



UNC CHARLOTTE

The Department of Dance and Theatre

DANCE Bachelor of Arts Degree



The Academic Programs:

The Department offers the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in dance and the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in theatre. These programs of study are established using national accreditation guidelines from the National Association of Schools of Dance and National Association of Schools of Theatre. Both degrees assure that majors will attain a strong liberal arts education. Dance Majors may also audition for our unique certificate program, whereby they may earn a dance performance certificate in addition to the B.A. degree by taking classes at North Carolina Dance Theatre.

In addition, the department awards the Bachelor of Arts degree in dance education and theatre education with K-12 licensure for students preparing to teach their art form in the public schools. These programs, which follow North Carolina state guidelines, culminate in a full semester of student teaching. Experiences at Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools allow students to work directly with particular age groups in developing lesson plans and teaching strategies.

A great advantage of a B.A. degree is that it allows time for students to take elective classes that stimulate their personal intellectual curiosity. It also provides opportunities to explore secondary interests or combine disciplines toward a particular career pathway. Just as this department has combined dance and theatre in a unique way, students find exciting possibilities for involving aspects of other fields with their dance work. Whether taken as single courses or as a second major or minor, explorations of computers and video, body and health sciences, literature, psychology, visual arts, music, and business, offer a wealth of career opportunities.

Dance and Theatre Productions:

The department encourages students to experience a wide range of job possibilities during the production season. They work on stage as performers, behind-the-scenes in design and technical work, in house and stage management, and as publicity and box office personnel. Production seasons include a wide variety of theatre and dance styles. Recent examples include Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors* Michael Frayn's backstage farce *Noises Off*, a restaging of Fokine's ballet choreography for Stravinsky's *Petrouchka*, Afro-Caribbean poet Derek Walcott's play *Ti-Jean and His Brothers*, and a production of Sophocles' tragedy *Antigone* set during the American Civil War. The department also has informal productions each semester where students can present original work on the main stage.

Advantages of Studying Dance at UNC Charlotte:

Dance and theatre majors develop a working knowledge of both art forms through a core curriculum and a collaborative approach to production work. These courses and interdisciplinary productions prepare the student for the broadest range of artistic opportunities.

Whether your primary interest is performance, theatrical design, technical production, directing or choreography, the Department offers courses and experiences which allows the student to focus their efforts.

Our program is for undergraduates only, so there is no competition with graduate students for opportunities to get "hands-on" experiences. With a low student to faculty ratio, students receive individual attention and specially designed experiences from a faculty of recognized artists who are experienced teachers. Faculty members accompany students to theatre and dance conferences, auditions, festivals and workshops which positions majors to win awards, secure summer jobs, select the right graduate school or get employment after graduation. And the metropolitan area of Charlotte has live theatre and dance performances by local and touring companies every week of the year!

Opportunities for Non-majors:

The Department offers minors in both dance and theatre, which require 22 credit hours of class and production work. Coursework in dance and theatre is available to all students enrolled at the University, as are the auditions for our productions.

Career Opportunities for Majors:

Choosing a career and making it happen can seem very difficult in this increasingly complex world. Each student in the Department of Dance and Theatre receives specific academic and career counseling from a member of the faculty. A course of study is determined based on the student's desires and the degree requirements. Internships with various arts organizations are available for "real life" experiences and individual projects can be developed by working with your advisor. Some possible dance careers include: performer, choreographer, teacher, historian, critic, arts administrator/manager,

labanotation specialist, dance therapist, videographer, kinesiologist, movement analyst, stage managers, costume and lighting designers, and dance photographer.

Scholarships and Financial Aid:

The Department offers several scholarships in dance and theatre to incoming freshmen and continuing students. Through auditions and portfolio review, awards are based on artistic and academic merit. Completed applications for UNC Charlotte admission and scholarship consideration are typically due by February 1st. Scholarships for continuing students are awarded based on notable achievement in the department and financial need. Please contact the Departmental Office for further information and application forms.

In addition to Departmental scholarships, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte offers a comprehensive program of student financial aid--scholarships, grants, loans and part-time employment—to assist students in meeting educational expenses. For complete information, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 704-687-2461.

Admissions

If you have questions about admission requirements or programs, we encourage you to contact the Office of Admissions, UNC Charlotte, 9201 University City Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28223 or call 704-687-2213. Campus tours are available Monday through Friday at 2:00 p.m. followed by a General Information session at 3:00 p.m.

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