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A BFA in dance focuses on technical training and preparation for a career in professional performance. An audition is required for entry in the BFA program.

Undergraduate Admission

Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Unless they are college transfer students with at least 24 hours of credit, prospective students must send ACT or SAT scores 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 Office of International Student and Scholar 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.

Admission to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Admission to the College is a different process from admission to a major field. Some CLAS departments have admission requirements. See individual department/program sections for departmental admission requirements.

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance Degree Requirements

The B.F.A. requires an audition for entry; however, students enrolled in the B.A. program may audition at the end of each academic year. In order to be considered for a scholarship or entry directly into the B.F.A. program, incoming students MUST audition in person or online via Acceptd (https://app.getacceptd.com/kudance).

The curriculum leading to the B.F.A. focuses on technique, choreography, and performance. It prepares students for professional careers or further academic study in dance. Entrance into the B.F.A. program is provisional during the first year. After evaluation of the year’s work and approval by the faculty, a student is fully accepted into the B.F.A. program.

B.F.A. majors receive integrated training in ballet, modern, and jazz dance technique. They also take courses in choreography, dance theory, history, dance science, and pedagogy. Other B.F.A. courses include flamenco, performing arts administration, classical East Indian dance, conditioning and injury prevention for dancers, and musical theatre dance. Students must complete a senior project in performance and/or choreography. B.F.A. majors have a variety of performance opportunities as members of the University Dance Company (http://www.ku.edu/students/orgs/University_10366.html). A total of 120 credit hours is required.

General Education Requirements (30)  
In addition to degree and major requirements, all students must complete the KU Core requirements.

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

Dance Technique (33)  
Majors must complete 33 hours of Dance technique. Majors must have at least 6 hours of Ballet at the 300 level or higher, 6 hours of Modern at the 300 level or higher, and 3 hours of Jazz at the 300 level or higher. Courses may be repeated for credit.

Ballet (6)  
6 hours of Ballet technique at the 300 level or higher.
DANC 311  Ballet III
DANC 411  Ballet IV

Modern/Contemporary (6)  
6 hours of Modern/Contemporary technique at the 300 level or higher.
DANC 313  Modern/Contemporary III
DANC 413  Modern Contemporary IV

Jazz (3)  
3 hours of Jazz technique at the 300 level or higher.
DANC 315  Jazz III
DANC 415  Jazz IV

Additional Technique Electives (18)  
DANC 108  Pas de Deux
DANC 109  Men’s Ballet
DANC 307  Pointe and Pas de Deux
DANC 308  Pas de Deux
DANC 309  Men’s Ballet
DANC 311  Ballet III
DANC 313  Modern/Contemporary III
DANC 315  Jazz III
DANC 411  Ballet IV
DANC 413  Modern Contemporary IV
DANC 415  Jazz IV

University Dance Company (4)  
Majors must complete four semesters of University Dance Company. May be repeated 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 (12)
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DANC 210  Rhythms and Structures of Music
DANC 330  Approaches to World Dance
DANC 375  Anatomy and Injury Prevention

Dance Pedagogy: Choose from DANC 430, 520, or 540
- DANC 430  Dance for Children
- or DANC 520  Pedagogy
- or DANC 540  Field Experience in Dance Teaching

Dance Electives (12)  12
Choose four courses from those listed below:
- DANC 260  Musical Theatre Dance
- DANC 334  Introduction to African Dance Theatre
- DANC 420  Introduction to Videography and Website Design for Dance
- DANC 330  Approaches to World Dance
- DANC 375  Anatomy and Injury Prevention
- Dance Pedagogy: Choose from DANC 430, 520, or 540
  - DANC 430  Dance for Children
  - or DANC 520  Pedagogy
  - or DANC 540  Field Experience in Dance Teaching

DANC 150 (Major Requirement)  3
DANC 100 (Major Requirement)  2
DANC Technique: Modern, Jazz, Ballet (Major Requirement)  2
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DANC Technique: Modern, Jazz, Ballet (Major Requirement)  2

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 65 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 34 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 BFA 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
Goal 2.1 Written  3  Goal 2.1 Written  3
Communication (First Course, 2 Crs Required)  3  Communication (Second Course, 2 Crs Required)  3
Goal 1.2 Quantitative Literacy  3  Goal 2.2 Communication  3
Goal 1.1 Critical Thinking  3  Goal 3 Social Science  3

Sophomore
Fall  Hours  Spring  Hours
Goal 3 Natural Science  3  DANC 440 (Major Requirement)  1
DANC 350 (Major Requirement)  3  DANC 260 (Major Requirement)  1
DANC 330 (Goal 4.2 Global Awareness, Major Requirement)  3  DANC 375 (Major Requirement)  1
DANC Technique: Modern, Jazz, Ballet (Major Requirement)  2  DANC 320 (Major Requirement)  1
DANC Technique: Modern, Jazz, Ballet (Major Requirement)  3  DANC Technique: Modern, Jazz, Ballet (Major Requirement)  2
Elective (Total Hours)  3  DANC Technique: Modern, Jazz, Ballet (Major Requirement)  2

Junior
Fall  Hours  Spring  Hours
Goal 3 Humanities  3  Goal 4.1 US Diversity  3
DANC 460 (Major Requirement)  3  DANC 475 (Major Requirement)  1
DANC 320  1  DANC 210 (Major Requirement)  1
DANC Technique: Modern, Jazz, Ballet (Major Requirement)  2  DANC 320 (Major Requirement)  1
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DANC Technique: Modern, Jazz, Ballet (Major Requirement)  3

Senior
Fall  Hours  Spring  Hours
Goal 5 Social Responsibility & Ethics  3  DANC 550 (Goal 6 Integration & Creativity, Major Requirement)  1

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**Total Hours: 126**

1. Many major DANC courses are offered every other year, and a student's start year will determine the exact sequence of courses.
2. Level of technique will be assessed by DANC professor.
3. By audition in the first week of the semester.

Please note:

All students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are required to completed 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.