

DANCE STUDIES - B.A.

College of the Arts

School of Theatre and Dance - Dance Division
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Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Dance Studies allows students who have some previous dance experience and a strong interest in another subject area, within or outside of the arts, the opportunity to combine the two into one degree option. The curriculum provides students with a solid foundation in dance techniques and dance academics while allowing flexibility to incorporate another area or minor.

The B.A. degree program encourages exploration of areas that can be combined with dance to enhance opportunities for future employment.

Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

Accreditation

National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD).

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Admission to this major is selective. Students must audition before being admitted to the Dance Studies major. Inquiries can be directed to the coordinator of the Dance Division, D-101C Center for the Performing Arts, Kent State University, Kent, OH 44242-0001 (or call 330-672-2069).

For more information on admissions, including additional requirements for some academic programs, visit the admissions website for new freshmen and the admissions website for transfer, transitioning and former students.

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students:

All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score or minimum 48 PTE Academic score, or by completing the ELS level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and/or skills in one or more areas of dance, as well as an understanding of the vocabulary of dance and of the

interaction of these elements, and employ this knowledge to work conceptually with the elements of dance.

2. Demonstrate an understanding of choreographic processes, aesthetic properties of style and the ways these shape and are shaped by artistic and cultural ideas and contexts.
3. Develop and defend critical evaluations.

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1
Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 (or 42)
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate. Students in a B.A. and/or B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 42 upper-division credit hours.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120
Some bachelor's degrees require students to complete more than 120 credit hours.	

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	36-37

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
DAN 17051	MODERN DANCE TECHNIQUE I-A (min B grade) 1	3
DAN 17052	BALLET I-A (min B grade) ¹	2
DAN 17053	PRINCIPLES OF DANCE MECHANICS I	2
DAN 17151	MODERN DANCE TECHNIQUE I-B (min B grade) 1	3

DAN 17152	BALLET I-B (min B grade) ¹	2
DAN 27070	JAZZ STYLES I	2
DAN 27071	MODERN DANCE TECHNIQUE II-A (min B grade) ¹	3
DAN 27072	BALLET II-A (min B grade) ¹	2
DAN 27074	DANCE COMPOSITION I	3
DAN 27076	DANCE AS AN ART FORM (DIVG) (KFA)	3
DAN 27170	JAZZ STYLES II	2
DAN 27171	MODERN DANCE TECHNIQUE II-B (min B grade) ¹	3
DAN 27172	BALLET II-B (min B grade) ¹	2
DAN 37035	DANCE COMPOSITION II	2
DAN 37057	DANCE FOR CHILDREN	3
or DAN 37058	METHODS AND MATERIALS OF DANCE	
DAN 37072	DANCE AND TECHNOLOGY	2
DAN 37192	DANCE PRACTICUM (ELR)	2
DAN 37310	MUSIC FOR DANCERS	3
DAN 47063	DANCE HISTORY I	3
DAN 47163	DANCE HISTORY II (WIC) ²	3
DAN 47175	CAPSTONE PROJECT (ELR)	1
Production Electives, choose from the following:		3
THEA 11732 & THEA 11733	FUNDAMENTALS OF PRODUCTION II: COSTUMES, LIGHTING AND PROJECTIONS and FUNDAMENTALS OF PRODUCTION LABORATORY III: COSTUMES	
or THEA 11734	FUNDAMENTALS OF PRODUCTION LABORATORY IV: LIGHTING, SOUND AND PROJECTIONS	
Additional Dance Technique, choose from the following (min B grade):		4-6
DAN 37067	BALLET III-A ³	
DAN 37068	MODERN DANCE TECHNIQUE III-A ³	
DAN 37167	BALLET III-B ³	
DAN 37168	MODERN DANCE TECHNIQUE III-B ³	
DAN 47055	BALLET IV-A ³	
DAN 47070	JAZZ STYLES III ³	
DAN 47155	BALLET IV-B ³	
DAN 47170	JAZZ STYLES IV ³	
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in GPA)		
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)		6
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)		6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)		6-7
Kent Core Additional		6
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours)		28
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

¹ Minimum B grade is required for promotion to the next technique level.

² A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

³ Courses may be repeated twice for credit towards the program requirements.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.500	2.000

- A minimum B and C grade is required in some courses.
- All majors must participate in dance faculty juries and a portfolio review annually. Students wishing to participate in main stage performances are required to be enrolled in a professional-level technique class during the semester/s in which they are rehearsing and/or performing.

Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
DAN 27070	JAZZ STYLES I	2
DAN 27076	DANCE AS AN ART FORM (DIVG) (KFA)	3
DAN 37192	DANCE PRACTICUM (ELR)	1
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
!	Ballet Technique	2
!	Modern Dance Technique	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Credit Hours	15
Semester Two		
!	DAN 17053 PRINCIPLES OF DANCE MECHANICS I	2
!	Ballet Technique	2
!	Modern Dance Technique	3
DAN 27170	JAZZ STYLES II	2
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Credit Hours	15
Semester Three		
!	DAN 27074 DANCE COMPOSITION I	3
!	Ballet Technique	2
!	Modern Dance Technique	3
DAN 37192	DANCE PRACTICUM (ELR)	1
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Credit Hours	15
Semester Four		
!	DAN 37035 DANCE COMPOSITION II	2
!	Ballet Technique	2
!	Modern Dance Technique	3
DAN 37310	MUSIC FOR DANCERS	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Credit Hours	16
Semester Five		
DAN 47063	DANCE HISTORY I	3
	Additional Dance Technique	2-3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	General Electives	4
	Credit Hours	15
Semester Six		
Requirement: present choreography in Student Dance Festival		
!	DAN 37057 DANCE FOR CHILDREN or or METHODS AND MATERIALS OF DANCE DAN 37058	3
!	DAN 37072 DANCE AND TECHNOLOGY	2
	DAN 47163 DANCE HISTORY II (WIC)	3
	Additional Dance Technique	2-3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	General Electives	2
	Credit Hours	15

Semester Seven		
!	Production Electives	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	General Electives	9
	Credit Hours	15
Semester Eight		
!	DAN 47175 CAPSTONE PROJECT (ELR)	1
	General Electives	13
	Credit Hours	14
	Minimum Total Credit Hours:	120