

Recommended Registration for First-Year Dance Students

- DNC-115 Dance Practices
- First Year Seminar (FYS)
- PPD 050 Foundations for Student Success (required for all first-year students)
- .5 credit dance class (optional)
- 2 more courses — either in a second intended major or courses that are interesting to you

Other options are courses in a second major or minor or GAR (General Academic Requirement) courses

Advice for special circumstances:

Double-Majors: Many students choose to double-major. If you're considering a double-major, be sure to let your advisors know your plans, and they'll help you select courses that fulfill all of the requirements for your selected programs.

Teaching Certification – Students interested in public school teaching certification must have an academic major. Dance is an acceptable major for elementary certification.

If **private studio teaching** is a goal, we recommend taking some business courses while majoring in dance with an education concentration and completing an internship in the Muhlenberg Community Dance Program (MCDC).

Students interested in **Dance Therapy** (psychotherapy – not physical therapy) should consider a double-major in Psychology and Dance.

Physical Therapy – Dancers interested in attending graduate school in physical therapy are encouraged to major in dance and take the recommended science and psychology courses for admission to physical therapy programs. Be sure to connect with the Health Professions advisor early in the first semester to ensure that you're taking the classes you need.

Students interested in performance should focus on taking the maximum number of technique classes each semester. If the goal is **musical theatre performance**, we recommend private voice study and acting courses.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements (11 units)

Eleven course units satisfy the dance major; however, in order to maintain proficiency, it is recommended that dance majors study dance technique throughout their college career.

Required Core Courses: (4.5 units)

DNC 115 Dance Practices I (AR)
DNC 170 Dance and Society
DNC 201 Dance Histories (HU and W)
DNC 215 Dance Practices II (.5 unit)
DNC 490 CUE: Advanced Research in Dance

One required cognate course (1 Unit) (SC)

BIO 102 Concepts of Biology: Biology of Movement
OR BIO 165: From Ecosystems to Organisms

Beyond the required core courses Dance Majors complete an additional 5.5 courses in their major concentration:

Performance Concentration
Choreography Concentration
Dance Education Concentration
Dance Science Concentration

Students planning to pursue graduate studies in dance-science-related fields, such as physical therapy or dance movement therapy, should work closely with their advisor to select required cognates for admission to graduate programs.

Minor Requirements (7 units)

Required Courses: (6 units)

DNC-115 Dance Practices I (AR)
DNC 170 Dance and Society
DNC 201 Dance Histories (HU and W)
DNC 215 Dance Practices II (.5 unit)
Five 0.5 unit courses in dance technique, including:
DNC 160 Movement Workshop for Actors and Dancers (.5) **OR**
DNC 250 Experiential Anatomy and Somatic Practice (.5)

Plus one of the following:

DNC 260 Dance Composition
DNC 275 Anatomy and Kinesiology for Dancers