

PILATES, CERTIFICATE

The Pilates certificate (20 credits) includes coursework that covers the classic Pilates mat and equipment repertoire, current teaching methods, and functional anatomy. The certificate prepares students to teach Pilates in a studio setting, and also creates a practical foundation for those who wish to pursue graduate work in movement-based fields.

Students commonly pair the certificate with dance or kinesiology majors, although it is open to all interested students. The curriculum can be completed in 2–2.5 years, including two summer courses. Upon completion, students are encouraged to sit for the Pilates Method Alliance certification exam to earn their credentials as nationally certified Pilates teachers.

This certificate is also available to individuals who have already completed a bachelor's degree; see the Nondegree/Visiting Student Guide (<http://guide.wisc.edu/nondegree/>).

HOW TO GET IN

DECLARATION PROCESS

Students should meet with the Pilates certificate advisor to discuss their intention to pursue the certificate. Appointments may be arranged via email. To declare the certificate, students must also complete the application form (<https://education.wisc.edu/academics/certificates/>) located on the School of Education's Certificate Programs page.

REQUIREMENTS

CERTIFICATE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The Pilates certificate requires a minimum of 20 credits. Collette Stewart is the advisor for the Pilates certificate, stewart1@wisc.edu; interested students should contact her for an advising appointment.

Code	Title	Credits
DANCE 135	Pilates Mat I	1
DANCE 136	Pilates Equipment I	2
DANCE 235	Pilates Mat II	1
DANCE 236	Pilates Equipment II	2
DANCE 237	Pilates Studio I	3
DANCE 330	Functional Anatomy for Movement Practices	1
DANCE 337	Pilates Studio II	3
DANCE 375	Pilates Teaching Methods	1
DANCE 376	Pilates Teaching I	3
DANCE 476	Pilates Teaching II	3

UNDERGRADUATE/SPECIAL STUDENT CERTIFICATES

This certificate may be completed within the context of an undergraduate degree or as a Special student after an undergraduate degree has been awarded from any institution. The certificate may be completed in its entirety while enrolled as a Special student. Candidates are encouraged

to contact the certificate coordinator to discuss course enrollment and the sequencing of certificate requirements.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. (Pilates Practice - Strength, Focus, Movement Efficiency) Demonstrate proficiency in Pilates exercises, including fundamental exercises and beginner through advanced mat and equipment work. Students will show significant improvement in body awareness, physical skill and strength, and efficient movement patterning.
2. (Pilates Teaching - Safety, Clarity, Communication) Confidently teach one-on-one and group Pilates classes, effectively communicating physical and conceptual ideas about the body to a variety of learning styles, body types and physical backgrounds.
3. (Anatomical Approaches to Pilates) Integrate current anatomical research into practice and teaching, using a variety of somatic approaches to embodying healthy anatomical function.

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>).