Performing Arts: Dance

Wichita State is a great place for you to prepare for a career in Dance!
The School of Performing Arts’ NATIONALLY ACCREDITED Dance Program prepares you for the diverse demands of a professional career in the world of dance. The triple-emphasis degree program in modern, ballet and jazz will give you a well-balanced dance education through its curriculum of technique, choreography, history, and theory. You will work closely with the dance program’s professional faculty and nationally recognized guest artists as you expand your vision as a dance artist!

Our Promise to You
- You will receive a well-balanced education and excellent training in all areas of the art form.
- You will be exposed to new ideas through classes, workshops, guest artists, mentoring, and performances.
- You will have many opportunities to choreograph and perform while you grow as a dancer and an artist.

MainStage Productions are developed under the guidance of our professional faculty and staff, often with an exciting mix of renowned guest artists.

SecondStage Productions range from fully-produced student concerts, such as Senior Concerts and the annual Undergraduate Dance Concert, to informal showings of choreography and technique, where students come together to cheer each other on and celebrate dance. These productions serve as a “learning laboratory” for WSU Dance students.

Our Students
Graduates with a BFA in Performing Arts – Dancers from WSU are performing in companies throughout the U.S. and also in Europe! These talented dancers include:

Eddie Martinez, with Pina Bausch’s Tanztheater Wuppertal, Germany.
Eng Kian Ooi, with the Martha Graham Dance Ensemble, New York.
Stephanie Davis, with Dallas Black Dance Theatre II, Dallas, TX.
Alex Stoll, cast of Evita on Broadway
Taurean Everett, cast and on tour with Priscilla Queen of the Desert
Shauna Martinez, with Diavolo Dance Theatre
Current students are also highlighted each year when they perform and present their original choreography at Regional Conferences of the American College Dance Festival.

Touring Opportunities
We are committed to embracing the global community through travel—sharing dance with the world! The School of Performing Arts Dance Program organizes tours for the Wichita Contemporary Dance Theatre (WCDT), the program’s resident touring company, and for the Alithea Mime Theatre, a professional mime company in residence at Wichita State University.

WCDT and Alithea have toured both nationally and abroad. Recent tours have included New York City, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Arkansas, Puerto Rico, Poland, China, Italy, Taiwan, and Mexico.

Visit our web site at wichita.edu/finearts for more information, or on Facebook for WSU Performance Updates with news about alums working in the business.
Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree
The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Performing Arts – Dance is a degree in performance and choreography that is comprised of a diverse curriculum focusing on performance, theory and production oriented courses to prepare the dancer for a career in dance. Dancers study technique in three areas: Modern Dance, Ballet and Jazz, with options to add Tap and Hip-Hop styles. Theory courses include Choreography, Dance History, Dance Kinesiology, Music for Dance, Methods of Teaching, and production courses. General Education requirements round out the 124 credit-hour degree.

Bachelor of Art Degree
A new degree for Performing Arts, the BA, is now actively in place for students whose emphasis is teaching, or working with fields like Exercise Science, Physical Therapy, Entrepreneurship, Business and other professions. The degree maintains an emphasis on dance technique but includes options for non-English languages, and alternate plans of study. The BA Degree is 120 credit hours.

Scholarships
Once you have been accepted to WSU and declare a Dance major, you will be eligible to audition for a scholarship. The School of Performing Arts awards approximately $100,000 in scholarships annually.

Admission
When you choose to major in dance at Wichita State, you will be admitted to pre-program studies in the College of Fine Arts. You should contact Julie Holmes, advisor in the School of Performing Arts at (316) 978-4747, who will outline specific requirements for full admission in the college and advise you on your initial course schedule. You will then be assigned a faculty advisor who will help you develop your course of study.

Our Faculty & Staff
Amy Baker Schwietale - Associate Professor, Musical Theatre, Tap
Denise Celestin - Professor Ballet, Kinesiology, Choreography, Dance History, Music for Dance, Methods of Teaching Dance
Cheyla Chandler - Instructor of Modern, Jazz, Choreography, Art of the Dance
C. Nicholas Johnson - Program Director of Dance
Professor of Jazz, Choreography, Mime Theatre
Sabrina Vasquez - Instructor Ballet, Modern Dance, Jazz

Adjunct Faculty
Jill Landrith Ewonus - Art of the Dance
Regina Klenjoski - Modern Dance
Amy Pollard - Hip Hop
Brad Victory - Ballroom Dance

Reservations for performances may be made by calling the CFA Box Office at (316) 978-3233. Tickets are available three weeks before opening night.

Schedule a Campus Visit
To receive more information or to arrange a campus visit, contact:

Marcus Welcome Center          wichita.edu/admissions
Office of Admissions           (316) 978-3085
1845 Fairmount
Wichita, KS 67260-0124

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