

Western Michigan University Department of Dance
Bachelor of Arts in Dance (52 hours).....Recommended* Sequence of Required Courses

<u>YEAR 1 – Freshman Year - Fall Semester (semester 1)</u>	<u>16 Credits</u>
2 Dance Technique Courses (DANC1100, 1200, 1300, etc.)	4
DANC 1000 – First Year Performance	2
DANC 1860 – Music for Dancers	3
ART, MUS, or THEA Liberal Arts requirement	3
General Education, Proficiency 1 recommended (ENGL 1050)	4
<u>YEAR 1 – Freshman Year - Spring Semester (semester 2)</u>	<u>15 Credits</u>
1 Dance Technique Course (DANC1100, 1200, 1300, etc.)**	2
DANC1950 – Intro/Bartenieff Fundamentals	1
DANC1960 – Conditioning for Dancers	2
ART, MUS, or THEA Liberal Arts requirement	3
General Education, 2 courses (Proficiency 3 and/or Area VI recommended)	7
<u>YEAR 2 – Sophomore Year - Fall Semester (semester 3)</u>	<u>16 Credits</u>
1 Dance Technique Course (DANC2100, 2200, 2300, etc.)**	2
DANC1210 – Roots of Jazz	2
DANC1800 – The Creative Choreographer	3
ART, MUS, or THEA Liberal Arts requirement	3
General Education, 2 courses	6
<u>YEAR 2 – Sophomore Year - Spring Semester (semester 4)</u>	<u>16 Credits</u>
1 Dance Technique Course (DANC2100, 2200, 2300, etc.)**	2
DANC2450 – Ballet History	3
DANC3890 – Lighting/Staging for Dance	2
3 credits liberal arts/declared minor	3
General Education, 2 courses	6
<u>YEAR 3 – Junior Year - Fall Semester (semester 5)</u>	<u>17 Credits</u>
1 Dance Technique Course (DANC2100, 2200, 2300, etc.)**	2
DANC3450 – 20 th Century American Dance History (Proficiency 2)	3
DANC2800 – Choreographing for a New Millennium	3
3 credits liberal arts/declared minor	3
General Education, 2 courses	6
<u>YEAR 3 – Junior Year - Spring Semester (semester 6)</u>	<u>14 Credits</u>
1 Dance Technique Course (DANC2100, 2200, 2300, etc.)**	2
DANC2950 – Intro Dance Science/Kinesiology	3
DANC4600 – Performance	1
Dance Theory Elective	2
3 credits liberal arts/declared minor	3
General Education, 1 course	3
<u>YEAR 4 – Senior Year - Fall Semester (semester 7)</u>	<u>14 Credits</u>
1 Dance Technique Course (DANC3100, 3200, 3300, etc.)**	2
DANC4400 – Teaching Dance Technique	2
DANC4450 – Senior Seminar	1
6 credits liberal arts/declared minor	6
General Education, 2 courses	6
<u>YEAR 4 – Senior Year - Spring Semester (semester 8)</u>	<u>13 Credits</u>
1 Dance Technique Course (DANC3100, 3200, 3300, etc.)**	2
DANC4700 – Senior Capstone	2
Dance Theory Elective	3
6 credits liberal arts/declared minor	6

**Students may elect to take additional dance technique classes each semester to improve their technique

*The above is a recommendation only, not all theory courses are offered every semester. Projected course offerings are available online at www.wmich.edu/dance/academics; students are encouraged to create a personal plan with their academic advisor and monitor their progress using DegreeWorks through the GoWMU Portal.