

**Western Michigan University Department of Dance**  
**Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance (79 hours).....Recommended\* Sequence of Required Courses**

<b><u>YEAR 1 – Freshman Year - Fall Semester (semester 1)</u></b>	<b><u>16 credits</u></b>
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 Related Studies	3
General Education, Proficiency 1 recommended (ENGL 1050)	4
<b><u>YEAR 1 – Freshman Year - Spring Semester (semester 2)</u></b>	<b><u>16 credits</u></b>
2 Dance Technique Courses (DANC1100, 1200, 1300, etc.)	4
DANC1960 – Conditioning for Dancers	2
DANC1800 – The Creative Choreographer	3
General Education, 2 courses (Proficiency 3 and/or Area VI recommended)	7
<b><u>YEAR 2 – Sophomore Year - Fall Semester (semester 3)</u></b>	<b><u>16 credits</u></b>
2 Dance Technique Courses (DANC2100, 2200, 2300, etc.)	4
DANC1950 – Intro/Bartenieff Fundamentals	1
DANC1210 – Roots of Jazz	2
DANC2800 – Choreographing for a New Millennium	3
General Education, 2 courses (Proficiency 3 recommended)	6
<b><u>YEAR 2 – Sophomore Year - Spring Semester (semester 4)</u></b>	<b><u>16 credits</u></b>
2 Dance Technique Courses (DANC2100, 2200, 2300, etc.)	4
DANC2450 – Ballet History	3
DANC3890 – Lighting/Staging for Dance	2
DANC4600 - Performance	1
General Education/Related Studies, 2 courses	6
<b><u>YEAR 3 – Junior Year - Fall Semester (semester 5)</u></b>	<b><u>16 credits</u></b>
2 Dance Technique Courses (DANC2100, 2200, 2300, etc.)	4
DANC3450 – 20 <sup>th</sup> Century American Dance History (Proficiency 2)	3
DANC4400 – Teaching Dance Technique	2
General Education/Related Studies, 2 courses	6
<b><u>YEAR 3 – Junior Year - Spring Semester (semester 6)</u></b>	<b><u>16 credits</u></b>
2 Dance Technique Courses (DANC3100, 3200, 3300, etc.)	4
DANC2950 – Intro Dance Science/Kinesiology	3
DANC2960 – Laban Movement Analysis	2
DANC4600 - Performance	1
General Education, 2 courses	6
<b><u>YEAR 4 – Senior Year - Fall Semester (semester 7)</u></b>	<b><u>14 credits</u></b>
2 Dance Technique Courses (DANC3100, 3200, 3300, etc.)	4
DANC3800 – The Choreographer in the Community	3
DANC4000 – Practicum (TA dance technique class)	1
DANC4890 – Dance Management	2
DANC4450 – Senior Seminar	1
General Education	3
<b><u>YEAR 4 – Senior Year - Spring Semester (semester 8)</u></b>	<b><u>12 credits</u></b>
2 Dance Technique Courses (DANC3100, 3200, 3300, etc.)	4
DANC4800 – Graduating Presentation	3
DANC4600 – Performance (2 dances)	2
Elective Credits	3

\*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](http://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.