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What Can I Do With A Major In . . . ?

Dance

A major in dance provides the building blocks on which to base numerous career paths. General course work combines instruction in kinesiology, choreography, and the history and philosophy of dance. The field of dance includes training in both traditional and non-traditional dance. Dance degree programs focus on the development of performers, choreographers, educators, and encourage the emergence of new, diverse and creative dance techniques and styles. Although a college degree in dance is not necessary to perform, it is necessary for those who want to teach dance in college, high school, or elementary schools. A dance degree also provides a foundation for those who want to develop a career in the arts, but not necessarily perform.

IS THIS MAJOR FOR YOU?

You might like this major if you also like: music; theater; dance; and learning about different cultures

Consider this major if you are good at: creativity; active listening; memorizing; attention to detail; and organization

EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS

- Dance studios
- Dance companies
- Profit and non-profit organizations
- Schools and universities
- Hospitals and rehabilitation centers
- Television and movie sets

SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS

- Dance Critic
- Dancer
- Choreographer
- Dance Teacher
- Dance Arts Administrator
- Dance Therapist
- Physical Therapist
- Kinesiologist

ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE CENTER RESOURCES

The Performing Arts Major's College Guide

Professional Degree Programs in the Visual and Performing Arts

Careers for Competitive Spirits and other Peak Performers

The Career Guide for Creative and Unconventional People

TYPICAL COURSES IN THIS MAJOR

- Dance Technique (ballet, jazz, modern)
- Principles of Choreography
- Improvisation
- Dance History
- Dance Composition
- Dance Appreciation
- Anatomy and Kinesiology for Dance

OTHER MAJORS YOU MIGHT LIKE

- Dance Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Fine Arts/ Studio Arts
- Drama and Theater
- Physical Education
- Athletic Training

WEBSITES TO VISIT

American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance-National Dance Association
www.aaheperd.org/nda/

Dance Educators of America
www.deadance.com

National Dance Council of America
www.ndca.org

National Dance Education Organization
www.ndeo.org