

MAJOR IN DANCE, B.F.A.

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The School of Music, Theatre, and Dance is comprised of esteemed faculty and administrative and production staff, all dedicated to supporting student education in the arts.

Learning Objectives

1. Demonstrate technical and artistic achievement in classical and contemporary dance performance, teaching, and choreography.
2. Create solo, group, and site-specific choreography utilizing established and inventive devices and movement vocabulary.
3. Apply research, assessment, critical thinking, and advocacy skills to develop best pedagogical practices as a dance teacher.
4. Interpret and perform original and historic repertoire with confidence and discuss the development and significance of dance forms across cultures.
5. Explore the multitude of ways in which community engagement is embedded in dance, embracing diversity, equity, inclusion, and leadership.
6. Experience multiple facets of dance production and collaborate with colleagues in technical theatre to successfully navigate the many moving parts that contribute to dance production.

Dance Audition

In addition to applying to CSU through the Office of Admissions, a dance audition is required for entrance into the B.F.A., B.F.A. in Dance Education, and B.A. dance degrees. Admission to the dance major is competitive, and therefore it is important to apply early. Visit Dance Audition Information (<https://dance.colostate.edu/audition/>) for details.