

B. A. in Dance

Reference Number: 630p & 630

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46 CREDIT HOURS

At least 23 hours must be upper level (300+). A minor or second major is also required.

Required Courses	Credits
PERF 175: University Experience: Performing Arts (2 hrs.)	2
PERF 120: Rehearsal and Production (1 hr.)	1
PERF 220: Production Lab I (.5 or 1 hr.) (take once as a 1 credit class, or twice as a .5 credit class)	1
<u>Dance Technique (16 hrs.)</u>	
<i>Initial placement based on demonstrated skill level. Must achieve at least level 4 in a selected genre and level 3 in a second genre.</i>	
Ballet: A minimum of four ballet technique classes (2 hrs. each)	4
Jazz: A minimum of two jazz technique classes (2 hrs. each)	4
Modern: A minimum of two modern technique classes (2 hrs. each)	4
Tap: A minimum of one tap technique class (2 hrs. each)	4
<u>Dance Study (9 hrs.)</u>	
<i>DANC 110: Dance Appreciation is recommended for Colonnade Explorations – Arts & Humanities.</i>	
<i>DANC 360: Dance in Culture: Moving History is recommended for Colonnade Connections – Social & Cultural.</i>	
DANC 301: Dance Pedagogy (3 hrs.)	3
DANC 350: Dance History (3 hrs.)	3
DANC 445: Dance Anatomy and Kinesiology (3 hrs.)	3
<u>Choreography (8 hrs.)</u>	
DANC 235: Dance Improvisation (2 hrs.)	2
DANC 310: Choreography I (3 hrs.)	3
DANC 420: Choreography II (3 hrs.)	3
<u>Dance Production (3 hrs.)</u>	
<i>Select One:</i>	
THEA 241: Costume Technology (3 hrs.)	
THEA 250: Stage Electrics (3 hrs.)	
THEA 311: Stage Management (3 hrs.)	3
DANC 400: Visual Media for Dance (3 hrs.)	
<u>Restricted Electives (6 hrs.)</u>	6
Any relevant DANC, PERF, or THEA course with advisor's approval. At least 23 credits applied to this major must be upper level (300+). Please keep this in mind when selecting electives.	
TOTAL	46

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Admission into the B.A. in Dance

- In addition to the standard WKU admissions process, incoming students (including transfer students) wishing to major in Dance must also participate in the department's initial dance placement audition process, after which they will be enrolled as "seeking admission" into the B.A. in Dance program.
- Auditions for course placement will be held every semester. Prospective students must attend one of the dance program audition days or submit an audition video.
- Following the audition, the dance faculty will review and then send each student a copy of his or her technique assessment and course placement. The student may then be enrolled as "seeking admission" into the B.A. in Dance degree.
- Further developmental assessments of students classified as "seeking admission" will be made by the dance faculty during the first two semesters.
- A student classified as "seeking admission" may apply for full admittance into the B.A. in Dance degree after the completion of 2 semesters (transfer students must complete at least 15 hours at WKU). Applicants must meet the following requirements:
 - A minimum overall grade point average of 2.5
 - Completion of 8 hours of dance technique classes
 - Have taken, or currently be enrolled in, a 300-level dance technique course (ballet, jazz, modern).
 - Demonstrate proficient talent, commitment, and a reasonable likelihood of achieving the technique level requirements of the degree program.
- Following faculty review of applications for the B.A. in Dance degree, letters of acceptance or non-acceptance will be sent to each student. The student may re-apply once after non-acceptance.
- A student denied admission into the B.A. in Dance program may appeal that decision by submitting a written appeal to the department head. The department head will meet with the dance faculty to discuss the appeal.
- A student classified as "seeking admission" must apply for full admittance by their 4th semester and be accepted by the completion of their 5th semester. Transfer students must apply and be accepted prior to completing 30 credit hours at WKU.
- Once admitted to the B.A. in Dance degree, each student will be regularly assessed by the dance faculty to ensure that he or she is successfully progressing within the degree program.

Please see the most current Dance Program Handbook, located on the Department of Theatre & Dance website, for complete information regarding auditions, admission, and retention.