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.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

ADVISORS

Students can email the Undergraduate Academic Advisor at tdpsugadvisor@berkeley.edu to schedule an in-person or online appointment.

Advising Hours:
Monday - Friday, 1-4pm

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.
- Get involved in student-led performance groups and our annual dance concert where students perform in faculty and guest-artist repertory pieces.
- Attend a myriad of diverse and exciting events including lectures, workshops, and performances.
- Bring together your undergraduate experience with an Advanced Study Opportunity (Capstone).

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit tdps.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

“The best way to find out about this department is to jump in with both feet so you can discover which of the many focus areas makes your heart sing.”

– Michael Mansfield, Undergraduate Academic Advisor

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