Bachelor of Arts in Dance

Dance Undergraduate Programs

The Department of Dance offers the Bachelor of Arts in Dance and the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance degrees. A minor in dance is available to students in all majors.

Bachelor of Arts in Dance Degree Requirements

The B.A. in Dance at the University of Kansas does not require an audition. Instead, all students must pass a technical and academic evaluation at the end of their sophomore year. However, to be considered for a scholarship, a prospective or transfer student must audition. The B.A. in dance offers comprehensive technical training, built on a solid liberal arts foundation, which allows students to double-major or to pursue graduate study in any number of fields.

The curriculum leading to the B.A. in dance offers integrated training in ballet, modern, and jazz dance techniques, as well as courses in classical Indian dance, African dance and flamenco dance techniques, musical theatre dance, dance improvisation and composition, video for dance, history and philosophy of dance, music for dance, creative dance for children, dance production, career preparation in the arts and independent study options. The program prepares students for professional careers in dance or for further academic study. The senior project may involve research in any of the above areas or choreography and performance culminating in a senior recital. Students are expected to take technique classes appropriate to their level of training each semester they are enrolled. A total of 120 credit hours is required.

Bachelor of Arts in Dance Course Requirements

General Education Requirements (0)
Completion of the KU Core (See KU Core)
Completion of the College BA degree specific requirements (see College BA requirements)

Introduction to the Dance Major (1)
DANC 100 Introduction to the Dance Major 1

Dance Technique (17)
Students may choose 17 hours from among the following, but must take at least the following: One semester of level III in jazz, Two semesters of level III in ballet and two semesters of level III in modern. Courses may be taken twice for full credit and may be taken for variable credit thereafter.
DANC 211
DANC 213
DANC 215
DANC 311 Ballet III
DANC 313
DANC 315
DANC 411
DANC 413
DANC 415

Dance Performance (2)
University Dance Company. Satisfied by 2 hours of the following:
DANC 320 University Dance Company

Dance Composition (0)
Majors must complete courses as specified in each of the following areas.
DANC 150 Dance Improvisation
DANC 250 Choreography: Structured Solos
DANC 350 Choreography: Group Forms
DANC 450 Environmental Choreography

Pedagogy (0)
DANC 430 Dance for Children
DANC 530 Practicum in: _____

Dance Studies (9)
Majors must complete courses as specified in each of the following areas.
DANC 330 Approaches to World Dance
DANC 375 Ideokinesis
Students must select 9 hours from the following:
DANC 210 Rhythms and Structures of Music
DANC 230 Introduction to African Dance Theatre
DANC 260 Musical Theatre Dance
DANC 420 Introduction to Videography and Website Design for Dance
DANC 440 Introduction to Classical East Indian Dance
DANC 460 Dance History: Research and Reconstruction
DANC 475 Career Preparation in the Arts
DANC 490 Introduction to Flamenco Dance Technique

Senior Project (0)
Satisfied by completion of 3 hours of the following:
DANC 550 Senior Project

Major Hours & Major GPA

While completing all required courses, majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

Major Hours
Satisfied by 51 hours of major courses.

Major Hours in Residence
Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the major.

Major Junior/Senior Hours
Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.

Major Junior/Senior Graduation GPA
Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses (300+) in the major. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F’s and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BA in Dance. To view the list of courses approved to fulfill KU Core Goals, please visit the KU Core website (http://kucore.ku.edu/courses).
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## Total Hours: 120-127

1. Dance Technique courses can be taken for 1-3 credit hours. For the purposes of this 4-year plan, most Dance Technique courses are listed at 3 credit hours to represent completion of the full 120 credit hours required to graduate.

2. DANC 150 and DANC 350 are rotational and must be taken in sequence.

3. Visit this website (http://college.ku.edu/undergrad/curriculum/ba_QR) for a list of courses that fulfill the BA Quantitative Reasoning requirement.

Please note:

All students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are required to complete 120 total hours of which 45 hours must be at the Jr/Sr (300+) level, and 100 hours must be from within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The same course cannot be used to fulfill more than one KU Core Goal. However, overlap of a KU Core course with a major or degree-specific requirement is allowed. Overlapping is recommended to allow more opportunities to explore other majors and/or minors.