

Dance Major Overview:

The Dance major prepares students for careers as performers, educators, choreographers, and arts professionals by combining technical training, artistic expression, and performance experience. Students develop skills in dance technique, choreography, composition, performance, anatomy, pedagogy, and production while studying the history and cultural significance of dance. Graduates are equipped for careers in the performing arts, arts administration, education, community engagement, and the entertainment industry.

Typical Industry Sectors:

1. Performing Arts and Entertainment
2. Arts Education
3. Arts Administration
4. Community and Nonprofit Arts Organizations
5. Health, Fitness, and Wellness

10 ample Entry-Level Job Titles

1. Professional Dancer
2. Dance Instructor
3. Choreographer Assistant
4. Performing Arts Coordinator
5. Studio Manager
6. Arts Program Coordinator
7. Dance Company Administrative Assistant
8. Recreation Program Instructor
9. Community Arts Educator
10. Event and Performance Coordinator

5 Hard Skills:

1. Dance Technique and Performance
2. Choreography and Composition
3. Movement Analysis
4. Stage Production and Performance Practices
5. Dance Pedagogy

5 Soft Skills:

1. Creativity
2. Communication
3. Teamwork and Collaboration
4. Discipline and Time Management
5. Adaptability

Additional Training or Certifications:

While a bachelor's degree in Dance prepares graduates for a variety of careers, professional experience, auditions, and continued technical training are often essential for advancement. Certifications in dance instruction, fitness (such as group fitness or yoga), or movement therapies may expand career opportunities. Graduate degrees such as a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Dance or related disciplines can prepare students for collegiate teaching, choreography, and leadership roles within the performing arts.

Student and National Organizations:

1. National Dance Education Organization (NDEO)
2. Dance/USA
3. American College Dance Association (ACDA)
4. International Association for Dance Medicine & Science (IADMS)
5. National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD)