Dance, B.A.

Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- achieve proficiency in contemporary concert dance techniques, especially in forms derived from ballet, modern dance, postmodern dance, and somatic movement practices, while developing stylistic versatility, expressive range, and efficient body mechanics;
- learn to think critically about the historical, cultural, and social contexts of dance as an art form and cultural practice while developing strong writing skills and effective oral expression;
- master formal compositional elements and improvisational techniques toward the creation of original choreographic work, and learn to articulate and render their creative intentions with clarity, with opportunities to present these works in public performances;
- acquire performance skills, such as interpretation, expressivity, physical agility, and refinement, by participating in auditions, rehearsals, and studio and public performances;
- acquire knowledge of anatomical and kinesiological principles and injury prevention for effective dance training and career longevity; and
- attain an understanding of digital arts tools currently practiced in contemporary dance.

Overview

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Auditions for B.A. Admission

An audition is required to be considered for the B.A. program, as well as for placement in dance classes. An online application is required in order to audition; see "Application" under Undergraduate Auditions on the Department of Dance website. Contact the Department of Dance for more information or questions about auditions.

Requirements

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Dance Technique Courses

Students must complete at least two semesters of one of these: DANC:3530 Major Ballet II, DANC:3540 Major Modern Dance II, DANC:4030 Major Ballet III, DANC:4040 Major Modern Dance III, or DANC:4540 Major Contemporary Dance IV with grades of B-minus or higher.

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Distribution Areas

Students must complete at least one course from each of the following two areas. These courses may satisfy multiple requirements for the major.

Global Dance Studies

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<td>Brazilian Culture and Carnival</td>
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<td>Performing Power/ Performing Protest: The Body, Identity, and the Image</td>
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<td>Body/Image: Dance and Media in Discourse and Practice</td>
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Dance Electives

The required number of semester hours in dance electives varies depending on whether a student completes the core with dance courses or with cross-listed courses from another department, or has a core requirement waived.

Honors

Honors in the Major

Majors who maintain a Department of Dance g.p.a. of at least 3.50 and a UI g.p.a. of at least 3.33 are encouraged to pursue honors in dance. It is not necessary for students pursuing honors in dance to be members of the University Honors Program, although honors in dance does satisfy the experiential learning component (“learning by doing”) of the University Honors Program.

Students who graduate with honors in their major receive special recognition during commencement, and their transcript and diploma reflect honors designations.

Graduation with honors in dance requires:

- successful completion of 8-10 s.h. of University of Iowa honors courses or honors contract courses in Department of Dance classes, and
- successful completion of an honors project.
University of Iowa Honors Program

In addition to honors in the major, students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the University's honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the dance major.

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the University's Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

Department of Dance course work beyond 61 s.h. for B.A. students does not apply toward semester hours required for graduation.

Before the third semester begins: 12 s.h. of course work in the major
Before the fifth semester begins: 24-32 s.h. of course work in the major
Before the seventh semester begins: 36-48 s.h. of course work in the major and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree
Before the eighth semester begins: 42-50 s.h. of course work in the major
During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining course work in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course Title Hours

First Year
Fall
Audition: An audition is required to be considered for the B.A. program. An audition form is required in order to audition.
DANC:1060 Introduction to Dance Studies 1
DANC:1090 Dance Production 3
ENGL:1200 The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4
RHET:1030 Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4
Major: ballet course a 3
Major: modern dance course a 3
CSI:1600 Success at Iowa 2

Spring
DANC:2060 Dance and Society in Global Contexts b 3
RHET:1030 Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature 3 - 4
Major: ballet course a 3
Major: modern dance course a 3
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion c, d 3

Hours 15-16

Second Year
Fall
DANC:3080 Music Essentials for Dance 2
BIOL:1140 Human Biology d 4
Major: ballet/modern dance course a 3
Major: global dance studies course c 2 - 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course e 4 - 5
Elective course g 3

Hours 15-17

Spring
DANC:2050 Improvisation I 2
DANC:2220 Production Run Crew 1
HHP:1100 Human Anatomy b 3
Major: ballet/modern dance course a 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course e 4 - 5
Elective course g 3

Hours 16-17

Third Year
Fall
Major: digital performing arts course 2 - 4
Major: ballet/modern dance course a 3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture d, h 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course e 4 - 5
Elective course g 3

Hours 15-18

Spring
DANC:3060 Dance History 3
DANC:3070 Dance Kinesiology 3
Major: ballet/modern dance course a 2
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning d 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues d 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course e 4 - 5
Elective course g 3

Hours 18-20

Fourth Year
Fall
DANC:2220 Production Run Crew 1 - 2
DANC:3150 Choreography I 2
Major: ballet/modern dance course a 2
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives d 3
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences d 3
Elective course g 3
Elective course g 1

Hours 15-16

Spring
DANC:3250 Choreography II 2
Major: ballet/modern dance course a 2
Major: elective courses (prefix DANC) 3
Major: dance performance and creative research requirement

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Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)

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- Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
- DANC:2065 meets both the GE CLAS Core Diversity and Inclusion requirement and the global dance studies requirement for the major.
- GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.
- Recommended course for GE CLAS Core Natural Sciences with Lab, not a major requirement.
- Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.
- Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
- DANC:1150 and DANC:1412 meet the GE CLAS Core Values and Culture requirement.
- Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor. For more information visit http://commencement.uiowa.edu/. If applicable search for “Early and Late Participation” to find this page (e.g. walk in graduation ceremony in May, degree conferral in August).

Career Advancement

Careers for dance majors include professional work as performers, choreographers, dance educators, and involvement in related areas such as arts management, technical theater, dance scholarship, or dance and physical therapy. Many graduates from the UI dance program are currently working in arts organizations throughout the United States.

The discipline and creative challenges of dance training transfer well to other careers. Students have combined dance with a second major in another field, such as business or communication.

The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs.