

# Dance

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## Majors

### The Major in Dance

**Total units required:** 34 units, with a minimum of 18 units at the 300 level or above

Studio dance courses at Washington University are an integrated combination of both praxis and the study of the historical, cultural and aesthetic theory of dance as an art form. Although course work is required in all aspects of the dance major, students may individually choose to emphasize their study in one of three areas: dance performance, choreography, or history/theory.

**All dance majors must take the following courses (13 units):**

Code	Title	Units
Dance 203	Composition I	3
Dance 303	Composition II	3
Dance 212E	Introduction to Theater Production	3
Dance 3101	Dance Improvisation: Spontaneous Composition & Performance Techniques	2
Dance 305Z or Dance 312	Music Resources for Dance Accompaniment Techniques for Dance	2
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>13</b>

**Plus 6 units from the following studio technique courses:**

Breadth Requirement: The dance major must complete studio dance technique course work in at least two dance genres (e.g., modern, ballet, jazz).

**Note:** Any of these courses may be taken as electives if they are not taken in fulfillment of the requirement.

Code	Title	Units
Dance 300	Jazz Dance II	2
Dance 301	Theory and Technique of Modern Dance III	2
Dance 3021	Theory and Technique of Modern Dance IV	2
Dance 321	Classical Ballet: Intermediate I	2
Dance 3221	Classical Ballet: Intermediate II	2
Dance 401	Theory and Technique of Modern Dance V	2

Dance 4021	Theory and Technique of Modern Dance VI	2
Dance 403	Jazz III	2
Dance 415	High Intermediate Ballet I	2
Dance 416	High Intermediate Ballet II	2
Dance 4281	Classical Ballet III	2
Dance 4291	Classical Ballet IV	2

**Plus 6 units of the following history/theory courses:**

Code	Title	Units
Dance 316	Histories of Theatrical and Concert Dance	3
Dance 331	Movement and Meaning: Dance in a Global Context	3
Dance 340	Ballet as Ethnic Dance and Classical Art	3
Dance 342	Critical Thinking in Western Theatrical Dance: Questioning Meets Creative Thinking and Collaboration	3
Dance 363	The Neuroscience of Movement: You Think, So You Can Dance?	3
Dance 426	Performing the Political in American Dance	3
Dance 433	Performing Gender and Sexuality in America	3

**Plus 9 units of elective courses:**

Students may choose any L29 dance courses at the 200 level or above, including University College dance and somatic studies courses (U31), that have not already been taken in fulfillment of the requirements above.

Dance majors may also choose from the following drama courses:

Code	Title	Units
Drama 304	Makeup for the Stage	2
Drama 3081	Costume Rendering and Design	3
Drama 309	Stage Technology	3
Drama 310	Stage Lighting	3
Drama 361	Stage Management	3
Drama 396	History of Western Costume	3

## Additional Information

**Study Abroad:** Washington University students can pursue dance studies abroad during the academic year at the University of Auckland, New Zealand; the University of Ghana, Legon; and Roehampton University, London. With approval from the dance program, courses at these institutions may fulfill dance major and minor requirements. Courses in other disciplines taught at these institutions may also be accepted by Washington University.