



2024-2025 Academic Year

Dance

Associate in Arts Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences (A.A.)
Associate in Fine Arts Degree in Performing Arts (A.F.A.)

Liberal Arts Division

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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.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

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

SEE ALSO:

[Dance certificate program](#)

A.A. DEGREE CURRICULUM

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DAN.AA
CIP 500101

The course sequence below represents a recommended example of how this degree program can be completed in two years, presuming a Fall Term start and satisfaction of all Developmental Studies (foundation courses) requirements and prerequisites. Actual approaches toward completion depend on each student's anticipated transfer institution, career objectives, or other individual circumstances.

Students are encouraged to meet regularly with an academic advisor or Success Coach to consider options, establish plans, and monitor progress.

Code	Course (lecture/lab hours)	Credits	To Do This Semester
FIRST SEMESTER			
CMN 112	Public Speaking (3/0)	3	✓ Meet with your faculty advisor to complete an academic plan. Make sure you are aware of any course prerequisites you may need to take, and how long it will take to complete your degree.
DAN 101	Introduction to Dance and Culture (3/0)	3	
DAN 116	Studio Dance Technique I (0/6)	3	
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3	
MAT 125	Elementary Statistics I (3/0)	3	✓ Use your online tools: Check your MercerMail daily, utilize features of Office 365, and get to know Student Planning . ✓ Take advantage of Learning Centers or Online Tutoring to support your studies and assignments.

SECOND SEMESTER

DAN 117	Studio Dance Technique II (0/6)	3	<p>✓ Transitioning to college can be challenging. Meet with your Success Coach for guidance and support.</p> <p>✓ Apply for financial aid by May 1.</p> <p>✓ Contact professors with questions and use their office hours to develop a connection.</p> <p>✓ Apply for Continuing Student scholarships at www.mccc.edu/m-scholarships.</p> <p>✓ Begin attending college transfer events and visit campuses. Be sure to visit the Transfer Services and Career Services offices to get to know how the transfer process works and to explore career options.</p> <p>✓ Plan for how you will complete transfer applications while finishing your classes.</p>
DAN 120	Choreography I (2/2)	3	
ENG 102	English Composition II (3/0)	3	
HIS —	Historical Perspective general education elective	3	
— —	Elective	3	

THIRD SEMESTER

DAN 118	Studio Dance Technique III (0/6)	3	<p>✓ Keep in contact with each professor and your faculty advisor. Make sure you are on track to graduate.</p> <p>✓ Complete your applications to desired transfer institutions.</p>
PHY 111	Physical Science Concepts (2/2)	3	
THR 212	Central Voices in World Drama (3/0)	3	
VPA 228	Artistic Collaboration Workshop (2/2)	3	
— —	Technology general education elective	3	

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✓ Manage your stress!
Take advantage of the MCCC pool, [Fitness Center](#), free yoga and Zumba.
Reach out for [counseling](#) or other support if you need it. Your [Success Coach](#) can connect you with resources.

FOURTH SEMESTER

ART 123	History of Modern Art (3/0)	3	✓ Apply for financial aid by May 1.
DAN 119	Studio Dance Technique IV (0/6)	3	
MUS 103	Introduction to Music (3/0)	3	✓ Talk to your faculty advisor and the Transfer office for advice on how to successfully transition to a new school.
— —	Social Science general education elective	3	
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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.

A.F.A. DEGREE CURRICULUM

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CIP 500101

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DAN 101	Introduction to Dance and Culture (3/0)	3	
DAN 112	Ballet II (1/2)	2	
DAN 116	Studio Dance Technique I (0/6)	3	
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3	✓ Use your online tools: Check your MercerMail daily, utilize features of Office 365, and get to know Student Planning .
MUS 103	Introduction to Music (3/0)	3	✓ Take advantage of Learning Centers or Online Tutoring to support your studies and assignments.

SECOND SEMESTER

BIO 106	Human Anatomy (3/2)	4	<p>✓ Transitioning to college can be challenging. Meet with your Success Coach for guidance and support.</p> <p>✓ Apply for financial aid by May 1.</p> <p>✓ Contact professors with questions and use their office hours to develop a connection.</p> <p>✓ Apply for Continuing Student scholarships at www.mccc.edu/m-scholarships.</p> <p>✓ Begin attending college transfer events and visit campuses. Be sure to visit the Transfer Services and Career Services offices to get to know how the transfer process works and to explore career options.</p> <p>✓ Plan for how you will complete transfer applications while finishing your classes.</p>
DAN 117	Studio Dance Technique II (0/6)	3	
DAN 120	Choreography I (2/2)	3	
ENG 102	English Composition II (3/0)	3	
— —	Social Science general education elective	3	

- [ANT 101](#) or [PSY 101](#) recommended.

THIRD SEMESTER

DAN 118	Studio Dance Technique III (0/6)	3	<p>✓ Keep in contact with each professor and your faculty advisor. Make sure you are on track to graduate.</p> <p>✓ Complete your applications to desired transfer institutions.</p>
DAN 285	Special Studies: Dance	3	
MAT 125	Elementary Statistics I (3/0)	3	
THR 104	Fundamentals of Acting (2/2)	3	
VPA 228	Artistic Collaboration Workshop (2/2)	3	

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FOURTH SEMESTER

DAN 113	Modern Dance II (1/2)	2	✓ Apply for financial aid by May 1.
DAN 119	Studio Dance Technique IV (0/6)	3	✓ Talk to your faculty advisor and the Transfer office for advice on how to successfully transition to a new school.
ETT 200	Technical Production	1	
THR 101	Introduction to Theatre (3/0)	3	
HIS —	Historical Perspective general education elective	3	✓ Apply for Graduating Student scholarships at www.mccc.edu/m-scholarships .
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