

DANCE



HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY
The Premier Life Skills University



Experienced faculty & extraordinary creative opportunities

Our comprehensive Bachelor of Arts degree in Dance combines rigorous course work, practical performance experience, and ample opportunities for students to create their own work. Dance majors graduate with the skills needed to prepare them for positions in the professional dance performance world, graduate study, or related careers in which creativity, communication skills and collaborative abilities are essential.

Degrees offered

- BA in Dance
- Minor in Dance
- Minor in Theater
- Minor in Musical Theater



Course Requirements

- **32 Credits of required core classes:**
Ballet, Jazz, Modern, Dance Composition, Dance and New Media, Fundamentals of Design & Theatre Architecture
- **8 credits of technique/studio courses:**
Contemporary, Ballet, and Jazz Studios (2 levels of each available)
- 4 credits of electives, choosing from crafts classes such as lighting and sound crafts, costume crafts, makeup crafts, and stagecraft.

Auditions are not required for entry into the program, but we do encourage applicants to submit a recording of them dancing or schedule a brief audition during an on campus visit so we can get to know them better. Doing so will qualify them for departmental scholarships.

Why choose Dance at HPU

Our dance program is made up of physically active thought-provoking courses and ample opportunities to perform and choreograph. Students studying dance at HPU will gain a valuable foundation in many areas of dance with the freedom to explore all areas of interest with the support of caring faculty mentors. We want you to find your artistic voice, and we encourage our students to add a dual major or minor that complements and enhances their interests and goals. You will experience small class sizes with one-on-one attention, access to guest artists who set choreography for our concerts and offer master classes, and an active production schedule to hone your skills.

Working as a Company

We operate under a "Company Philosophy" where we view our entire department as a working Theater & Dance company. This means that all members work on every production in some capacity, providing a multiplicity of skills such as how to light a dance piece, working with costume designers, and understanding how professional dance and theater are produced. These experiences make our graduates highly marketable and versatile artists.

The department produces four theatrical mainstage productions and two dance concerts each year, with ample student produced work and other focused performance opportunities. Students choreograph their own work for the Spring Dance Concert, have the opportunity to create dance films, and present their work/research at national collegiate dance and undergraduate research conferences and festivals.

Meet Grace Ann

Hometown: Suffolk, VA

Major: Double major in business and dance

Clubs/Organizations: Honors Club and HPU Dance Company

Favorite Thing: "The dance major at HPU has so many opportunities to perform and to choreography dance pieces on my own."

Why I Chose HPU: "I chose HPU because I loved the close knit community and how involved everyone in the theater and dance department is."



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Extraordinary outcomes

Our alumni are actively performing or creating work across the country. Some of their most recent achievements include:

- Created a dance program at a Brooklyn, N.Y. middle school
- Dancer/singer on Celebrity Cruise Lines
- Part of the opening cast of Disney's Jungle Book: Alive with Magic
- Singing and dancing at Legends in Concert in Branson, Mo.
- Teaching at dance studios

Student Organization: HPU Dance Company

The HPU Dance Company is a student-run organization that strives to provide additional opportunities for students to move and create. They teach classes each week in a variety of genres that are open to all students at HPU. The HPU Dance Company also organizes the fundraisers and donation drives that are part of the Fall and Spring Dance Concerts. For the 2021 Spring Dance Concert, they sold support messages for dancers and raised over \$1,500 for local nonprofit Backpack Beginnings.



What can I do with this major?

A student graduating with a BA degree in Dance will be competitive in the dance market. Students who plan to pursue a career in dance performance can dive deeply into a technique study in their four years at High Point University through class work, performances, master classes and conference participation. Performance is not the only avenue for a dance graduate of High Point University.

Students can choose to teach at dance studios, work in the administration of dance companies, advocate for dance arts or use their confidence, broad knowledge of the human condition, work ethic, collaboration and artistic practice at any job they seek.

Combining dance with a minor or other area of study will provide support for careers in areas such as:

- Arts Management
- Costume, Lighting
- Dance Criticism
- Dance Medicine
- Dance Photography
- Dance Studio Ownership
- Dance Therapy

Dance skills of value in today's job market:

- Emotional Intelligence
- Empathy
- Project Management
- Creativity
- Professionalism



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Alumni Spotlight

Amanda Rossi

2017 BA in Human Relations, Minor in Dance
MA Dance Theories and Practices at UNC-Greensboro 2020

CHOREOGRAPHER AND DANCE TEACHER

"I was presented with endless opportunities to express my creativity and experience the professional dance industry. The most valuable part was collaborating with other students and developing relationships with my mentors."

For more information about HPU's Dance Program, contact: