

Dance (BA/BS)

The goal of the department is to provide comprehensive dance training within the liberal arts framework of the university. The study of dance involves intellectual, artistic, and physical development. The Department of Dance emphasizes all three areas of growth, a commitment made possible by the breadth of its curricular offerings and the depth of faculty expertise. In addition to the academic components, dance students experience the rigorous professional discipline that is inherent in studio classes. The department explores diverse idioms in dance: African dance and drumming, ballet, contact improvisation, contemporary, jazz, hip-hop, modern, partnering, and Salsa.

Regardless of a student's career goals, education in dance at the University of Oregon provides the opportunity to develop motivation and self-discipline, intellectual curiosity, and creative imagination. These attributes are essential not only for a successful career but also for experiencing a fulfilling life.

Program's Admission Requirements

Please visit the program's website (<https://musicanddance.uoregon.edu/apply/>).

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Synthesize approaches to dance through immersion in multiple dance forms, performance, creative practice, and theory.
- Contextualize and understand dance from philosophical and cultural perspectives.
- Cultivate awareness and responsibility as a global dance citizen.
- Engage in music, science and somatics, history and culture, pedagogy and production of dance.
- Communicate about dance through writing, speaking, embodied practice, and creative inquiry.

Courses required for a dance major must be taken for letter grades when that option is available. A grade of P must be earned in courses designated pass/no pass (P/N) only.

Dance Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Technique ¹		21
DANC 170	Contemporary I	
DANC 270	Contemporary II	
DANC 370	Contemporary III	
DANC 172	Ballet I	
DANC 272	Ballet II	
DANC 372	Ballet III	
DANC 175	Hip Hop I	
DANC 275	Hip Hop II	
DANC 375	Hip Hop III	
DANC 185	African I	
DANC 285	African II	
DANC 199	Special Studies: [Topic]	
DANC 299	Special Studies: [Topic]	

DANC 399	Special Studies: [Topic]	
DANC 494	Advanced Movement Practice (Three Times)	
Performance		7
DANC 280	Dance Loft Performance	
DANC 380	Student Dance Concert Performance	
DANC 408	Workshop: [Topic]	
DANC 436	Dema African Performance Ensemble: [Topic]	
DANC 480	Faculty Dance Concert Performance	
DANC 486	Student Dance Collective: [Topic]	
Creative Practice		8
DANC 171	Dance Improvisation: [Topic]	
DANC 271	Contact Improvisation: [Topic]	
DANC 252	Dance Composition I	
DANC 352	Dance Composition II	
Theory		39
DANC 241	Screendance: History and Theory	
DANC 251	Looking at Dance	
DANC 255	Dance Production I	
DANC 258	Musical Elements of Dance	
DANC 260	Anatomy of Human Movement	
DANC 301	African Dance Aesthetics	
DANC 355	Dance Production II	
DANC 360	Dance Kinesiology	
DANC 425	Senior Seminar: [Topic] (Three Times)	
DANC 443	Dance and Power	
or DANC 444	Contemporary Issues in Dance	
DANC 458	Music for Dancers	
DANC 491	Teaching Dance	
Total Credits		75

¹ 9 credits minimum in upper division. 3 courses minimum per idiom in DANC.

Students transferring to the UO as dance majors after two years of college work elsewhere should have completed courses for the UO BA foreign language/BS mathematics requirement, two terms of college-level English composition, as many of the university's core-education requirements as possible, and training in modern dance.

Four-Year Degree Plan

The degree plan shown is only a sample of how students may complete their degrees in four years. There are alternative ways. Students should consult their advisor to determine the best path for them.

Courses that apply to the major must be passed with grades of C– or better.

Bachelor of Arts in Dance

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
First Year			
Fall			
First term of first-year second-language sequence			5

WR 121Z	Composition I	4
DAN 255	Dance Production I	3
Choose two from the following:		2
DANC 170	Contemporary I	
DANC 172	Ballet I	
DANC 175	Hip Hop I	
DANC 185	African I	
DANC 199	Special Studies: [Topic]	
Credits		14

Winter

Second term of first-year second-language sequence		5
General-education course in arts and letters		4
General-education course in social science		4
Choose two from the following:		2
DANC 170	Contemporary I	
DANC 172	Ballet I	
DANC 175	Hip Hop I	
DANC 185	African I	
DANC 199	Special Studies: [Topic]	
Credits		15

Spring

Third term of first-year second-language sequence		5
WR 122Z	Composition II	4
or WR 123	or College Composition III	
General-education course in social science		4
Choose two from the following:		2
DANC 170	Contemporary I	
DANC 172	Ballet I	
DANC 175	Hip Hop I	
DANC 185	African I	
DANC 199	Special Studies: [Topic]	
Credits		15
Total Credits		44

Maintain an overall GPA of 2.50 or higher.

Course	Title	Credits Milestones
Second Year		
Fall		
First term of second-year second-language sequence		4
General-education course in arts and letters that doubles as multicultural		4
General-education course in science		4
Choose two from the following:		2
DANC 270	Contemporary II	
DANC 272	Ballet II	
DANC 275	Hip Hop II	
DANC 399	Special Studies: [Topic]	
DAN 355	Dance Production II	1
Credits		15

Winter

Second term of second-year second-language sequence		4
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General-education course in science		4
General-education course in social science that doubles as multicultural		4
Choose two from the following:		2
DANC 270	Contemporary II	
DANC 272	Ballet II	
DANC 275	Hip Hop II	
DANC 399	Special Studies: [Topic]	
Credits		14

Spring

Third term of second-year second-language sequence		4
General-education course in science		4
Multicultural course		4
Choose two from the following:		2
DANC 270	Contemporary II	
DANC 272	Ballet II	
DANC 275	Hip Hop II	
DANC 399	Special Studies: [Topic]	
Electives		2
Credits		16
Total Credits		45

Maintain an overall GPA of 2.50 or higher. Identify a minor, certificate program, or second major.

