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.

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.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

• 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).

"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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**FIRST YEAR**
- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Review major and college requirements.
- Enroll in L&S 1 and HUM 10.
- Take THEATER 60: Introduction to Technical Theater and Production as soon as you can to get involved in department shows.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Talk to TDPS peer advisors about options and possibilities in the major.
- Complete the lower division prerequisites and declare the major.
- Review the major guidelines for study abroad.
- Start talking about ideas for an Honors Project or Thesis (THEATER 190A/B).

**THIRD YEAR**
- Focus on upper division requirements.
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
- Ask your major advisor about Advanced Study Opportunities (Capstones).
- Take online summer courses like THEATER 197A or 198A to free up time your final year.

**FOURTH YEAR**
- Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Complete any "bucket list" courses.
- Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
- Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**
- Jobs and Employers
  - 3D Film Production Asst., LBNL
  - Adj. Faculty, Monterey Peninsula CC
  - Art Manager, Trinity Repertory Co.
  - Coordinator, SF Opera
  - Dancer, Levy Dance Company
  - Dancer, Washington Commanders (NFL)
  - EMT, Pro Transport I
  - Filmmaker
  - Instructor, Alameda School of Music
  - Marketing Asst., Joe Goode Group
  - Member, San Francisco Ballet
  - Software Engineering Intern, Zillow

- Graduate Programs
  - Dance, Masters, Mills College
  - Drama & Theater Arts, Masters
  - American Cons. Theater
  - Journalism, Masters, Columbia Univ.
  - Social Sciences, Masters, UC Berkeley

**Conduct and build community**
- Get a mentoring with Berkeley Connect and L&S Mentors Program.
- Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
- Attend all productions in the department.
- Attend TDPS Welcome Back Celebration in August for prospective and returning students.

**Discover your passions**
- Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
- Explore Berkeley arts and design with HUM 20.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
- Add zest to your curriculum—take courses you never imagined taking.
- Take a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.
- Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through URAP and SURF-SMART to prepare you to do your own research project.
- Build your research skills in HUM W101 Research Bootcamp.
- Interested in joining a production? Check out the TDPS Calboard for calls and audition information.
- Pitch your idea for teaching a DeCal course in the department next year.
- Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.
- Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.
- Intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital or in Sacramento with UCCS.
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**Engage locally and globally**
- Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
- Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
- Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.
- Contribute to a community organization with an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
- Go on a service-learning trip with the Alternative Breaks Program.
- Teach theater and promote the arts in local schools through the CREATE program.
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**Reflect and plan your future**
- Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.
- Check out the Career Center Yearly Planner.
- Set up a Handshake account and sign up for CareerMail.
- Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series.
- Meet with a Career Center counselor to discuss your career options and goals.
- Shadow alumni during a winter externship.
- Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.
- Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.
- Learn about career fields and conduct informational interviews with people in those fields.
- Discuss graduate school options with advisors and professors.
- Create or update your resume and LinkedIn profile.
- Attend career and graduate school fairs.
- Utilize job search tools from the Career Center. Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.
- Attend Employer Info Sessions and On-Campus Recruiting.
- Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.