



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

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*Mark A. Emmert, President*

October 8, 2007

Interim Dean Ron Irving  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Box 353765

Dear Ron:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the revised admission requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Dance. A copy of the change is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Dance Program is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2007.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

Mark A. Emmert  
President

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Betsy Cooper (with enclosure)  
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)  
Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)  
Todd Mildon, J.D. (with enclosure DANCE-200700608)

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**CREATING AND CHANGING UNDERGRADUATE  
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College ARTS AND SCIENCES	Department or Unit DANCE PROGRAM	Date 6/8/07
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**New Programs**

- Leading to a Bachelor of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ degree.
- Leading to a Bachelor of \_\_\_\_\_ degree with a major in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Leading to a \_\_\_\_\_ Option within the existing major in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Leading to a minor in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Changes to Existing Programs**

- New Admission Requirements for the Major in \_\_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in DANCE within the Bachelor of ARTS
- Revised Program Requirements for the Major in \_\_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Revised Requirements for the Option in \_\_\_\_\_ within the major in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Revised Requirements for the Minor in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Other Changes**

- Change name of program from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- New or Revised Continuation Policy for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Eliminate program in \_\_\_\_\_.

Proposed Effective Date:

**Quarter:**  Autumn  Winter  Spring  Summer      **Year:** 20 07

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**EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE**

For new programs, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. *(Use additional pages if necessary).*

The Dance Program seeks to increase access to the dance major by instituting a rolling admission policy and simplifying the application process. The faculty believes these changes are in keeping with our status as a major with minimum admission requirements. We anticipate these changes will facilitate time to degree.

**CATALOG COPY**

Catalogue Copy as currently written. Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if you request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.

**Program Admission Requirements**

Application deadline (transcript and essay) is March 1. Acceptance is during spring quarter for autumn quarter admission and coursework planning.

- 1. Unofficial transcript
- 2. Two-page (maximum) essay. Applicants write on one of four topics. Details regarding essay topics and format are available from the Dance Program Web site, or at the Dance Program Office.
- 3. Two-hour technique assessment class prior to beginning of spring quarter (date and time are posted on the program Web site). Prospective applicants unable to attend this assessment class should contact the Dance Program adviser to make alternate arrangements. For additional information regarding application procedure and time/date/location of the spring quarter assessment class, contact the Dance Program adviser or visit the Dance Program Web site.

**PROPOSED CATALOG COPY**

Reflecting requested changes (Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications)

**Program Admission Requirements**

Application to the Dance major is ongoing. Students interested in applying to the major are encouraged to contact the Dance Program's academic adviser.

- 1. Unofficial transcript.
- 2. ~~Interested students must be enrolled in a UW ballet or modern technique class so that full-time faculty may evaluate their technique. This allows the department to provide the student a recommendation as to appropriate technique levels for further study. Incoming freshmen or transfer students should meet with the program adviser as soon as possible to determine a good starting point for coursework at the UW.~~ **MENT**

For more information on the Dance Major, contact the Dance Program adviser or visit the Dance Program Web site.

*see attached.*

**SIGNATURES (required)**

Chair/Program Director <i>Elizabeth Cooper</i>	Date <i>6/8/07</i>
Dean <i>Ellen A. Kaysi</i>	Date <i>JUN 26 2007</i>
College Committee <i>Pepp</i>	Date <i>JUN 26 2007</i>
Faculty Council on Academic Standards <i>Henry</i>	Date <i>6/5/07</i>



## DANCE-20070608 Supplement:

### Dance Program Admissions Requirements:

#### Current:

Application deadline (transcript and essay) is March 1. Acceptance is during spring quarter for autumn quarter admission and coursework planning.

- 1) Unofficial transcript
- 2) Two-page (maximum) essay. Applications write on one of four topics. Details regarding essay topics and format are available from the Dance Program Web site, or at the Dance Program Office.
- 3) Two-hour technique assessment class prior to beginning of spring quarter (date and time are posted on the program Web site). Prospective applicants unable to attend this assessment class should contact the Dance Program adviser to make alternative arrangements. For additional information regarding application procedure and time/date/location of the spring quarter assessment class, contact the Dance Program adviser or visit the Dance Program Web site.

#### Proposed:

Applications that meet the following criteria are accepted during autumn, winter, and spring quarters.

- 1) 2.00 cumulative GPA.
- 2) Interview with Dance Program advisor to assess applicants' dance background and preparation for the major to ensure proper placement in dance coursework.
- 3) Current enrollment in a UW dance technique course (ballet or modern) so faculty can determine that each student demonstrates the minimum level of dance skill required to ensure timely completion of requirements, and to evaluate the student's appropriate level for further dance study.

## **Studying Dance at the University of Washington**

### **The Dance Major**

The University of Washington Dance Program offers a dance major leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree. The curriculum offers a highly integrated course of study with a rigorous balance between creative work and academic study. Students will understand dance as an art form and as a cultural practice, and are given the opportunity to explore dance from multiple perspectives: kinesthetic, scientific, historic, aesthetic, compositional, musical, technological and ethnographic. Ballet and modern dance are the primary techniques, along with classes in non-western dance forms, somatic practices, and jazz. The Dance Program produces four concerts annually. Additional performance and choreographic opportunities are available through concerts sponsored by the Dance Student Association. In keeping with the liberal arts setting, students are encouraged to find the convergence between dance and other academic and artistic pursuits that interest them. Faculty and advisors work closely with students to guide them on the educational track that best serves their career goals. The undergraduate curriculum serves as preparation for graduate study, a performance career, dance related occupations such as physical therapy and dance therapy, and other fields demanding strong communication skills, creativity, commitment, and the ability to work both collaboratively and independently.

### **Application Procedures for the Major**

Application to the major is ongoing and only available to current University of Washington students. Students interested in applying to the dance major are encouraged to contact the Dance Program's academic adviser. To apply, a student needs to submit an unofficial copy of their transcript (to confirm minimum GPA and time to degree). In addition, students must be enrolled in a UW technique class (ballet or modern) so that faculty may evaluate their technique. This allows the department to provide the student a recommendation as to appropriate technique levels for further study. Incoming freshmen or transfer students should meet with the Program adviser as soon as possible to determine a good starting point for coursework at the UW.

Students interested in the dance major are encouraged to visit the Dance Program and to attend UW dance performances. Prospective students should write or call ahead for an appointment and come prepared to participate in a dance technique class. The academic dance adviser and faculty members are always happy to answer questions about the Dance Program.

### **The Dance Minor**

The Dance Minor consists of 25 credits: 15 credits of technique (ballet, modern or jazz) and 10 credits of academic coursework (Dance History, Anatomy for Dance, etc). Applications can be completed at anytime as long as the student has a minimum of 90 credits and has taken at least one Dance course at the UW. No special appointments are necessary to complete the dance minor paperwork.