INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

Students in the Dance and Performance Studies major will engage with dance on physical, intellectual, and aesthetic levels, growing not only as performers but also as artists, thinkers, makers, viewers, and participants in the artistic event. The practical focus of the major is on the performance and choreography of contemporary dance and dance theater. Equally important is the study of theater and dance theory, history, culture, and literature.

Many of our graduates have gone on to careers in professional dance companies. Other students have gone on to graduate study in a wide variety of arts-related fields and have developed careers in universities, nonprofits, and professional fields in health care, education, and business.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Already have an intended major but interested in Dance and Performance Studies? Consider adding DPS as a double major or a minor.
- As either a major or minor in Dance and Performance Studies, you will study with nationally and internationally known faculty respected for their scholarly research and creative work.
- The dance training and academic courses offered by our department are rigorous and geared toward the student who is interested in learning about dance and performance from multiple perspectives.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Get involved in student-led performances, including an annual spring concert series where students perform in faculty and guest-artist repertory pieces.
- Attend a myriad of diverse and exciting events including lectures, speakers, guest artists, and performances.
- Bring together your undergraduate experience with an Advanced Study Opportunity (Capstone).
DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY

DANCE AND PERFORMANCE STUDIES
Bachelor of Arts

**FIRST YEAR**
- Explore your major
  - Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
  - Review major and college requirements.
  - Enroll in L&S and HUM 10.
  - Take THEATER 60: Introduction to Technical Theater and Production as soon as you can to get involved in department shows.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Connect and build community
  - Get involved with Berkeley Connect and L&S Mentors Program.
  - Join a performing arts group on campus like AFX Dance or Dancework.
  - Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.
  - Sign up for the TDPS email list and attend department events.

- Discover your passions
  - Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
  - Explore Berkeley arts and design with HUM 20.
  - Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
  - Add zest to your curriculum - take courses you never imagined taking.

- Engage locally and globally
  - Attend the Calpalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
  - Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
  - Explore study, internship, and research abroad opportunities with Berkeley Study Abroad.

**THIRD YEAR**
- Talk to TDPS peer advisors about options and possibilities in the major.
- Complete the lower division prerequisites and declare the major.
- Review the major guidelines for study abroad.
- Start talking about ideas for an Honors Project or Thesis (THEATER 195A/B).

**FOURTH YEAR**
- Focus on upper division requirements.
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
- Ask about the Advanced Study Opportunity (Capstone).
- Take online summer courses like THEATER 117AC or 118AC to free up your final year.

- Explore career fields in the Career Destinations Survey.
- Conduct informational interviews with people in those fields.
- Discuss graduate school options with advisors and professors.
- Create or update your resume and LinkedIn profile.
- Attend career and graduate school fairs.

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**

- **Jobs and Employers**
  - 3D Film Production Asst., LBNL
  - Adj. Faculty, Monterey Peninsula CC
  - Art Manager, Trinity Repertory Co.
  - Coordinator, SF Opera
  - Dancer, Levy/Dance Company
  - EMT, ProTransport 1
  - Filmaker
  - Instructor, Alameda School of Music
  - Marketing Asst., Joe Goode Group
  - Member, San Francisco Ballet
  - Software Engineering Intern, Zillow

- **Graduate Programs**
  - Dance, Masters, Mills College
  - Drama & Theater Arts, Masters, American Cons. Theater
  - Journalism, Masters, Columbia Univ.
  - Social Sciences, Masters, UC Berkeley

**Examples gathered from the Career Destinations Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.**

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