

DEPARTMENT OF DANCE AND CHOREOGRAPHY

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The VCU Department of Dance and Choreography offers a pre-professional program that provides students with numerous opportunities for individual artistic growth in a community that values communication, collaboration and self-motivation. The department provides an invigorating educational environment designed to prepare students for the demands and challenges of a career as an informed and engaged artist in the field of dance.

Graduates of the program thrive as performers, makers, teachers, administrators and in many other facets of the field of dance. Alongside general education courses, dance-focused academics and creative-process classes (i.e. composition and choreography), dance majors are typically required to take two technique classes daily throughout the majority of their studies. The continuous study of modern/contemporary dance and ballet is a strong component of the curriculum. In addition, elective courses in partnering, jazz, hip hop, West African, contact improvisation, yoga, Pilates and other studio experiences are offered, rounding out a curriculum that also involves studies in anatomy and dance science, dance history, and music, among other areas. The program also provides opportunities for repertory experience and independent study. VCU is an accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Dance.