Admission Requirements

Students are admitted to Paris Junior College by furnishing a high school transcript, GED certificate, as a transfer student from another college or upon individual approval. Financial aid is available. Local placement testing is required for all new students. Students should refer to the current semester schedule or contact the Admissions Office at 903.782.0425 or 1.800.232.5804.
Industry Overview

Where will you go with PJC’s award-winning Drama Department? Opportunities exist in film, TV, broadway, stage, acting, directing, radio, design, sets, sound, theme parks, voice-overs, television, Broadway, properties, lights, costumes, commercials, industries, concert venues, cruise ships, educational acting, sound, lights and costumes.

PJC’s Drama Program

PJC’s Department of Drama is dedicated to educating and involving students in practical and academic collaboration while providing cultural and personal enrichment for the college and community. Built on a tradition of success of more than 80 years with experienced, knowledgeable instructors, small class sizes and low tuition costs, PJC sets students on the path to the artistic and technical world of theater arts. Our conservatory approach and focus on the student shape the foundation of our program.

Is it your time to shine under the spotlight? Our acting courses will train you in voice and movement, character development, acting theory, script analysis, period and stylized acting, critical analysis, and more.

Want to develop skills backstage? Our stagecraft classes will teach you to build sets, hang lights, work with makeup and costumes, develop sound designs, and much more. PJC Drama boasts state-of-the-art equipment that will better prepare you for the world of entertainment technology.

Along with course instruction, our program produces four plays every season in the 350-seat Raymond Karrer Theatre. Our seasons range from musical theater to children’s theater, contemporary to classic or realistic to stylized. Practical experience is a cornerstone for your education. Whether backstage or onstage, you will get those opportunities here at PJC.

Selecting the musical theater concentration allows students to strengthen acting, singing, and dancing skills. There will be plenty of musical performance practice on both small and large scales and lessons in voice and piano. Learn the fundamentals of movement for the stage, participate in the choral arts, and gain knowledge from participation in a musical, as well as learning to become a presence on the stage, a valued addition to any cast.

Program Options

PJC offers a degree of Arts or Science in Drama for transfer to a four-year university. Those taking a foreign language will receive the AA. Check with your destination university about which to take.