

DANCE, BA

Students entering the program should possess technical, artistic, and scholarly backgrounds and interests in dance.

Admission into the Major

Admission to the dance major is by audition only. For information on the audition process, contact The University of Alabama, Department of Theatre and Dance, Box 870239, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0239; or visit - <https://dance.ua.edu>.

Performance Opportunities

The Dance program offers opportunities for students to appear onstage in the program's 622-seat Dance Theatre, as well as additional national and international touring programs. Highlights of the season include the Alabama Repertory Dance Theatre concert, in which students perform works by faculty and guest artists, and a showcase of student choreography, mentored and adjudicated by dance faculty. Other regular opportunities include Capstone projects by MFA Dance students, Yonder Contemporary Dance Company, and participation in the Alabama Dance Festival and American College Dance Association annual conference.

Students earning the bachelor of arts (BA) degree with a major in dance must complete all University, College, and departmental degree requirements. These include the general education requirements, the following major requirements, all requirements for an approved minor, and other sufficient credits to total a minimum of 120 applicable semester hours.

Code and Title	Hours
Major Courses	
DN 290 Dance Practicum	1
DN 211 or DN 212 Modern Dance II-A Modern Dance II-B	3
DN 251 or DN 252 Jazz Technique II-A Jazz Technique II-B	3
Select one of the following:	3
DN 121 Ballet Technique I-A	
DN 122 Ballet Technique I-B	
DN 221 Ballet Technique II-A	
DN 222 Ballet Technique II-B	
Credit Hours Subtotal:	10
Dance Electives	20
Students must take a minimum of 20 credit hours of elective dance courses. See below for more specific details on the breakdown of requirements.	
Movement Practice Electives	
Students must take a minimum of 12 credit hours of movement practice, with at least 9 hours of DN courses at the 300/400 level	
DN 200 Special Topics	
DN 210 Dance Styles II	
DN 255 Beginning Tap Dance	
DN 260 African Diaspora Rhythms	
DN 300 Special Topics	
DN 301 Special Topics II	
DN 310 Dance Styles III	
DN 311 Modern Dance Technique III-A	

DN 312 Modern Dance Technique III-B
DN 321 Ballet Technique III-A
DN 322 Ballet Technique III-B
DN 323 Ballet Pointe Technique
DN 351 Jazz Technique III-A
DN 352 Jazz Technique III-B
DN 400 Special Topics
DN 410 Advanced Tap Technique
DN 411 Modern Dance Technique IV-A
DN 412 Modern Dance Technique IV-B
DN 421 Ballet Technique IV-A
DN 422 Ballet Technique IV-B
DN 423 Adv Ballet Pointe Technique
DN 451 Jazz Technique IV-A
DN 452 Jazz Technique IV-B

Creative Research, Performance, and Dance Studies Electives

Students must take a minimum of 6 credit hours from the following electives ¹

DN 305 Performance Workshop 1
DN 306 Performance Workshop 2
DN 307 Chor & Performance Wkshp 3
DN 380 Independent Study In Dance
DN 381 Indep Study In Dance
DN 401 Performance Studies I
DN 402 Performance Studies II
DN 403 Performance Studies III
DNCA 114 Dance Appreciation
DNCA 302 Special Topics in Dance
DNCA 320 Movement and the Camera
DNCA 341 Choreography II-A
DNCA 342 Choreography II-B
DNCA 350 Creative Processes in Dance
DNCA 351 Performance and Promotions
DNCA 403 Approach Dance Instructn
DNCA 441 Choreography III-A
DNCA 442 Choreography III-B
DNCA 495 Senior Capstone in Dance

Ancillary Courses 15

Although grades in ancillary courses are not computed into the major GPA, the major in dance requires the successful completion of the following courses outside the major with a grade of C- or higher:

DNCA 240 Choreography I
DNCA 265 Anatomy/Kinesiology For Dance
DNCA 470 History Of Dance I
DNCA 471 History of Dance II
DNCA 324 Lighting and Sound for Dance
or
DNCA 320 Movement and the Camera

Total Hours 45

Footnotes

¹ Excluding DNCA courses counted for ancillary requirement.

Grade Point Average

A 2.5 grade point average in the major is required for the Dance Program and for completion of the degree. Please see the Grades and Grade Points section of this catalog for an explanation on grade point average calculations.

Upper-level Residency

A minimum of 12 hours in 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be earned on this campus.

Required Minor

This major requires the completion of a minor.

Additional Major Requirements

Students are responsible for ensuring that they have met all University, College, major and minor requirements. However, each student must meet with an adviser in the major department for academic planning and to be approved for registration each semester. College advisers are also available for additional assistance with minor, College, and University requirements.

Career opportunities include, but are not limited to, performing with professional dance companies, Broadway/Off-Broadway/touring productions, cruise lines, commercial/television, dance education, choreography, arts management or arts administration, running operations, finance, or the marketing arms of existing arts organizations.

Types of Jobs Accepted

A major goal of the Dance program is preparing students to engage in the breadth of the dance field, and every year the program celebrates its graduates as they begin careers as professional dancers, artistic directors, choreographers, dance teachers, dance therapists, arts administrators, arts managers, production managers, lighting and costume designers, studio managers, and many other fruitful journeys in the arts and arts adjacent fields.

Jobs of Experienced Alumni

Our alumni have been represented in Alabama Ballet, Complexions, Atlanta Ballet, STREB Dance Company, Jeanne Ruddy Dance, the Radio City Rockettes, Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble, Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, Philadanco, Gus Giordano Dance, Disney Productions and national/international Broadway tours and cruise lines. Those seeking further education are regularly accepted into world-leading graduate programs.

Learn more about opportunities in this field at the Career Center