

# DANCE

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## Program Description

The Department of Theatre Arts offers one of the most successful training degree programs in Colorado. The Bachelor of Arts in Dance is focused on helping students acquire a sound understanding of the performing arts in dance.

Dance at CMU is thriving, with an array of dance styles, performance opportunities, and travel. Equal emphasis is placed on Modern, Jazz, Ballet, and Hip Hop with course offerings from beginner to advanced levels. Other courses include Tap, Dance Composition, Improvisation, Pedagogy, Dance History and Philosophy, Healthy Dancer, and Repertory Performance. Dance at Colorado Mesa University features courses with an emphasis on physical inquiry and cultural relevance in diverse dance forms with faculty that value and teach methods of embodied awareness, strong technical foundation, and performance as a practice.

The faculty members have professional backgrounds across multiple forms of dance. With three dance concerts a year, Colorado Mesa University faculty and students choreograph and invite visiting guest artists from the professional dance world. Students annually travel to American College Dance Association, conferences, and engage in local and state outreach.

The BA in Dance is constructed to help students meet the rigorous demands of a professional dance career and provide a strong foundation and practical experience for future dance artists. With smaller class sizes, students are given the personal attention and mentorship that will better prepare them for careers in the field of dance.

## Special Requirements

Students seeking admission as dance majors must successfully audition for acceptance into the program. Admission to the University does not guarantee admission into one of these programs. Prospective theatre majors should consult the department's website or contact the department directly for information regarding audition dates and requirements. Prospective students interested in departmental scholarships must audition no later than April 15 of the year they seek admission.

## Contact Information

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