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Undergraduate Admission

Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Prospective first-year students should be aware that KU has qualified admission requirements that all new first-year students must meet to be admitted. Consult the Office of Admissions (<http://admissions.ku.edu/>) for application deadlines and specific admission requirements.

Visit the International Support Services (<http://www.iss.ku.edu/>) for information about international admissions.

Students considering transferring to KU may see how their college-level course work will transfer on the Office of Admissions (<http://credittransfer.ku.edu/>) website.

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

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements		
Completion of the KU Core (See KU Core)		30

Completion of the College BA degree specific requirements (see College BA requirements) 15-25

Completion of Dance Major requirements 49

Introduction to the Dance Major 1

DANC 100 Introduction to the Dance Major

Dance Technique 18

Majors must complete 18 hours of Dance technique. Majors must have at least 6 hours of Ballet at the 200 level or higher, 6 hours of Modern at the 200 level or higher, and 3 hours of Jazz at the 200 level or higher. Courses may be repeated for credit.

Ballet 6

6 hours of Ballet technique at the 200 level or above.

DANC 211 Ballet II

DANC 311 Ballet III

DANC 411 Ballet IV

Modern/Contemporary 6

6 hours of Modern/Contemporary technique at the 200 level or above.

DANC 213 Modern Contemporary II

DANC 313 Modern/Contemporary III

Jazz 3

3 hours of Jazz technique at the 200 level or above

DANC 215 Jazz II

DANC 315 Jazz III

Technique Elective 3

DANC 211 Ballet II

DANC 213 Modern Contemporary II

DANC 215 Jazz II

DANC 307 Pointe and Pas de Deux

DANC 308 Pas de Deux

DANC 311 Ballet III

DANC 313 Modern/Contemporary III

DANC 315 Jazz III

DANC 411 Ballet IV

DANC 417 Hip Hop II

DANC 419 Tap II

University Dance Company 2

Satisfied by two semesters of University Dance Company.

Repeatable for credit.

DANC 320 University Dance Company

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Dance Composition 10

Majors must complete courses as specified in each of the following areas.

DANC 150 Choreography I

DANC 250 Choreography II

DANC 350 Choreography III

DANC 550 Senior Project

Dance Studies 9

Majors must complete courses as specified in each of the following areas.

DANC 330 Approaches to World Dance

DANC 375 Anatomy and Injury Prevention

Dance Pedagogy: Choose one from DANC 520, or DANC 540

DANC 520	Pedagogy	
or DANC 540	Field Experience in Dance Teaching	
Dance Electives		9
Students must select 9 hours from the following:		
DANC 177	First Year Seminar: _____	
DANC 210	Rhythms and Structures of Music	
DANC 260	Musical Theatre Dance	
DANC 317	Hip Hop Fundamentals	
DANC 319	Tap Fundamentals	
DANC 334	Introduction to African Dance Theatre	
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	
DANC 498	Directed Study in: _____	
DANC 520	Pedagogy	
DANC 530	Practicum in: _____	
DANC 540	Field Experience in Dance Teaching	
DANC 580	Special Topics in Dance: _____	

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 49 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 15 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/>).

Freshman

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
DANC 100 (Major Requirement)	1	Dance Technique (Modern 1 of 2), Major Requirement	3
Dance Technique (Ballet 1 of 2), Major Requirement ¹	3	DANC 150 (Major Requirement) ²	2
ENGL 101 (Goal 2.1 Written Communication/BA Writing I) ³	3	DANC 320 (1 of 2, Major Requirement)	1

First Year Seminar Goal 1.1 Critical Thinking	3	ENGL 102 (Goal 2.1 Written Communication/BA Writing II) ³	3
1st Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5	2nd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5
15		14	

Sophomore

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Dance Technique (Ballet 2 of 2), major requirement	3	Dance Technique (Modern 2 of 2), Major Requirement	3
DANC 250 (Major Requirement)	2	DANC 350 (Major Requirement)	3
Goal 3 Natural Science	3	DANC 290 (Major Requirement)	0
BA Laboratory/Field Experience (LFE)	1	Goal 2.2 Communication	3
Goal 1.2 Quantitative Literacy	3	Goal 3 Social Science	3
3rd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	3	4th Semester Language, or 1st semester of Another Language, unless req for mjr (BA Second Language) ⁶	5
15		17	

Junior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Dance Technique (Jazz), Major Requirement	3	Dance Technique (elective), Major Requirement ⁴	3
300+ Dance Elective (1 of 3) ⁵	3	DANC 375 (Major Requirement)	3
300+ Dance Elective (2 of 3)	3	Goal 4.1 US Diversity	3
DANC 320 (2 of 2, major requirement)	1	BA Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3
Goal 3 Arts and Humanities	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁷	3
200+ ENGL course, DANC 330 pre-req	3		
13		15	

Senior

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
DANC 330 (Goal 4.2 Global Awareness, Major Requirement)	3	DANC 550 (Goal 6 Integration & Creativity, Major Requirement)	3
300+ Dance elective (3 of 3), Major Requirement	3	DANC 520 or 540 (Major Requirement)	3
Goal 5 Social Responsibility & Ethics	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁷	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁷	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁷	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁷	3	Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ⁷	3

Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior- Senior Hours ⁷	1	
	16	15

Total Hours 120

- ¹ Technique placement determined by Dance Department faculty. If student begins technique coursework at 200-level, degree plan will alter significantly.
- ² Choreography classes sequenced/not offered every semester. See Dance Course Rotation (<https://theatredance.ku.edu/dance-courses/>) for more details.
- ³ The BA requires completion of two courses of collegiate-level writing instruction. Students who test out of Composition will still need to complete ENGL 102 (or equivalent) and one additional Goal 2.1 course.
- ⁴ See Catalogue for full list of approved Technique Electives.
- ⁵ See Catalogue for full list of approved Dance Electives.
- ⁶ For students completing the language requirement via the 3+1 language option, note that many first semester languages are 5 credit hours.
- ⁷ Hour requirements (incl. 45 jr/sr hrs) are typically met through KU core, degree, major, second area of study and/or elective hours. Students completing the BGS with a major must choose a secondary area of study. Individual degree mapping is done in partnership with your advisor.

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.

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.