



What is the Dance Program?

HCC's Dance Program is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college as dance majors and offers the opportunity to develop foundational skills in concert dance technique, performance, improvisation, composition, and audition skills necessary for them to succeed in upper division dance courses. Core dance courses provide training and practice in the essential areas of dance listed above, as well as extensive exposure to a diverse array of dance studies and contemporary dance practices.

What can I do with my dance degree?

There is a wide variety of opportunities for a candidate with a dance degree. In addition to dance performance, graduates with dance degrees often pursue the following careers:

- Activities Coordinator
- Artistic Director
- Arts Administrator
- Arts Manager
- Arts Public Relations Advisor
- Artist Agent
- Career Transition Counselor

- Choreographer
- Dance Biographer
- Dance Company Manager
- Dance Critic
- Dance Instructor, K-12
- Dance Historian
- Dance/Humanities Instructor, Higher Education
- Dance Nutritionist
- Dance Studio Instruction and Administrator
- Dance Therapist
- Recreation Professional
- Fitness and Aerobics Instructor
- Professional Fundraiser

Although a bachelor's degree is recommended for many of these career options, students may enter some of these fields with an associate degree, especially if they have developed strong technique, performance, and choreographic ability.

What is the employment outlook?

Earnings and employment will vary by location, industry, education, and experience; however, there is a projected 13 percent increase from 2012-2022 in dance-related jobs. The following data

indicates the current job demand in Maryland, as well as national statistics for currently employed persons in dance related fields.

- Number of advertised dance or dance related positions in Maryland - 136 (4/15/15, Maryland Workforce Exchange)
- Number of national dancer and choreographer jobs in 2012 - 25,800 (U.S. Department of Labor)
- Number of dance-related professionals employed in 2013 (U.S. Department of Labor)
 - Fitness and Aerobics Instructors - 238,170
 - Self-Enrichment Teachers - 187,180
 - Art, Drama, Music Teachers, Postsecondary - 92,930
 - Theater Companies and Dinner Theater - 63,820
 - Performing Arts Companies - 117,390
 - Agents/Business Managers of Artists, Performers and Athletes - 11,680



Why should I study dance at HCC?

Students enjoy small class sizes and apply their acquired skills in each studio dance course through performances every semester. The dance faculty hold master's and/or bachelor's degrees from prestigious schools and come from professional performance careers with elite dance companies and theatrical venues, including the Joffrey Ballet Company. They also remain current in their fields of study by performing professionally, taking classes and workshops, and giving master classes.

The required capstone project allows each student to fully develop an original creative work from the ground up, including: working with a professional costume designer, lighting designer, and set designer; choreographing and rehearsing the piece with dance company members; and readying the piece for performance for a live audience. Dancers who are involved in their capstone project year will also be offered unique performance opportunities on and off campus.

What are the program options?

Students can earn an associate of art degree in dance. With the completion of this degree, students will have completed the first two years of study toward a bachelor's degree in dance and be prepared to transfer into a competitive dance program at a four-year college or university, such as the in-state options listed below:

- Towson University (B.F.A. Dance Performance, Dance K-12 Teacher Certification)
- University of Maryland College Park (B.A. Dance)
- University of Maryland Baltimore County (B.A. Dance, Education Certification)
- Coppin State University (B.S. Dance, Dance Minor)
- Frostburg State University (Dance Minor)
- Salisbury State University (Dance Minor)
- St. Mary's College of Maryland (Dance Minor)



A.A. Degree

Dance

The Dance Program provides a foundation of ballet, modern, and jazz courses to strengthen dance technique. These courses are paired with creative composition and improvisation courses to provide students with unique strategies for building movement material and creating original works. Finally, music and theater courses provide dancers with knowledge of the technical aspects of dance performance. This degree prepares students for transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor's degree.

**General Education Requirements
31 credits**

Arts/Humanities

DNC 101 Dance Appreciation.....3
Select another course from the Approved General Education course list in the Arts/Humanities category..3

Behavioral/Social Sciences

PSY 101 General Psychology.....3
Select another course from the Approved General Education course list in the Behavioral/Social Science category.....3

Biological/Physical Science

Select two courses from the Approved General Education course list in the Biological/Physical Science category – one must be a laboratory course7-8

Diversity

Select from the Approved General Education course list in the Diversity category.....3

English

ENG 101 English Composition.....3

AND

ENG 102 Composition and Literature.....3

Mathematics

MAT 101 College Algebra.....3

Program Requirements 29 credits

DNC 115 Ballet: Beginning.....2

OR

DNC 213 Ballet: Intermediate II.....2

DNC 130 Dance Improvisation.....3

DNC 118 Modern Dance I2

DNC 119 Modern Dance II.....2

DNC 116 Ballet: Intermediate.....2

OR

DNC 214 Ballet: Intermediate III.....2

MUS 120 Music Skills for Performers.....3

DNC 230 Choreography & Improvisation.....3

DNC 201 Dance History.....3

DNC 111 Jazz Dance: Beginning.....2

OR

DNC 113 Jazz Dance: Intermediate.....2

DNC 210 Concepts in Human Movement.....3

DNC 295 Dance Company Capstone Project.....1

Theater Elective: Choose from THR 112 Costume Design OR THR 207 Technical Theater.....3

Degree Requirement.....60

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