



# Dance (Performance and Choreography) BFA Degree Plan:

The BFA in dance performance and choreography prepares students to enter the profession as practitioners.

## Dance (Performance and Choreography) BFA Degree Requirements (136 hours):

136 hours are needed to graduate with a BFA in Dance with an emphasis in Performance and Choreography. At least 50 percent of the hours applied to a degree at The University of Southern Mississippi must be earned from a senior college, and 30 of these hours must be in courses numbered 300 or above. The student must earn at least 21 of the last 30 hours of course work and at least 12 hours in the major area of study from Southern Miss. See Residence Hour Requirements for more information.

### General Education Curriculum

- GEC 01. Written Communication (6 hours)
- GEC 02. Natural Science (8-10 hours minimum)
- GEC 03. Humanities (9 hours)
- GEC 04. Aesthetic Values (3 hours)
- GEC 05. Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)
- GEC 06. Mathematics (3 hours)
- GEC 07. Writing-Intensive Requirement (Major Area)
- GEC 08. Speaking Intensive Requirement (Major Area)
- GEC 09. Capstone Requirement (Major Area)

### Program Curriculum

- DEG 01. Major Area of Study Requirements (91-99 hours)
- DEG 02. Electives

### Availability:

Hattiesburg Campus

### Admission Requirements:

- See University Admission Policies
- Admission to the Bachelor of Fine Arts in dance in both emphasis areas requires an audition. Auditions are held in the fall and spring semesters in the year prior to a student's enrollment at USM. Please contact the dance program at 601.266.4161 or visit [www.usm.edu/dance](http://www.usm.edu/dance) for audition dates.

## Program Academic Policies and Requirements:

- See University Academic Policies and Requirements Retention Policy for Dance Majors - To remain in the Bachelor of Fine Arts program, a student must maintain a 2.75 GPA in all dance courses, regardless of emphasis.
- A student must retake any dance course in which the grade earned is a D or lower. Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA in dance courses to be eligible for The University of Southern Mississippi Repertory Dance Company.
- A student who fails to maintain the required GPA will have one probationary semester to bring up grades to an acceptable GPA. A student whose grades do not improve after probation will not be allowed to enroll in additional dance courses above the 100-level.

## Accreditation:

National Association of Schools of Dance

## Dance (Performance and Choreography) BFA Semester Guide:

Freshman

- 1st semester (18 hours)
- 2nd semester (16 hours)

Sophomore

- 1st semester (16 hours)
- 2nd semester (18 hours)

Junior

- 1st semester (18 hours)
- 2nd semester (16 hours)

Senior

- 1st semester (17 hours)
- 2nd semester (17 hours)



# Dance Minor Degree Plan:

## Academic Policies and Requirements for Minors:

- See University Academic Policies for Minors
- No more than 11 transfer hours will be accepted toward the dance minor.

## Hours to Minor:

22 hours

## Course Requirements:

The following three hours are required:

DAN 130 - Dance Appreciation 3 hrs.

Two courses from the following are required:

DAN 101 - Beginning Modern Dance 2 hrs.

DAN 201 - Modern Dance Technique II 3 hrs.

DAN 301 - Modern Dance Technique III 3 hrs.

DAN 401 - Modern Dance Technique IV 3 hrs.

Two courses from the following are required:

DAN 102 - Beginning Ballet 2 hrs.

DAN 202 - Ballet Technique I 3 hrs.

DAN 302 - Ballet Technique II 3 hrs.

DAN 402 - Ballet Technique III 3 hrs.

### Remaining Hours

With the advice of an academic dance faculty adviser, the remaining hours are chosen from any DAN or DED courses.