



# Arts, Media, and Technology Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs) Program Map: Certificate of Achievement for Costume Design and Technology

Total number of units: 23 units

Top Code/Academic Plan: 1006.00

Updated on March 30, 2022

Fall Odd Semester	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	TECTHTR 366	<b>Fantasy Costume Sewing and Pattern Making</b>	3	This course is an elective course. Another option is TECTHTR 365.	This course is a weekly morning course.
Program/GE Course	TECTHTR 367	<b>Costume and Fashion History</b>	3	This course counts as a GE Area C Arts course for LACCD GE and Area C1 Arts for CSU GE.	This course is a weekly morning course.
Program Course	TECTHTR 345	<b>Costume Practicum</b>	2	This core course is offered every Fall and Spring.	This course is a weekly afternoon course. This course has sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."

**Total Units 8**

Spring Even Semester	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	TECTHTR 363	<b>Costume Crafts, Dye, and Fabric Printing</b>	3	This is a core and milestone course.	This course is a weekly morning course. This course is a weekly afternoon course. This course has sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
Program Course	TECTHTR 342	<b>Technical Stage Production</b>	2	This core course is offered every Fall and Spring.	This lab course is scheduled on a per show basis. An orientation will be held to discuss schedule and requirements at the beginning of the semester. This course is a weekly afternoon course. This course has sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."

**Total Units 5**

Fall Even Semester	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	TECTHTR 305	<b>Orientation to Technical Careers in Entertainment</b>	2	This is a core and milestone course.	This course is a Friday morning course.
Program Course	TECTHTR 365	<b>Historical Costume Sewing and Pattern Making</b>	3	This course is an elective course. Another option is TECTHTR 366.	This course is a weekly morning course.

**Total Units 5**

Spring Odd Semester	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	TECTHTR 360	<b>Costume Design for Theater</b>	<b>3</b>	This is a core and milestone course.	This course is a weekly morning course.
Program Course	TECTHTR 361	<b>Applied Costume Design</b>	<b>2</b>	This core course is offered every Fall and Spring. Another option is TECTHTR 921, offered every semester, or TECTHTR 700, offered in Winter Session.	This course is a weekly afternoon course. This course has sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."

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#### **Degree Path and Requirements:**

Certificate path with 8 required core courses and 1 elective course. This map is a suggested term-by-term sequence of courses to complete the program in a recommended time frame. This is an efficient and recommended plan, but actual plans may vary by individual student need. This map cannot replace a meeting with [counselors](#). Students can apply for certificates as soon as the necessary courses are completed. Meet with a counselor and the financial aid office to ensure continued financial aid. Check with [financial aid](#) for eligibility.

#### **Department Advising Notes:**

Program courses are offered in specific semesters and odd/even years as noted. It is ideal for the natural progression of skills to begin the program with TECTHTR 345 or TECTHTR 342 and conclude the program with TECTHTR 361. All program courses are offered on ELAC main campus only. Follow sewing and costume courses on social media with East Los Angeles College Costume Department on Facebook and @ELACcostumes on Instagram. There are related stackable Skills Certificates available in this program entitled Costume Design Skills Certificate, Wardrobe Skills Certificate, and Costume Technology Skills Certificate. These certificates better prepare students for a professional portfolio for internship and employment opportunities.

#### **Program Description**

The Certificate of Achievement in Costume Design and Technology provides students with the applicable skills to pursue entry-level positions in entertainment costuming, including: theatre, dance, theme park, live performance, corporate events, film, television, commercials, and new media. Students complete a portfolio encompassing work from each course in preparation for employment in the entertainment industry. Our production process replicates a professional theatre environment in a contemporary facility that includes three performance venues and a costume shop equipped with state-of-the-art technology. Students receive specialized classroom instruction which is reinforced with rigorous hands-on training in costume practicums.

#### **Career and Transfer Opportunities**

Students that obtain this certificate will be able to pursue entry-level positions in entertainment costuming, including: theatre, dance, theme park, live performance, corporate events, film, television, commercials, and new media. Industry job titles include: stitchers, wardrobe attendants, costume technicians, pattern makers, costume designers, costume assistants, costumer, draper, dresser, wardrobe manager, wardrobe supervisor, costume buyer, historic clothing and costume maker, fashion designer and costume design director.

Job descriptions include: select, build, construct, fit, and take care of costumes for cast members and aid entertainers. May assist with multiple costume changes during a performance. Design costumes and accessories. Create original costume designs.

Annual average earnings range from \$55,000 to \$77,000 based on job title.

This Certificate of Achievement is intended to be combined with an AA or AAT degree in Theatre Arts for transfer. In the entertainment industry, students with a 4 year or graduate level degree have a greater network and skill set which can be beneficial in a competitive field. CSU and UC schools have costume programs within their Theater Arts Departments for either a BA, BFA, MA or MFA degree.

Visit the [Transfer Center](#) for transfer information, which varies based on transfer college. Make an appointment with a [counselor](#). Students can visit [Career and Job Services](#) for career counseling and further exploration. For additional resources, students pursuing a certificate can visit the [American Job Center of California](#) on ELAC main campus.

Explore [Costume](#) and [Stitching](#) careers here.

#### **Youtube Videos**

[Working in the Theater: Costume Designer](#)

[A Day in the Life of a Dresser](#)

[Costume, Wigs, and Makeup at the National Theater](#)

[An Overview of the Costume Department](#)

#### **Program Map**

A suggested sequence of classes to complete a degree, certificate, or program of study. Students should consult an academic counselor for variations to this plan based on part-time or full-time status, transfer plans, pre-requisites needed, etc.

#### **Prerequisite Course**

A specific course that must be completed before advancing to the next course.

Check the online catalog at [elac.edu](http://elac.edu) for the latest and most accurate information.

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