

DANCE – ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

Top Code:

1008.00

Students who complete the Dance major AA degree from Pasadena City College will gain a strong foundation in dance as an expressive and performing art form, emphasizing dance technique, performance, dance-making, dance production, and the cultural and historical significance of dance. Completion of an AA degree in dance greatly increases success in auditions and acceptance into BA/BFA programs at colleges and universities. The PCC dance major provides rigorous and comprehensive, pre-professional training for a career in concert dance, commercial dance, musical theatre and/or dance teaching. Completion of this degree provides entry into a career performing, choreographing or teaching in the field.

Interested students should be advised that a career in dance is typically very competitive and low-salaried, as is frequently the case with performing arts.

Pre-requisites skills: In order to enroll in the dance technique core, requisites of units in Modern Dance III, Modern Dance IV, Ballet III, Ballet IV, Jazz III, Jazz IV, students must have either passed the level II version of that class or obtain an official Prerequisite waiver.

Program Outcomes

- Proficiency in dancing, including a strong foundation in dance technique, with artistic nuance, versatility, and the ability to interpret direction.
- Fluency in the art of choreography, establishing a practice in the invention and composition of movement, with competence in directing and collaborating with dancers.
- Awareness of social, cultural and spiritual roles of dance in contemporary and historical civilization, with an ability to identify and discuss styles, their origins and global fusions.
- Performance experience in a variety of contexts and venues, ranging from fully-produced, large-scale proscenium shows, to alternative or screen-based productions.

Requirements for the Major

Code	Title	Units
Required Core		
DANC 008A	BEGINNING COMPOSITION AND CHOREOGRAPHY	2
DANC 012	IMPROVISATION	1
DANC 021A	DANCE HISTORY: CULTURAL AND SOCIAL HERITAGE	3
or DANC 021B	DANCE HISTORY: SPECTACLE AND PERFORMANCE ART	
DANC 022A	DANCE PERFORMANCE I	2
DANC 023	DANCE REPERTOIRE	1
DANC 026	MUSIC FOR DANCE	2

LIST A: Complete 3 units 3

DANC 009C	MODERN DANCE III
DANC 009D	MODERN DANCE IV
DANC 011C	BALLET III
DANC 011D	BALLET IV
DANC 015C	JAZZ DANCE III
DANC 015D	JAZZ DANCE IV

LIST B: Complete 2 units 2

DANC 004H	FLAMENCO DANCE
DANC 006A	TAP DANCE I
DANC 006B	TAP DANCE II
DANC 006C	TAP DANCE III
DANC 006D	TAP DANCE IV
DANC 014A	HIP HOP DANCE I
DANC 014B	HIP HOP DANCE II

LIST C: Complete 1 unit 1

DANC 005A	SOCIAL DANCE I
DANC 005B	SOCIAL DANCE II

REQUIRED ELECTIVES 3

LIST D: Complete 3 units

DANC 004H	FLAMENCO DANCE
DANC 005A	SOCIAL DANCE I
DANC 005B	SOCIAL DANCE II
DANC 006A	TAP DANCE I
DANC 006B	TAP DANCE II
DANC 006C	TAP DANCE III
DANC 006D	TAP DANCE IV
DANC 008B	INTERMEDIATE COMPOSITION AND CHOREOGRAPHY
DANC 009A	MODERN DANCE I
DANC 009B	MODERN DANCE II
DANC 009C	MODERN DANCE III
DANC 009D	MODERN DANCE IV
DANC 011A	BALLET I
DANC 011B	BALLET II
DANC 011C	BALLET III
DANC 011D	BALLET IV
DANC 013	PILATES-BASED METHOD FOR ALIGNMENT AND CORRECTION
DANC 014A	HIP HOP DANCE I
DANC 014B	HIP HOP DANCE II
DANC 015A	JAZZ DANCE I
DANC 015B	JAZZ DANCE II
DANC 015C	JAZZ DANCE III
DANC 015D	JAZZ DANCE IV
DANC 020	INDEPENDENT STUDY
DANC 022B	DANCE PERFORMANCE II
DANC 025	MOVEMENT FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT

THRT 075	MUSICAL THEATER WORKSHOP
Total Units	20

Recommended Electives

Code	Title	Units
THRT 002A	ACTING I	3
THRT 015	COSTUME CRAFTS	3
THRT 041	FUNDAMENTALS OF STAGE LIGHTING	3
KINA 040A	BEGINNING YOGA	1
KINA 040B	INTERMEDIATE YOGA	1
KINA 040C	ADVANCED YOGA	1
KINT 182	ANATOMICAL PRINCIPLES OF KINESIOLOGY AND FITNESS	3

Visit the Program Mapper (<https://pasadena-city.programmapper.ws/academics/interest-clusters/569653cf-54a0-404a-870a-73a04dc48267/programs/2658a516-2e8d-3e6e-7987-423299332c5b/>) for a suggested sequence of courses.

General Education Requirements for the Associate in Arts Degree

- General Information (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs-leading-degree-certificate/>)
- PCC Local Gen Ed (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs-leading-degree-certificate/#pcclocaltext>)
- CSU Breadth (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs-leading-degree-certificate/#csubreadthtext>)
- IGETC (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs-leading-degree-certificate/#igetctext>)