DANCE, BFA

Banner Code: AR-BFA-DANC

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The BFA in dance is a performance-oriented contemporary dance program designed to prepare students professionally as performers, choreographers, educators, and active leaders of the dance community. Students in this program demonstrate technical mastery and devote their college study to an intensive and comprehensive dance curriculum.

Daily technical training in modern dance and ballet, and numerous performance opportunities develops a versatile dancer. Student progress in the BFA program is assessed consistently. Because of the professional nature of the BFA degree, the program requires completion of 126 credits of coursework.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Entrance to the program is by audition. Information about the audition process, including dates and audition application, can be found on the school web page (http://dance.gmu.edu), or by calling the dance office at 703-993-1114. Admission to the university is determined by the Admissions Office.

Policies

For policies governing all undergraduate degrees, see AP.5 Undergraduate Policies.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Total credits: 126

Mason Core

Written Communication
ENGH 101 Composition (Mason Core) 1 3
ENGH 302 Advanced Composition (Mason Core) 1 3

Foundation Requirements
Quantitative Reasoning 3
Information Technology 3

Core Requirements
Literature 3
Natural Science 2 7
Western Civilization/World History 3

Social and Behavioral Sciences 3
Total Credits 28

1 Nonnative speakers of English with limited proficiency in the language may substitute ENGH 100 Composition for Multilingual Writers (Mason Core) for ENGH 101 Composition (Mason Core). Students must attain a minimum grade of C in ENGH 100 Composition for Multilingual Writers (Mason Core) or ENGH 101 Composition (Mason Core), as well as in ENGH 302 Advanced Composition (Mason Core), to fulfill degree requirements.

2 must include one laboratory science

Dance Major Core

Additional technique and performance credits beyond those required in the major core may be applied to dance electives.

DANC 114 Rhythmic Analysis and Music Resources for Dance 3
Select one from the following: 1 3
DANC 118 World Dance (Mason Core)
DANC 318 Global Perspectives: World Dance Forms (Mason Core)
DANC 418 Global Dance Intensive (Mason Core)

Approved university global understanding requirement

DANC 150 Dance Improvisation 3
DANC 170 Orientation to Dance Production 1
DANC 190 First Year Seminar 0
DANC 210 Anatomy and Kinesiology for Dance 3
DANC 251 Dance Composition I 3
DANC 252 Dance Composition II 3
DANC 270 Dance Production Lab 1
DANC 360 Choreography 3
DANC 362 RS: Directed Choreography 1

Four credits of

DANC 370 Dance Performance or DANC 371 Residency Workshop 4

Select 18 credits from the following: 18
DANC 325 Modern/Contemporary Dance III (Mason Core) 2
DANC 425 Modern/Contemporary Dance IV (Mason Core)

Select 9 credits from the following: 9
DANC 345 Ballet III (Mason Core)
DANC 445 Ballet IV (Mason Core)

Dance Electives

Select 15 credits from the following: 15
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**Total Credits:** 86

1. Meets Mason Core global understanding requirement
2. Three credits will meet the Mason Core arts requirement.

**Electives**

BFA majors are encouraged to complete coursework in any of the following areas to enhance their artistry: 12

- AVT
- ARTH
- MUSI
- THR

**Total Credits:** 12