

## What is Dance?

The bachelor of fine arts in Dance emphasizes technical, compositional, and performance training in modern dance. The program seeks to prepare the gifted student for a performance or creative career.

## What are the major requirements?

Go to [www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html](http://www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html) and select “undergraduate majors.”

## How do I declare a Dance major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser or a professor to learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. Both B.A. and B.F.A. Dance majors are required to audition for acceptance into the program. Most students audition their senior year in high school; students on campus considering a Dance major should meet with someone in the Dance program as soon as possible. All perspective Dance majors should contact the Dance Program Office at 624-5060 for exact dates and further information about auditions.
3. When you have been accepted into the major, meet with the appropriate person from the department to complete a Major Program form.
4. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.
5. If you decide to change your major, contact your CLA student community to learn more about your new major’s declaration process.

## What can I do with a major in Dance?

### Skills

Dance majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers.

These skills include:

- Independent, self-motivated work ethic
- Rhythm, coordination, and physicality
- Discipline and memorization skills
- Ability to work well with diverse groups

### Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- Arts and Entertainment—performing, choreographing, managing, announcing, writing
- Nonprofit—fundraising, programming, management
- Business—marketing, human resources, sales, consulting, recruiting
- Education—teaching, research, student affairs
- Health Care—dance therapy

## For more information:

### About the Dance major:

Undergraduate Advising  
111 Barbara Barker Center for  
Dance  
(612) 624-5060  
[http://theatre.umn.edu/  
umdance@umn.edu](http://theatre.umn.edu/umdance@umn.edu)

### About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:

CLA Arts Student Community  
560 Heller Hall  
(612) 624-7504  
<http://arts.class.umn.edu>

### or

CLA Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Program  
19 Johnston Hall  
(612) 625-2300  
[http://www.class.umn.edu/mlk/  
mlk@class.cla.umn.edu](http://www.class.umn.edu/mlk/mlk@class.cla.umn.edu)

### About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:

Career and Community  
Learning Center  
135 Johnston Hall  
(612) 624-7577  
[www.cclc.umn.edu](http://www.cclc.umn.edu)  
[cclc@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:cclc@class.cla.umn.edu)

### About graduation with honors:

CLA Honors Division  
20 Nicholson  
(612) 624-5522  
[www.cla.umn.edu/honors/  
honors@class.cla.umn.edu](http://www.cla.umn.edu/honors/honors@class.cla.umn.edu)

Today's workplace requires individuals with interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate effectively, an ability to solve problems, and adaptability. CLA graduates find that they are well-prepared in all these areas and that their education—especially when combined with experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, past jobs, and other collegiate involvement—makes them competitive.

The **Career & Community Learning Center** provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

## **Remember!**

You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program form with your major adviser,
- filed a copy with the major department,
- and filed a copy with your CLA student community.

**Don't forget: keep a copy for yourself!**