MSU DENVER College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE





ABOUT US The Department of Theatre and Dance provides educational opportunities for a diverse urban population by providing a full range of introductory, advanced, and collaborative teacher/learner centered program offerings. We provide theoretical foundations and practical applications to prepare students for graduate school, employment, and personal and aesthetic development, all grounded in a strong liberal arts tradition.



STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES We serve the University, campus, and greater Denver community by providing courses, performance opportunities, applied technology opportunities, student employment positions, academic and professional collaborations, and cultural enrichment.



MAJOR/MINOR We offer a B.A. in Theatre and Dance, a B.F.A in Theatre with two concentration options in Music Theatre or Applied Theatre Technology and Design. Our two minors in Theatre or Dance accompany any major.



WHAT MAKES US SPECIAL We achieve our mission through the faculty's dedication to excellence in instruction, both in-person and online using advanced technology; the implementation of the creative process; professional renewal; and participation in a variety of initiatives with public schools, businesses, health care agencies, non-profit organizations, and the National Association of Schools of Theatre accrediting agency.

SIGNATURE EVENTS

Work and perform in the King Center performing arts complex, one of the most accessible and adaptive performance facilities in the nation. Join the Theatre Program in any of their 4 mainstage productions (two musicals and non-musicals) or participate in the Dance Program's productions (6-8) each year.



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Experiential Major Map

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	First Year	Middle Years	Last Year
Cultivate Learning & Academic Excellence	• Attend Orientation and register for classes • Meet with your academic advisor and a Dance-specific advisor • Complete FAFSA and scholarship applications	• Declare your major • Choose an area of emphasis in the dance program • Consider adding courses from different departments on campus	• Work with an advisor to ensure you have no outstanding course(s) or performance requirements • Complete your Senior Experience • Apply to graduate
Engage Globally and Locally	• Enroll in dance technique courses • Join the dance student organization and research other organizations on campus • Speak with professors about opportunities in your program	• Participate in a dance program production each semester (required) • Participate in the dance student organization or the department of theatre and dance student advocacy council	• Develop or collaborate on substantive creative, research, and/or community engaged learning projects • Apply to attend the American College Dance Association Conference
Prepare for Postgraduation Success	• Check out on-campus and career aligned jobs on Career Link • Begin to develop and explore a career pathway • Build your early experience resume	• Connect with professors and C2Hub on professional mentoring and networking opportunities • Attend a career fair and C2 Hub career workshops and events	• Attend alumni and campus-wide networking events • If considering graduate school discuss options with your faculty advisor

Academic Success Checklist

- ▢ Discover library resources
- ▢ Book an appointment with your academic advisor
- ▢ Visit the writing and tutoring center
- ▢ Complete FASFA and academic scholarship applications

Employment in Dance is projected to grow by **5.1%** in 2024-2026.

Career Development Checklist

- ▢ Update your resume early & often
- ▢ Drop into the C2 Hub's Career Lab
- ▢ Secure an internship or career aligned part time job to develop essential skills for graduation

Career Information

What skills do employers want?

- Solve problems creatively
- Collaborate effectively
- Demonstrate entrepreneurial mindset and abilities
- Lead others and contribute to/ develop an inclusive environment
- Communicate clearly

This major gives me the skills to:

- Create, choreograph, perform, teach, and present with confidence, competence, and inventiveness
- Understand the aesthetic, historical, and cultural context of dance and other arts in society
- Engage thoughtfully and creatively with diverse communities and populations

What careers can I pursue?

- Artistic (Performance/Choreography)
- Graduate School Options for Dance Majors
- Administration/Entrepreneurship/Business
- Documentation, Research, and Writing
- Teaching and Community Outreach
- Production/Technical
- Therapeutic Services

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