

Dance Major Admission Auditions

GUIDELINES

During the Spring Term of a student's first year in the Dance Program, they will be required to go through the Dance Major Admission Audition to pursue a dance major. At this point, based on the student's performance in the audition, and the Dance Faculty's previous experience working with the student in classes, the student will either be admitted in to the program as a Dance Major, or advised to pursue an alternative major and to minor in dance.

Requirements for the Dance Major Admission Audition

1. Participate in the **group audition**. Auditioning students are required to learn and perform combinations in: contemporary modern, ballet, and jazz. Additionally, students will participate in an improvisational structure.
2. Choreograph a **one-and-a-half to two-minute** solo dance to be performed privately for the Dance Faculty. The goal is to feature your technical abilities, compositional invention, and creative voice. Select movement in a style through which you feel you excel, even if it's quite basic, and focus on inventive ways of presenting the material.
3. Write a 1-page **essay** and bring five (5) copies to the audition, addressing the following questions:
 - a) What is your dance background? Why are you studying dance?
 - b) What do you believe are your dance strengths? In what areas do you wish to improve?
 - c) What are your dance goals for the time you're enrolled at UM?
 - d) What are your goals for after you graduate (to the extent you know them now)?
 - e) Would you like to be considered for the BA in Dance, BFA in Choreography and Performance, or BFA in Teaching? Which degree do you wish to pursue and why?

*Note: all students who are admitted into the Dance Program will be admitted as BA students in Dance. Students who demonstrate the potential to complete a BFA in Choreography and Performance, or a BFA in Teaching (one or the other, not both) will be notified in the acceptance letter and advised accordingly by the Dance Faculty.

You will be auditioned in the order in which your name appears on the sign-up sheet posted. You will receive a written response from the faculty within a week of the audition, posted on the bulletin board outside of 005/035.