach.com

Fundamental Coursework

Students study a range of topics in the areas of Dance, Music, and Theater.

Students are encouraged to keep track of degree requirements by using the “My Progress” screen on Student Planning. Student Planning can be accessed via logging into Ocean Connect.

Curriculum

First Semester

ENGL 151	English I	3 cr.
_____	Dance-Music-Theater* (see list)	3 cr.
_____	Dance-Music-Theater* (see list)	3 cr.
_____	Social Science Gen Ed Requirement	3 cr.
_____	Humanities Gen Ed Requirement	<u>3 cr.</u>
		15 cr.

Second Semester

ENGL 152	English II	3 cr.
COMM 154	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 cr.
_____	Math Gen Ed Requirement**	3 cr.
_____	Dance-Music-Theater* (see list)	3 cr.
_____	Dance-Music-Theater* (see list)	<u>3 cr.</u>
		15 cr.

Third Semester

_____	Dance-Music-Theater* (see list)	3 cr.
_____	History Gen Ed Requirement	3 cr.
_____	Humanities Gen Ed Requirement	3 cr.
_____	Social Science Gen Ed Requirement	3 cr.
_____	Lab Science Gen Ed Requirement**	<u>4 cr.</u>
		16 cr.

Fourth Semester

_____	Dance-Music-Theater* (see list)	3 cr.
_____	Technology Gen Ed Requirement**	3 cr.
_____	Math <u>or</u> Lab Science Gen Ed Requirement**	3-4 cr.
_____	History Gen Ed Requirement	3 cr.
_____	Humanities Gen Ed Requirement	3 cr.
_____	Diversity Gen Ed Requirement	<u>3 cr.</u>
		18-19 cr.

TOTAL CREDITS 64-65

Courses satisfying General Education Requirements must be selected from the list of Approved General Education Courses

* Students selecting courses which are less than 3 credits must take additional courses from the lists provided in order to complete a total of 18 credits in Dance and/or Music and/or Theater courses.

** Students must select one math course, one lab science course, and one technology course and complete the 12 credit requirement with any additional math or science course from the list of Approved General Education Courses. Students may attempt to “test out” of the technology requirement. If they succeed, they must take an additional course in math or science from the List of Approved General Education Courses.

Performing Arts Categories

Students may choose courses from the extensive range of offerings listed below (without being restricted to one category) based on personal interest and/or transfer needs.

Dance

Students interested in dance can complete the first two years of courses and gain performance experience which will prepare them to transfer to a baccalaureate program and pursue a career in the performing arts. The focus of the program is on artistic development and technical training. The curriculum is designed to promote students' development of their academic and artistic potential. Students will gain experience in dance production and onstage performance through participation in Ocean County College dance concerts.

Dance Course Selections

Students may choose from any course from the subject DANC

Music

Students interested in music can complete the first two years of courses and gain performance experience which will prepare them to transfer to a baccalaureate program and pursue a career in musical performance. The focus of the program is on musical development and technical training. The curriculum is designed to promote students' development of their academic and musical potential. Students will gain experience in musical performance through participation in Ocean County College musical concerts.

Music Course Selections

Students may choose any course from the subject MUSC, except MUSC 101: Music Fundamentals*

*If you are interested in using MUSC 101 to count toward the Performing Arts degree requirements, contact Karin Gargone at kgargone@ocean.edu.

The Performing Arts degree can include no more than 8 credits of Applied Music courses (MUSC-120, MUSC-121, MUSC-220, and MUSC-221)

Theater

Students interested in theatre can complete the first two years of courses and gain performance and/or production experience which will prepare them to transfer to a baccalaureate program and pursue a career in theatre. The focus of the program is on theatrical development and on technical aspects of stagecraft and stage direction. The curriculum is designed to promote students' development of their academic and theatrical/production potential. Students may gain experience through participation in Ocean County College Theatre productions.

Theater Course Selections

COMM 192: Voice and Diction (3 cr.)

ENGL 212: Introduction to Drama (3 cr.)

Students may choose any course from the subject THTR