

Theatre Arts Department

Freshman Academic Communities



INSIDE THE THEATRE

Study the Evolution of modern theater as a cultural mirror and gain insight into the different perspectives of actors, directors and designers. Try your own skills on stage, and attend productions by Pitt's Department of Theatre Arts and professional theatre troupes in the city (7 credits)

Class Number	Department & Catalog Number – Course Title	Day(s)	Time	Credit(s)
11034	THEA 0810 – Introduction to Dramatic Art	TuTh	1:00 - 2:15 PM	3
10475	THEA 0830 – Introduction to Performing Arts	MWF	12:00 - 12:50 PM	3
11005	FP0001- Academic Foundations	Th	4:00 - 4:50 PM	1

THEA 0810 – Introduction to Dramatic Art

This course is an introduction to the study of dramatic texts both in their written and live forms. We will engage various approaches to script analysis in our exploration of a selective set of plays from theatre's long and enduring history. We will consider the relationships between different employments of storytelling and the historical circumstances that influenced them. Remaining always conscious of dramatic art's home on the stage, we will attend and evaluate live performances. Students will apply concepts learned in class through written and oral individual and group assignments.

THEA 0830 –Introduction to Performance

This course is designed to develop the students' awareness of the actor's process and to foster a general sense of theatre as an area of human endeavor. Students will be introduced to basic communication skills, including physical and vocal presence in front of an audience. The course will also develop an introductory level of acting skill through the use of regular warm-ups, theater games, improvisation, and simple scene study. The class will culminate in the performance of a final scene. Scenes will be selected from a diverse range of playwrights and students will examine the political, cultural and social context of each play. The course will also provide an introduction to basic theater terminology, and foster the ability to respond to and reflect on theatrical performances.

For more information on how to participate in an Academic Community, contact the First-Year Programs at dietrichfp@pitt.edu or call 412-624-6844.

The Fall 20147 Academic community Application can be found here:
https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9NPCkIIUXs97dUF

Academic Community FAQs

Are Academic Communities the same as Living Learning Communities?

No. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Academic Communities are not tied to a particular residence hall. First-Year students enrolled in an Academic Community attend the designated classes together and participate in Academic Community activities, but do not live together. If you choose to do so, you can enroll in an Academic Community and participate in a Living Academic Community through the Office of Residence Life.

Do I have to enroll in an Academic Community?

No, participation in an Academic Community is voluntary and valuable!

Since most Academic Communities have 18 to 22 students, will all my classes be small?

No. Some classes will be large lectures. Academic Community members attend the lectures as part of the larger group.

Do I have to take all the courses that are listed in a particular Academic Community to participate?

Yes. When you enroll in an Academic Community, you automatically enroll in all of the courses in that community.

Will I take other classes besides my Academic Community classes?

Yes. You will be able to register for other classes that do not conflict with your Academic Community classes.

What if I expect Advanced Placement credits for one of the courses that is part of my Academic Community?

If you expect advanced placement credits, you have two options in choosing to apply for a community:

- You can elect to participate in an Academic Community that does not contain courses for which you may receive credit.
- You can choose not to take the advanced placement credits for a course that is part of the Academic Community and participate in the community.

Where can I find more information about the courses offered in Academic Communities?

You can find information about the courses offered in each community by visiting the Office of First-Year Program's home page.

Am I guaranteed a place in my Academic Community?

While we do everything we can to accommodate student requests to participate in Academic Communities, Academic Communities fill up quickly so we cannot guarantee a seat.

Do the Academic Communities last for the entire year?

No. Academic Communities are for the fall term only.

Can I participate in the Honors College and still enroll in a Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Academic Community?

Yes. Students who are part of the University Honors College certainly can apply to the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Academic Communities. Courses in Academic Communities are challenging and are taught by first-rate faculty and provide an opportunity to meet other students with similar interests.

I am a first-year student enrolled in another school at the University of Pittsburgh, may I participate in the Academic Communities?

No, Academic Communities are only for students enrolled in the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences.