DANCE, B.S.

The dance department offers a wide range of courses for majors and nonmajors to study the art and science of human movement. An undergraduate major in dance is an excellent means of gaining in-depth knowledge of the art form and its related fields. Dance degree graduates become well-prepared dance artists/educators who go on to pursue dance professionally, or have careers in related occupations such as administration, health care, or business. Recent graduates have taught in K–12 and higher education, started their own companies, have operated their own studios, and danced with major dance companies throughout the U.S., including Urban Bush Women, Pat Graney, and Nikolais/Louis.

A dance degree at UW–Madison offers opportunities to:

- Study with a world-class faculty with excellent teacher-student ratios
- Rehearse and perform in state-of-the-art facilities
- Experience an interdisciplinary, rigorous approach to dance studies. Courses draw on the biological, physical and social sciences as well as the humanities.
- Earn a scholarship. Departmental awards (https://dance.wisc.edu/dance/admissions/scholarships-awards) for summer or honors study are also available.
- Interact with nationally and internationally renowned guest artists and master class instructors, such as the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company, Pilobolus, Meredith Monk, Elizabeth Streb, David Parsons, and Tim Miller.
- Perform frequently
- Pursue a double-major in a second area of interest

The department offers two undergraduate degrees in dance. The Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) undergraduate degree program in dance is for students with a strong interest and aptitude in dance and/or professional dance theater. The Bachelor of Science–Dance degree was designed for students who wish to prepare for graduate work in theoretical areas of dance or who wish to combine their interest in dance with other fields of study.

The BFA requires a minimum of 85 major credits, including public presentations of original work, while the B.S. degree requires a minimum of 57 major credits. The differences in the major requirements highlight the differences between the two options: B.S. students can pursue other interests with their remaining credits, while BFA students are able to spend more time in the studio. An audition to be a dance major is required and offered twice yearly, in November and February. Consult the department's website (https://dance.wisc.edu) for audition information.

The dance department also offers three certificates of study: a general dance (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/dance/dance-certificate) certificate, a certificate in introductory studies in dance/movement therapy (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/dance/introductory-studies-dance-movement-therapy-certificate), and a Pilates (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/dance/pilates-certificate) certificate.

HOW TO GET IN

PROGRAM ADMISSION OVERVIEW

All students wishing to major in dance must complete a performance audition to be admitted to the program. Consult the dance department website (http://www.dance.wisc.edu/dance/admissions/how-to-apply) for more detailed information about the audition process.

ENTERING THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

NEW AND CURRENT UW–MADISON STUDENTS

On-campus students wishing to be admitted to one of the dance program options must audition and also have earned a minimum 2.5 grade point average. On-campus students should obtain and submit a signed Professional Program Application (http://www.education.wisc.edu/soe/academics/undergraduate-students/academic-program-admission) to Education Academic Services (EAS), Room 139 Education Building, 1000 Bascom Mall, at any time during the academic year. The application must be signed by the appropriate department advisor.

PROSPECTIVE TRANSFER STUDENTS

Applicants not already enrolled on the UW–Madison campus must be admissible to the university to enroll in a School of Education program. Admission to UW–Madison requires a separate application and admission process. See UW–Madison Office of Admissions and Recruitment (http://admissions.wisc.edu) for application information.

Prospective transfer students should meet as early as possible with a department advisor and with an advisor at Education Academic Services. Coursework taken at another institution may need to be evaluated by a faculty or staff member in dance. Transfer students must audition to be admitted to one of the dance program options. Prospective transfer students are strongly advised to meet with an Education Academic Services advisor in advance of their application; to schedule, call 608-262-1651.

STUDENTS WITH A PREVIOUS DEGREE

Prospective applicants who already hold an undergraduate degree are strongly encouraged to meet with an School of Education advisor in advance of their application. Consultations with advisors are available in person or via telephone; to schedule, call 608-262-1651.

Applicants who already hold an undergraduate degree are admitted to the School of Education as either an Education Special student or a second degree student, depending on their interests and academic background. Admission as an Education Special student indicates that the student has an interest in pursuing certification in a subject area studied during the initial degree; another degree is not awarded for this "certification only" coursework. Second degree students are seeking a second, unrelated degree from the School of Education, which may, or may not, include teacher certification. Candidates for limited enrollment programs must meet all admission eligibility requirements for the program and must compete with the
ADMISSION AND APPLICATION
CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION
Requirements and selection criteria may be modified from one application/admission period to the next. Eligibility for consideration:

- The dance department currently admits students to its programs only through a performance audition.
- Cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 (on a 4.00 scale).\(^1\)
- Students who have transferred to and are currently enrolled in UW–Madison coursework must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 on the UW–Madison campus, as modified by the Last 60 Credits Rule.
- Filing of all required paperwork, including the dance program application and any required transcripts.

\(^1\) A comprehensive cumulative GPA of all college-level, transferrable coursework attempted on both the UW–Madison campus coursework and coursework taken at any other colleges or universities may be calculated for the exclusive purpose of establishing an applicant's eligibility for consideration. Both the comprehensive cumulative GPA and the comprehensive cumulative GPA based on a student’s last 60 credits may be calculated. See Last 60 Credits Rule (detailed below). If admitted, students must earn the minimum cumulative GPA for UW–Madison coursework established by their program and the School of Education each semester after admission.

Last 60 Credits Rule
Two grade point averages will be calculated to determine candidates’ eligibility to programs. GPAs will be calculated using

- all transferrable college level coursework attempted, and
- the last 60 credits attempted.

The higher GPA of these two will be used for purposes of determining eligibility. If fewer than 60 credits have been attempted, all credits will be used to calculate the GPA. Graded graduate coursework will also be used in all GPA calculations. ("Attempted" coursework indicates coursework for which a grade has been earned.) More information on this rule is available here (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#policiesandregulationstext).

PROGRAM STRUCTURE
The B.S. degree in dance has four components:

- **Liberal studies** courses expose students to a broad range of academic disciplines. The university-wide General Education requirements also encourage this breadth of study.
- **Discipline-related coursework** provides an interdisciplinary foundation contributing to the performance and understanding of this art form.
- **Major requirements** offer an in-depth study of dance.
- **Elective credits** allow students to pursue areas of interest and complete the minimum number of credits required for the degree.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION LIBERAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS

All students are required to complete a minimum of 40 credits of Liberal Studies (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#requirementstext) coursework. This requirement provides an opportunity to do some academic exploration beyond the scope of the major. Students take courses in areas of particular interest and also have an opportunity to sample the wide selection of courses offered across the university. Coursework is required in humanities, social studies, science, and cultural and historical studies. Some elective coursework is also needed to reach the required number of credits.

The School of Education’s Liberal Studies Requirements automatically satisfy most of the University General Education Requirements outlined above, including ethnic studies, humanities/literature, social studies, and science. Students pursuing most School of Education degree programs may also complete Communication Part B, Quantitative Reasoning Part A, and Quantitative Reasoning Part B through courses required by their degree program. If a student cannot complete a General Education Requirement within the curriculum of their chosen School of Education program, academic advisors can offer suggestions for courses that meet the requirement and augment the student’s primary area of study.

A basic outline of the liberal studies is included below. Students must consult the detailed version of the requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#requirementstext) for information about course selection and approved course options.
Humans, 9 credits
All students must complete a minimum of 9 credits to include:

- Literature
- Fine Arts
- Humanities Electives

Social Studies (Social Science)
All students must complete a minimum of 9 credits. Teacher certification programs, Athletic Training, and Kinesiology; Exercise and Movement Science have unique requirements in this category.

Science
All students must complete a minimum of 9 credits to include:

- Biological Science
- Physical Science
- Laboratory Science
- Science Electives

Cultural and Historical Studies
All students must complete three requirements (9 credits) met by separate courses. Any of these courses can also be used to meet the Humanities or Social Studies (Social Sciences) requirements if it has the relevant breadth designation.

- Ethnic Studies
- U.S./European History
- Global Perspectives

Complete Liberal Studies Electives (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#requirementstext) to total 40 Credits.

DISCIPLINE-RELATED REQUIREMENTS

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MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
Complete a minimum of 57 credits. At least 15 upper-level major Dance credits (numbered 300 and above) must be taken in residence on the UW–Madison campus.

New first-year Dance–B.S. and BFA students should expect to register for three 100-level foundational major courses: DANCE 111 Contemporary Dance Technique and Theory I, 3–5 credits, DANCE 125 Ballet Technique I, and DANCE 162 First Year Workshop. These courses are taken by all dance majors in their first year, regardless of previous dance training and experience. The classes prepare students for advanced study in dance and movement technique. Dance majors are assured enrollment in these courses. DANCE 165 World Dance Cultures: Traditional to Contemporary is also strongly recommended for the first semester; this course will meet the Global Perspectives requirement in liberal studies.

DANCE TECHNIQUE AND THEORY
Contemporary Dance Technique and Theory
Select a minimum of 14 credits from the following; 6 credits must be numbered 211 or higher.

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Ballet Technique
Select a minimum of 8 credits from the following; 4 credits must be numbered 225 or higher.

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### ELECTIVE COURSEWORK

Complete additional coursework, if necessary, to reach the minimum of 124 credits. DANCE 165 World Dance Cultures: Traditional to Contemporary is recommended and will meet the Global Perspectives requirement in liberal studies.

### GPA AND OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

#### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Requirements below are based on UW–Madison coursework.

- 2.75 minimum cumulative grade point average. This may be modified by the Last 60 Credits Rule (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#policiesandregulationstext).
- 2.75 cumulative grade point average in all major coursework
- 2.50 cumulative grade point average in all upper-level major coursework. Dance courses numbered 300 and above are considered to be upper-level courses.
- Major Residency. Students must complete a minimum of 15 upper-level major credits on the UW–Madison campus.
- Senior Residency. Degree candidates must complete their last 30 credits in residence on the UW–Madison campus, excluding retroactive credits and credits granted by examination.
- A minimum of 124 credits are required for graduation.

### DEGREE AUDIT REPORTING SYSTEM (DARS)

At UW–Madison, a DARS report is used to document a student’s progress toward the completion of their degree. This degree audit identifies the requirements that have already been completed, and also those that remain unsatisfied. A DARS report can offer suggestions about appropriate courses that may be taken to meet specific requirements and can assist in the academic planning process.

Students can access DARS reports through their Student Center in My UW–Madison. Go to the Academics tab and find DARS on the dropdown menu.

DARS also has a “what-if” function. This feature makes it possible to request a DARS report as if pursuing another program or major on campus. It is an excellent tool if considering a new or additional area of study. School of Education students in a pre-professional classification such as Pre-Elementary (PRE) should request a “what if” DARS report of their professional program of interest.

DARS is not intended to replace student contact with academic advisers. It creates more time in an advising appointment to discuss course options, research opportunities, graduate school, or issues of personal interest or concern to students.

DARS is the document of record, i.e., certifying document of degree completion, for program areas in the School of Education.

### UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

#### Total Degree

To receive a bachelor’s degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

#### Residency

Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. “In residence” means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. “In residence” credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

#### Quality of Work

Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. (Body Studies and Dance Technique) Demonstration of proficiency in the physical practice of dance.
2. (Writing and Critical Thinking) Examination of global approaches in dance, in historical, cultural, and theoretical contexts.
3. (Making and Sharing Dances) Utilization of tools of craft to engage in critical and creative investigations and assessment.

### ADVISING AND CAREERS

#### DANCE DEPARTMENT ADVISING

Each freshmen cohort is assigned a faculty advisor who works with the group until graduation. In their first year, all dance majors receive targeted advising from Karen McShane-Hellenbrand (http://
dance.wisc.edu/dance/people/instructional-staff/karen-mcshane-hellenbrand). Faculty advisors assist students in choosing classes, evaluating their degree path, and assessing their artistic and academic progress. Students undergo a yearly review with a faculty panel to assess the student’s progress in their degree program. Faculty advisors in the department include: Kate Corby (http://dance.wisc.edu/dance/people/faculty/kate-corby), Andrea Harris (http://dance.wisc.edu/dance/people/faculty/andrea-harris), Li Chiao-Ping (http://dance.wisc.edu/dance/people/faculty/li-chiao-ping), Marlene Skog (http://dance.wisc.edu/dance/academics/bs-program), Chris Walker (https://www.dance.wisc.edu/dance/people/faculty/chris-walker) and Jin-Wen Yu (http://dance.wisc.edu/dance/people/faculty/jin-wen-yu).

Advising in dance is handled through the dance department, 608-262-1691, 125 Lathrop Hall, 1050 University Avenue. Students also meet with Education Academic Services staff regarding other course requirements and concerns, see below.

**GENERAL SCHOOL OF EDUCATION ADVISING**

All undergraduate students in the School of Education are served by three offices devoted to academic and/or career advising. Each student in the School of Education is assigned at least one advisor and is encouraged to meet with the advisor on a regular basis. Students will also be assigned a faculty or staff advisor when admitted to the professional component of their degree program. Departmental advisors provide more in-depth knowledge of the major and of courses offered by the department.

**UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING AND ACADEMIC DEAN’S OFFICE—EDUCATION ACADEMIC SERVICES (EAS)**

139 Education Building, 1000 Bascom Mall; 608-262-1651 www.education.wisc.edu/soe/academics/undergraduate-students/academic-advising (http://www.education.wisc.edu/soe/academics/undergraduate-students/academic-advising)

Education Academic Services (EAS) is the undergraduate dean's office for students in the School of Education. Staff members interpret school regulations, policies, and program requirements; take exceptions around requirements and deadlines; advise current and prospective students; monitor students having academic difficulties; coordinate field placements; facilitate the program admissions process; and maintain the official files of students in the school.

Students should meet with an advisor during their first semester on campus (if not before) and are encouraged to meet with an advisor at least once a semester. This is particularly important during the freshman and sophomore years. Appointments may be arranged by calling or visiting the office.

EAS advisors answer questions and provide guidance to current and prospective students. They consult with and refer students to faculty members and departmental advisors. Once a student is admitted to a professional program within the School of Education, he or she will also be assigned a faculty or staff advisor. Advising then becomes a partnership, with EAS and OURR advisors continuing to help students with course selection, degree progress monitoring, academic difficulties, and interpretation of policies and procedures.

Program advisors help students select and plan a program of study in the major, negotiate issues within the department, and, in the case of certification programs, follow the students’ progress through their professional courses. These divisions are flexible, and students are encouraged to consult with all advisors who can help with a situation or answer a question.

**OURR: OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION (STUDENT DIVERSITY PROGRAMS)**

105 Education Building, 1000 Bascom Mall, 608-262-8427 or 608-262-1651 www.education.wisc.edu/sdp (http://www.education.wisc.edu/sdp)

The UW–Madison School of Education is committed to promoting equity and increasing diversity in its programs. OURR staff work collaboratively with Education Academic Services and campus and community partners to support underrepresented students interested in majors in the School of Education.

OURR staff perform outreach, recruitment, and advising on behalf of the School. OURR staff also support current students with their personal and professional growth, their transition from high school to college, financial aid, and career exploration.

OURR works to build a network of students and graduates who may strengthen, transform, and lead their communities through education, service, and other contributions. Students are invited to visit OURR staff at 105 Education Building—stop in, or call one of the numbers listed above to set up an appointment.

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION CAREER CENTER**

L107 Education Building, 1000 Bascom Mall, 608-262-1755 http://careercenter.education.wisc.edu/

Need assistance with any of the following?

- Exploring career options linked to School of Education majors
- Seeking a major that incorporates individual passions, interests, and values that will help one reach specific career goals
- Researching graduate schools and preparing application materials
- Beginning a job search and learning where to start and what to do
- Seeking assistance with developing a résumé, a cover letter, or interviewing skills
- Networking and connecting with potential employers

The Career Center provides resources and individual consultations to assist students in reaching their career goals. A plethora of resources can be found on the Career Center website (http://careercenter.education.wisc.edu):

- Explore career possibilities for specific majors in Investigate Career Options. This section of the website provides tools for clarifying a student’s personal criteria for success, linking specific career options to majors, and identifying steps for career/major selection. It includes strategies for making the most of a student’s academic and student experience.
- Confirm major and career decisions. Gain hands-on experience in the career field of study. Assess the perceptions of selected career and major options for accuracy. Develop professional and soft skills. The Test Drive and Confirm Career Choice section provides strategies for acquiring real-world experience.
• Preparation is critical for entering one’s next career phase. Learn about graduate school requirements and the application process. Develop promotional materials for employers and/or graduate schools and obtain feedback and suggestions for enhancing them. Acquire materials that support one’s applications. The Prepare and Connect section provides offers additional details.

• Implement helps students plan for the future. Attend recruiting events. Apply for graduate school or for job opportunities. Practice interviewing skills. Interview. Negotiate job and graduate school offers.


Informational workshops and career-related events are conducted each semester. The schedule of these events can be found on the center’s website (http://careercenter.education.wisc.edu/workshops).

The Career Center coordinates teacher recruitment fairs each fall and spring semester and collaborates with career centers across campus to provide campus-wide career fairs at the beginning of each semester.

PEOPLE

Information about faculty, staff, and other contributors to the Department of Dance can be found on the department’s website. (http://dance.wisc.edu)

RESOURCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Information about scholarships, academic and career advising, study abroad opportunities, student diversity services, and other resources for students in the School of Education can be found on the school’s Resources (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#resourcetext) page.

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation

National Association of Schools of Dance (https://nasd.arts-accredit.org)