Course	Title	Credits Milestones
Third Year		
Fall		
DAN 251	Looking at Dance	4
DAN 394	Contemporary III	3
General-education course in arts and letters		4
General-education course in social science		4
Credits		15
Winter		
DAN 252	Dance Composition I	3
DAN 260	Anatomy of Human Movement	4
DAN 394	Contemporary III	3
Multicultural course		4
Credits		14
Spring		
DAN 352	Dance Composition II	3
DAN 394	Contemporary III	3
General-education course in arts and letters		4
Elective courses		5
Credits		15
Total Credits		44

Maintain good academic standing and complete general-education requirements. A degree audit is recommended.

Course	Title	Credits Milestones
Fourth Year		
Fall		
DAN 407	Seminar: [Topic]	1

DAN 408	Workshop: [Topic]	3
DAN 494	Advanced Movement Practice	3
DAN 452	Dance Composition III	3
DAN 458	Music for Dancers	3
Elective course		2

Credits 15

Winter

DAN 360	Dance Kinesiology	4
DAN 407	Seminar: [Topic]	1
DAN 408	Workshop: [Topic]	3
DAN 494	Advanced Movement Practice	3
Elective course		4

Credits 15

Spring

DAN 407	Seminar: [Topic]	1
DAN 408	Workshop: [Topic]	3
DAN 494	Advanced Movement Practice	3
Elective courses		5

Credits 12

Total Credits 42

Maintain good academic standing and complete major, minor, and/or certificate programs.

Bachelor of Science in Dance

Course Title Credits Milestones

First Year

Fall

MATH 105Z	Math in Society	4
WR 121Z	Composition I	4
DAN 255	Dance Production I	3
Choose two from the following:		2

DANC 170 Contemporary I

DANC 172 Ballet I

DANC 175 Hip Hop I

DANC 185 African I

DANC 199 Special Studies: [Topic]

Elective course		1
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Credits 14

Winter

MATH 106	University Mathematics II	4
General-education course in arts and letters		4
General-education course in social science		4
Choose two from the following:		2

DANC 170 Contemporary I

DANC 172 Ballet I

DANC 175 Hip Hop I

DANC 185 African I

DANC 199 Special Studies: [Topic]

Elective course		1
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Credits 15

Spring

MATH 107	University Mathematics III	4
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WR 122Z	Composition II	4
or WR 123	or College Composition III	

General-education course in social science		4
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Choose two from the following:		2
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DANC 170 Contemporary I

DANC 172 Ballet I

DANC 175 Hip Hop I

DANC 185 African I

DANC 199 Special Studies: [Topic]

Elective course		1
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Credits 15

Total Credits 44

Maintain an overall GPA of 2.50 or higher.

Course Title Credits Milestones

Second Year

Fall

General-education course in arts and letters that doubles as multicultural		4
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General-education course in science		4
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Choose two from the following:		2
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DANC 270 Contemporary II

DANC 272 Ballet II

DANC 275 Hip Hop II

DANC 399 Special Studies: [Topic]

DAN 355	Dance Production II	1
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Elective course		3
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Credits 14

Winter

General-education course in science		4
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General-education course in social science that doubles as multicultural		4
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Choose two from the following:		2
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DANC 270 Contemporary II

DANC 272 Ballet II

DANC 275 Hip Hop II

DANC 399 Special Studies: [Topic]

Elective course		4
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Credits 14

Spring

General-education course in science		4
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Multicultural course		4
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Choose two from the following:		2
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DANC 270 Contemporary II

DANC 272 Ballet II

DANC 275 Hip Hop II

DANC 399 Special Studies: [Topic]

Electives		5
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Credits 15

Total Credits 43

Maintain an overall GPA of 2.50 or higher. Identify a minor, certificate program, or second major.

Maintain good academic standing and complete major, minor, and/or certificate programs.

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Third Year			
Fall			
DAN 251	Looking at Dance	4	
DAN 394	Contemporary III	3	
	General-education course in arts and letters	4	
	General-education course in social science	4	
Credits		15	
Winter			
DAN 252	Dance Composition I	3	
DAN 260	Anatomy of Human Movement	4	
DAN 394	Contemporary III	3	
	Multicultural course	4	
Credits		14	
Spring			
DAN 352	Dance Composition II	3	
DAN 394	Contemporary III	3	
	General-education course in arts and letters	4	
	Elective courses	5	
Credits		15	
Total Credits		44	

Maintain good academic standing and complete general-education requirements. A degree audit is recommended.

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Fourth Year			
Fall			
DAN 407	Seminar: [Topic]	1	
DAN 408	Workshop: [Topic]	3	
DAN 494	Advanced Movement Practice	3	
DAN 452	Dance Composition III	3	
DAN 458	Music for Dancers	3	
	Elective course	2	
Credits		15	
Winter			
DAN 360	Dance Kinesiology	4	
DAN 407	Seminar: [Topic]	1	
DAN 408	Workshop: [Topic]	3	
DAN 494	Advanced Movement Practice	3	
	Elective course	4	
Credits		15	
Spring			
DAN 407	Seminar: [Topic]	1	
DAN 408	Workshop: [Topic]	3	
DAN 494	Advanced Movement Practice	3	
	Elective courses	5	
Credits		12	
Total Credits		42	