

MAJOR IN DANCE

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At CSU, our dance training center is designed to prepare majors for careers in dance.

Upon academic admission to CSU and acceptance into one of the three dance degrees, students explore the many possibilities for movement expression, along with creative and scholarly examination in a challenging and supportive environment.

In addition to regular training in classical and contemporary dance techniques provided by our dedicated faculty and professional guest artists, the curriculum requires performance, choreography, pedagogy, production, and theoretical coursework. In all dance degrees, students engage in experiential coursework, work in leadership roles, and benefit from live musical accompaniment in technique classes. Numerous performance opportunities, including five main stage productions each year and regular guest artist residencies and masterclasses.

Training not only hones essential life skills but also lays the groundwork for advanced study in dance and opens doors to various professional opportunities in dance and other educational, physical, and creative pursuits.

The challenging curriculum, combined with the inclusive and friendly setting at Colorado State's University Center for the Arts, provides the perfect canvas for students to explore, showcase, and refine their artistry and scholarship!

Students not majoring in dance are encouraged to enroll in dance technique courses, space permitting. Any student enrolled in a dance technique class can audition for a role in our dance performances held each semester. Join the dance community at CSU!

Majors

- Major in Dance, B.F.A. (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/music-theatre-dance/dance/dance-bfa/>)
- Major in Dance, B.F.A., Dance Education Concentration (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/music-theatre-dance/dance/dance-bfa/dance-education-concentration/>)
- Major in Dance, B.A. (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/colleges/liberal-arts/music-theatre-dance/dance/dance-ba/>)

Focus Areas

The CSU Dance program focuses on the following areas throughout the curriculum:

- Technique, Performance, and Repertoire
- Choreography and Improvisation
- Pedagogy and Teaching Methodologies
- History and Theory
- Technical Production and Design
- Guest Artists and Masterclasses

Why Study Dance at CSU

CSU's Dance Program provides a comprehensive education that fosters exploration and career preparation in a liberal arts setting. Our curriculum combines hands-on learning with leadership opportunities in teaching, choreography, direction, and performance, all supported by live musical accompaniment in technique classes. Students can double major or minor in other fields, opening doors to diverse careers. Alumni excel in performance, teaching, arts management, physical therapy, business, and more.

Professional development is central, with residencies and masterclasses from world-renowned companies like Compagnie Käfig, Complexions Contemporary Ballet, Martha Graham Dance Company, Keigwin + Company, and Parsons Dance. Students also attend top conferences and engage with the local arts scene through partnerships with the Fort Collins Lincoln Center and Poudre School District.

With a sole focus on undergraduates, dance classes are taught by faculty professionals, ensuring students get expert instruction and plentiful opportunities. The University Center for the Arts (<https://uca.colostate.edu/>), featuring world-class facilities, complements this immersive performing arts environment.

Dance Audition

In addition to applying to CSU through the Office of Admissions, a successful 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, so it is important to apply early. Visit Dance Audition Information (<https://dance.colostate.edu/audition/>) for details.

Current CSU Students: To change your major to dance, you must be accepted to the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance through a successful audition. Please wait until notification of acceptance before contacting the College of Liberal Arts Academic Advising Center. Please visit the dance website (<https://dance.colostate.edu/audition/>) for information on dance auditions. (<https://theatre.colostate.edu/auditions-portfolio-reviews/>)