What can I do with a Major in…

Major: Dance

O*net Outlook Link to Career Titles

Dancers
Choreographers
Recreational Therapists
Art, Drama, and Music Teachers, Postsecondary
Self-Enrichment Education Teachers
Managers, All Other
Entertainers and Performers, Sports and Related Workers, All Other
Amusement and Recreation Attendants
Actors
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education
Sales Representatives, Services, All Other
Singers
Directors- Stage, Motion Pictures, Television, and Radio
Music Directors
Musicians, Instrumental
Teacher Assistants

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Learned with this Degree:

Knowledge:
Fine Arts

Skills:
Active Learning
Active Listening
Interpretation

Abilities:
Gross Body Coordination
Speed of Limb Movement.
Dynamic Strength
Stamina
Dynamic Flexibility
Spatial Orientation
Trunk Strength
Explosive Strength
Memorization
Majoring in Dance:

UNT's dance program is dedicated to the education of the total individual with focused instruction in dance technique, creative studio studies, dance theory and professional preparation. The dance program offers a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of fine arts in dance. You will take technique courses to reach an advanced level of competence in modern dance and ballet, with additional requirements in jazz, tap, African and other world dance forms. You are required to participate in an entrance and placement audition. There is an additional application for acceptance into the B.F.A. degree program.

In addition to the study of dance technique with a strong kinesiological foundation, course work includes work in improvisation, choreography, movement analysis, dance science, dance history, aesthetics, and music for dance.

As a student in the Department of Dance and Theatre, you will participate in a variety of activities within the theatre program. Areas of study include dance and theatre performance, design/technology in theatre, and education. Certification for teaching is completed through the College of Education.

Career Potential:

By choosing to study dance at the University of North Texas, you will be prepared to enter a profession that values self-expression, intellectual investigation, creative exploration and discipline.

As a highly motivated student of dance, you may find career opportunities in a wide variety of settings. The range of performance possibilities within professional dance companies includes ballet, modern, contemporary styles and dance/theatre, as well as independent/experimental performances. As with the variation in dance forms and styles, there also is a wide range of venues for performance, including the professional stage, musical theatre and theatre dance, opera, and national and international festivals. Commercial work is found in theme parks or on cruise ships, in advertising, television, video and films.

In addition to careers in performance, you may teach in a school system or studio or pursue dance criticism and writing or related fields of interest. If you choose to pursue a master's or doctoral degree, opportunities exist in performance, choreography, dance science and related fields such as physical therapy, movement therapy, dance medicine and arts management.

UNT's Career Center can help you prepare to pursue your career. The center has information about jobs and employers, and the staff can assist you with resume and letter writing, job search strategies and interview preparation.