DANCE, B.A.

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in Dance offers two concentrations:

1. Performance and Choreography with focuses in ballet or contemporary dance and
2. Dance Education K-12.

The performance and choreography focus in classical ballet requires 8 ballet techniques and 4 contemporary techniques classes. The contemporary dance focus requires 6 contemporary techniques, 4 ballet techniques and 2 techniques of other forms of dance. Academic coursework such as choreography, dance history, and theory courses are also included in the major requirements for a degree in dance. Dance performances include full-length ballet productions, classical repertory and contemporary works.

Learning Outcomes

1. Dance majors will demonstrate an advanced level of technical proficiency in ballet and / or contemporary dance. Dance majors in Performance as well as Dance Education must achieve level three by graduation.
2. Students will be able to write about dance in an educated manner and use critical approaches to evaluate dance.
3. Students will describe the principles and theories of dance artists, their theories and choreographic strengths and also the material that pertains to history and cultural dance.
4. Students will be able to verbally articulate the principles and theories of dance artists and their significance in terms of history and cultural dance.
5. Students are expected to demonstrate an appropriate level of knowledge about theoretical perspectives in dance education, instruction, assessment, dance education content, classroom management, and leadership in dance education in order to proceed to the professional program and student teaching.

Admissions

Entrance Requirements

New freshmen who meet University admissions standards are eligible for admission to degree programs offered by the college. A student who wishes to enter the College of Arts and Sciences from another college on the Columbia campus must be in good standing and have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher. A student who wishes to enter the College of Arts and Sciences from another UofSC campus must fulfill one of the following requirements:

1. Be in good standing, meet the admission requirements for a baccalaureate degree on the Columbia campus, and have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher.
2. Be in good standing and have completed 30 semester hours with a GPA of 2.00 or higher on a UofSC campus.

Some programs in the College of Arts and Sciences have special admission requirements established by the department or committee that supervises the specific degree program, for example, Cardiovascular Technology, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Economics, Environmental Science, the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, and the Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies. These requirements are listed in the sections of this bulletin that describe department and special degree programs.

Progression Requirements

1. At the end of each semester, dance majors will be evaluated for proficiency and progression to the next level of dance technique based on rubrics and syllabi. To graduate, students must complete DANC 302 and DANC 312.
2. All dance majors with an emphasis in dance education must fulfill admission requirements for the Professional Education Program and Internship.
3. To remain in the dance major, a student must make satisfactory progress towards a degree. A student who fails to make satisfactory progress may be placed on academic probation or removed from the college.