DANCE STUDIES - B.A.

College of the Arts
School of Theatre and Dance - Dance Division
www.kent.edu/theatredance

About This Program
Explore Dance Studies with Kent State’s B.A. program. Study the cultural, historical, and social aspects of dance and gain an understanding of how it shapes society. Read more...

Contact Information
• Program Coordinator: Barbara Allegra Verlezza | bverlez1@kent.edu | 330-672-0125
• Speak with an Advisor
• Chat with an Admissions Counselor

Program Delivery
• Delivery: In person
• Location: Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*
Art, drama, and music teachers, postsecondary
• 5.6% faster than the average
• 116,300 number of jobs
• $69,690 potential earnings

Choreographers
• 14.0% much faster than the average
• 5,500 number of jobs
• $43,680 potential earnings

Dancers
• 2.3% slower than the average
• 11,400 number of jobs
• $N/A potential earnings

Tutors and teachers and instructors, all other
• 7.4% faster than the average
• 406,200 number of jobs
• $40,590 potential earnings

Accreditation
National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD)

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

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.

International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency unless they meet specific exceptions. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

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Production Elective, choose from the following:

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DAN 37069 BALLET 5A
DAN 37100 POINTE 1
DAN 37150 POINTE 2
DAN 37168 MODERN 5B
DAN 37169 BALLET 5B
DAN 47054 MODERN 6A
DAN 47069 MODERN 6B
DAN 47154 BALLET 6B
DAN 47196 INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION IN DANCE

Additional Requirements (courses do not count in GPA)
UC 10001 FLASHES 101
Kent Core Composition
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)
Kent Core Additional
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credits
hour including 39 upper-division credit hours )

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

1 Successful completion of DAN 37168, DAN 37169 or DAN 47170
is required for graduation with the B.A. degree in Dance Studies.
Promotion to the next level of technique is at the discretion of the
dance faculty.

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

3 Students must complete a minimum of 20 elective credit hours of
courses related to a secondary area of inquiry or minor.

Progression Requirements
• Entrance to the B.A. degree in Dance Studies is by audition.
• Promotion to the next level is at the discretion of the dance faculty.
• All students in the major must audition for all Dance Division
concerts. To perform in the concert, students must be enrolled in a
minimum of one dance technique class during the semester of the
contact.
• Students enter on a probationary status and must maintain GPA
requirements and professional standards as indicated in the student
handbook in order to be allowed to audition for concerts and progress
through to graduation.

Graduation Requirements
Minimum Major GPA 2.500
Minimum Overall GPA 2.000

• All majors must participate in dance faculty juries and an annual
review.
• All graduates must successfully complete a course of study that
includes a minimum of 20 credit hours related to a subject or a minor
chosen by the student.
• All graduates must complete a project or presentation through
DAN 47199 that demonstrates knowledge of dance and the additional
subject chosen by the student.
• Successful completions of DAN 37168, DAN 37169 or DAN 47170 is
required for graduation with the B.A. degree in Dance Studies.

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
DAN 27070 JAZZ STYLES I 2
UC 10001 FLASHES 101 1
Ballet 3
Modern 3
Kent Core Requirement 3
Kent Core Requirement 3
Credit Hours 15

Semester Two
DAN 17053 PRINCIPLES OF DANCE MECHANICS I 2
DAN 27170 JAZZ STYLES II 2
DAN 47063 DANCE HISTORY I 3
Ballet 3
Modern 3
Production Elective 3
Credit Hours 16

Semester Three
DAN 37035 DANCE COMPOSITION I 3
DAN 37192 DANCE PRACTICUM (ELR) 1
Ballet or Modern 3
Kent Core Requirement 3
Kent Core Requirement 3
General Elective 3
Credit Hours 16

Semester Four
DAN 37072 DANCE AND TECHNOLOGY 2
Ballet or Modern 3
Ballet or Modern Additional Technique 2-3
Kent Core Requirement 3
General Electives 6
Credit Hours 16

Semester Five
Ballet or Modern Additional Technique 2-3
Kent Core Requirement 3
Kent Core Requirement 3
General Electives 6
Credit Hours 14

Semester Six
Requirement: present choreography in Student Dance Festival
DAN 37010 DANCE PEDAGOGY 3
DAN 37072 DANCE AND TECHNOLOGY 2
Ballet or Modern Additional Technique 2-3
Kent Core Requirement 3
Kent Core Requirement 3
General Electives 6
Credit Hours 15

Semester Seven
DAN 47163 DANCE HISTORY II (WIC) 3
Ballet or Modern Additional Technique 2-3
Kent Core Requirement 3
Kent Core Requirement 3
Credit Hours 15

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General Elective  

| Credit Hours | 3 |

Semester Eight

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<td>DAN 47199 BACHELOR OF ARTS CAPSTONE (ELR)</td>
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| Kent Core Requirement | 3 |
| General Electives | 8 |

| Credit Hours | 14 |

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

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.

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<td>Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)</td>
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<td>Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)</td>
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<td>Kent Core (see table below)</td>
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<td>Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)</td>
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<td>Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.</td>
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<td>Upper-Division Requirement</td>
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| Total Credit Hours: |
| 36-37 |

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Articulate and perform standards and skills in one or more areas of dance.
2. Communicate an understanding of the vocabulary of dance and employ this knowledge to work conceptually with the elements of dance.
3. Articulate and communicate an understanding of choreographic processes, aesthetic properties of style and the ways these elements shape and are shaped by artistic and cultural ideas and contexts.
4. Develop and defend critical evaluations.
5. Through a Capstone project or presentation, students will articulate and communicate a relationship between their dance studies and a secondary concentration, minor or double major, if applicable.

Full Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Dance Studies allows students who have 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 plan of study. 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.