



Dance

Programs **DAN.AA**
DAN.AFA
CIP 500101

Associate in Arts Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences Associate in Fine Arts Degree in Performing Arts

The Dance program offers rounded and intensive study of jazz, ballet, and modern technique. Students also receive training in choreography and perform in student-driven projects as well as the Mercer Dance Ensemble (M.D.E.), Mercer County's own dance company.

The program offers two degree options, A.A. or A.F.A., both of which combine conservatory training in the performing arts with academic education in the liberal arts. The A.A. allows students to transfer as juniors into bachelor of arts programs. The A.F.A. includes additional training in performing arts and prepares students for work as well as further study in the field.

- Choreograph independently to create their own dances;
- Work collaboratively with artistic and production staff;
- Create successful auditions by preparing materials and exhibiting professional conduct.

Graduates have transferred to four-year institutions including Rider University, George Mason University, Montclair State University, and Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts, among others. Dance program students have also gone on to perform with Tsunami Productions, Nicholas Rodriguez and Company, Six Flags Great Adventure, and Sesame Street Live.

The program may be pursued part- or full-time. Dance courses are offered during the morning and afternoon. Students are required to attend some evening classes in order to complete the program. Admission requires a high school diploma or its equivalent.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Master the physical discipline and time investment necessary to carry out professional concerts;

Curriculum Associate in Arts degree			Curriculum Associate in Fine Arts degree		
Code	Course (lecture/studio hours)	Credits	Code	Course (lecture/studio hours)	Credits
CMN 112	Public Speaking (3/0)	3	CMN 112	Public Speaking (3/0)	3
DAN 101	Introduction to Dance and Culture (3/0)	3	DAN 101	Introduction to Dance and Culture (3/0)	3
DAN 116	Studio Dance Technique I (0/6)	3	DAN 115	Jazz Dance II (1/2)	2
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3	DAN 116	Studio Dance Technique I (0/6)	3
MUS 103	Introduction to Music (3/0)	3	ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3
MAT —	Mathematics elective ¹	3	MUS 103	Introduction to Music (3/0)	3
DAN 117	Studio Dance Technique II (0/6)	3	DAN 117	Studio Dance Technique II (0/6)	3
DAN 120	Choreography I (2/2)	3	DAN 120	Choreography I (2/2)	3
ENG 102	English Composition II (3/0)	3	ENG 102	English Composition II (3/0)	3
THR 101	Introduction to Theatre (3/0)	3	THR 101	Introduction to Theatre (3/0)	3
HIS —	Historical Perspective general ed. elective ²	3	THR 104	Fundamentals of Acting (2/2)	3
MAT —	Mathematics elective ¹	3	MAT —	Mathematics elective ¹	3
BIO 106	Human Anatomy (3/2)	4	BIO 106	Human Anatomy (3/2)	4
DAN 118	Studio Dance Technique III (0/6)	3	DAN 113	Modern Dance II (1/2)	2
VPA 228	Artistic Collaboration Workshop (2/2)	3	DAN 118	Studio Dance Technique III (0/6)	3
—	Social Science general education elective ³	3	VPA 228	Artistic Collaboration Workshop (2/2)	3
—	Technology general education elective ⁴	3	—	Social Science general education elective ²	3
DAN 113	Modern Dance II (1/2)	2	DAN 112	Ballet II (1/2)	2
DAN 119	Studio Dance Technique IV (0/6)	3	DAN 119	Studio Dance Technique IV (0/6)	3
HIS —	Historical Perspective general ed. elective ²	3	DAN 285	Special Studies: Dance	3
—	Diversity and Global Perspective elective	3	THR 105	Acting II: Principles of Characterization (2/2)	3
—	Social Science general education elective ³	3	HIS —	Historical Perspective general ed. elective ³	3
HPE 110	(see advisor for additional information)		HPE 110	(see advisor for additional information)	
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¹ One course must be MAT 125; the second can be 120 or 126. Select in consultation with an academic advisor.

² HIS 112 and 113 recommended.

³ ANT 101 and PSY 101 recommended.

⁴ IST 101 recommended.

NOTE: Students who forego the courses recommended above should select all other electives in consultation with an academic advisor in order to assure maximum transfer of credits.

¹ MAT 120 or 125 recommended. Select in consultation with an academic advisor.

² ANT 101 or PSY 101 recommended.

³ HIS 112 recommended.

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