

Careers in Dance

Students obtaining degrees in dance at UNLV receive a curriculum that provides a foundational and diverse course of study that allows the dance major to ultimately make choices regarding the long-term direction of their artistic lives.

The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Performance and Choreography prepares the dancer for an artistic career in the “on-stage” dance arena. Students garner the skills that allow them to sustain careers performing, choreographing, dancing for artistic companies, dancing in commercial entertainment productions, as well as going on for post-baccalaureate graduate degrees.

The Bachelor of Arts in Production and Management empowers the dance major with a functional and practical understanding of the production “behind-the-scenes” workings of the dance theatre event. These students can go on to be dance company managers, lighting designers, costumers, scenic designers, dance studio owners, company managers, etc.

The Bachelor of Art in Production Management with Secondary Education is a dance degree that has a minor in Education imbedded into its curriculum. This allows a student the opportunity to gain licensure to teach dance in the Clark County School District. These dance majors go on to direct dance programs in High Schools and Middle schools in Las Vegas, or can apply for licensure in other states throughout the US. *(THIS PROGRAM IS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.)*

Although the various degrees are diverse, dance majors in any degree are trained in the fine art of dancing, so the degrees do not limit the graduates’ ability to audition for performing opportunities, choreograph, teach, open a dance business (studio), or work as a part of a dance production degree. The various degree tracks simply allow the dance major to specialize and gain a deeper knowledge within their chosen area of specialization.

The Value of a Dance Degree

Although it is highly recognized by all that dance is a difficult profession and one only suited for those with the drive, passion, talent and singularity of focus that is essential for the form, many do not realize that beyond the ability to make beautiful art, a degree in dance and dance classes teach a student many of the abilities and characteristics that many employers look for in their top executives.

- Organization, Problem Solving and Memory
- Being Calm Under Pressure
- Communication and Expression
- Leadership and Teamwork
- Individuality
- Balance of Mind, Body, and Spirit
- Decision Making Skills

- Confidence, Positive Self-Image, and Self-Esteem
- Commitment to a Practice, Diligence, and Commitment to a Team
- Productivity and Risk Taking
- Honesty/Integrity
- Motivation/Initiative
- Ability to Build Relationships
- Flexibility and Adaptability
- And Understanding of Standards for Success
- Self-Awareness
- Understanding of Space, Time, and Energy
- Numeracy, Accounting, and Structure
- How to Please and Market to an Audience
- Innovation and Passion

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