

Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree with a Major in Dance

The B.F.A. with a major in Dance prepares students for a broad range of opportunities, including performance, choreography, teaching, arts administration, and dance/movement therapy. The Dance program at VSU offers numerous productions throughout the year, providing students with significant performance and choreography experience. Graduates learn a host of life skills, including collaboration, working to deadlines, self-discipline, patience, perseverance, analytical skills, and critical thinking.

Audition Requirements

All students who intend to pursue the B.F.A. with a major in Dance must audition for the purpose of admission into the program. Auditions are regularly hosted on campus, across the region, and at national professional conferences.

Grade Point Average Requirement for the BFA with a Major in Dance

Students entering the University directly from high school must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better on all course work undertaken in order to continue as Dance majors. If in any given semester a student's overall GPA falls below 2.0, the student will have one semester (fall or spring) to bring it back up to or above 2.0. If the overall GPA remains below 2.0 for two consecutive semesters, the student will be requested to change majors. Any student who fails to respond to that request will automatically be transferred to an undeclared major status.

Students who enter the University as transfer students who wish to continue a major in Dance must have a GPA of at least 2.0 on all course work undertaken. Upon acceptance as a major, a student must maintain an overall 2.0 GPA as described above.

Students changing majors from another program within the University must also have at least a 2.0 overall GPA to transfer to the Dance major, and they will be subject to the same maintenance requirements already described.

Selected Educational Outcomes

1. Students will articulate a cultural and historical perspective appropriate to dance performance, pedagogy, and choreography.
2. Students will demonstrate dance and related skills, based on the career goals of the individual student: teaching, performance, and/or choreography.
3. Students will demonstrate the ability to interact and problem solve with colleagues as group participants and leaders.
4. Students will demonstrate knowledge of professional opportunities for employment.

Examples of Outcome Assessments

Concluding curricular experiences for the dance student will include:

1. Exhibiting advanced performance and choreographic skills.
2. Participation in professionally oriented dance and theatrical productions.
3. Developing materials geared to individual students' professional career goals for post-graduation plans.

Requirements for the B.F.A. degree with a Major in Dance

Code	Title	Hours
Core Curriculum		60
Core IMPACTS (See VSU Core Curriculum)		42
Theatre and Dance students are advised to take either THEA 1100 or DANC 1500 in Arts, Humanities, & Ethics area.		
Core Field of Study		
DANC 1500	Introduction to Dance	3
THEA 2730	Introduction to Theatrical Makeup, Wig, and Costume Technology	2
DANC 1610	Ballet I	2
DANC 1700	Contemporary Dance I	2
DANC 2400	Choreography I	3
DANC 2800	Jazz Dance I	2
DANC 2920	Dance Improvisation	1
THEA 2750	Basic Technical Theatre and Stage Lighting	3
A minimum grade of "C" is required for all Area F courses in the Communication Arts Department.		
Senior College Curriculum		60
DANC 2600	Ballet II	3
DANC 2700	Contemporary Dance II	3

DANC 3600 or DANC 3700	Ballet III Contemporary Dance III	3
DANC 3800	Jazz Dance II	3
DANC 4800	Jazz Dance III	3
Select two of the following:		4
DANC 1900	Tap Dance I	
DANC 3300	Special Topics in Dance	
DANC 3940	Aerial Dance Arts	
DANC 3950	Dance for Camera	
DANC 3960	Hip Hop Dance	
DANC 2910	Social Dance	1
DANC 3500	Dance Pedagogy	3
DANC 3400	Choreography II	2
DANC 4400	Choreography III	3
DANC 3410	Dance History	3
DANC 3200	Dance Ensemble	3
DANC 3420	Music Analysis for Dancers	2
DANC 4010 & DANC 3010	Dance Kinesiology and Principles of Dance Science	5
DANC 4600 or DANC 4700	Ballet IV Contemporary Dance IV	3
DANC 4790	Dance Portfolio and Resume Presentation	2
Guided Electives in DANC		7
Guided electives		6
Total hours required for the degree		120

¹ If students take THEA 1100 or DANC 1500 in Area C of the Core Curriculum, they should take another Area C elective here.