

DANCE MINOR

The dance minor, offered in the Department of Theatre and Dance, requires 21 semester hours of specialization in this field, which include nine semester hours of core courses. You must take the minimum number of semester hours in the remaining categories listed below, but you can obtain more semester hours or courses if you desire. You have the opportunity for course selection in these categories. Free electives will not count as part of the 21 semester hours but may be beneficial to your overall education in the field of dance.

Required Categories and Courses

I. Core courses – 9 semester hours required

DAN 315 Dance Pedagogy (3)

DAN 344 History of Dance (3)

DAN 441 Dance Composition (3)

DAN 442 Musical Theater Dance and
Choreography (3)

Electives – Choose six semester hours

II. Technique – choose a minimum of 8 semester hours

DAN 210 Dancer's Body (3)

DAN 232 Modern Dance II (2)

DAN 233 Jazz II (2)

DAN 234 Ballet II (2)

DAN 235 Tap II (2)

DAN 332 Modern Dance III (2)

DAN 333 Jazz III (2)

DAN 334 Ballet III (2)

DAN 335 Tap III (2)

Level I courses are offered and may be taken as an elective prior to taking a Level II course.

III. Performance – choose a minimum of 4 semester hours

DAN 346 Repertory Development (2)

DAN 446 Repertory Performance (2)

Dance Minor Requirements

As a dance minor student, you must complete the following requirements to receive documentation on your transcript.

1. Course requirements – 21 semester hours of course study in the dance area. You should follow requirements as listed on the sheet of course offerings.
2. Performance area – participation in two performances. This participation can be as a dancer, choreographer, officer, production staff member, or faculty assistant. Credit for this can be obtained through DAN 346 and DAN 446.
 - Teaching assistant – to a dance faculty member in a Level I course.Or
 - Choreographic assistant – to a dance faculty member for a specific choreographic project either on or off campus.
 - Recorded portfolio – a record of all material covered in each dance course you take. You will present this portfolio to the dance coordinator in the first half of the semester of expected graduation.
 - Performance – responsible for participation in two informal performances to be presented in the dance studio or similar small venue.
3. Extracurricular assignments – Some of these assignments will be part of course requirements.

University Dance Company (UDC)

The focus of the University Dance Company is to promote dance as an art form at West Chester University and to provide students the opportunity to create and explore their expressive voice within this art form. UDC gives students an opportunity to become actively involved with all aspects of dance production through performance, design, and administrative work. Students have an opportunity to work with both faculty and

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guest choreographers in the creation of new choreography, and ample opportunities exist for students to explore their creativity through their own choreography. Students involved are exposed to the professional atmosphere of a dance company through aspects of audition, vigorous rehearsals, and several performance opportunities and/or production responsibilities. UDC performs on and off campus several times throughout the school year with invitations to perform at conventions and participating in juried concerts. Each year, UDC students have the opportunity to travel to the American College Dance Festival to take master classes, perform, and watch dance from colleges all over the country. Auditions for dancers are held the first week of the fall semester and in October for both choreographers and dancers.

For More Information

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About West Chester University

A comprehensive, public institution, West Chester University offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs in more than 100 subject areas, as well as certification and certificate programs. As one of the largest members of the

Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, West Chester offers a full and rewarding educational experience as well as reasonable tuition.

With a rich heritage dating back to the 19th century, West Chester University was founded in 1871 as West Chester Normal School for the purpose of training teachers for the Commonwealth's newly established public schools. In 1960, West Chester State Teachers College expanded its programs to include liberal arts and graduate degrees and, as a result, dropped "Teachers" from its name. In 1983, West Chester State College became one of the 14 institutions in the State System of Higher Education. Along with its university status, the school acquired a new system of governance and the opportunity to expand its degree programs.

Today, more than 15,400 graduate and undergraduate students, along with 1,500 faculty and staff, study and work on the 406-acre campus. Situated in the Borough of West Chester, the campus is a picturesque mix of Gothic, Victorian, and modern architecture with pleasant, tree-shaded walks.

Strategically located at the center of the mid-Atlantic corridor between New York City and Washington, D.C., West Chester is just 25 miles west of Philadelphia and 17 miles north of Wilmington.

Information on Admission

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