VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS B.A.
Dance Option

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GENERAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Minimum Graduation Requirements
- 120 credit hours
- 45 upper-division credit hours (3000-4999 level)
- 2.0 CU cumulative GPA
- Residency: At least 30 credit hours of the degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences at UCCS.

Student Responsibilities
Students are required to know and follow:
- All academic policies set forth by the University, College, and academic department in the UCCS Catalog: catalog.uccs.edu
- All course prerequisites designated by the University. Failure to meet course prerequisites may result in an administrative drop of the course from a student's schedule. See degree audit for course prerequisites within the academic major.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Explore VAPA - Dance: Theatre & Dance | Visual & Performing Arts (uccs.edu)

Major Requirements			
VAPA – Dance Option **(60 hours)** - Requires a minimum of 48 credit hours of DNCE and THTR course work, and an additional 12 hours of VAPA department course work. - Requires a minimum of 35 credit hours of upper-division (3000+ level) VAPA course work. - All VAPA course work must have a grade of "C" or better. *A Practicum is **NOT** a traditional class. **Enrollment in Practicums are strictly by consent of the program director. Students should *only* register for these experiences *after* they have been cast or assigned a duty in an upcoming production.** **NOTE:** All VAPA Dance majors must meet with the department's Program Director each semester for faculty advising. Contact the Dance Program Director for details.	**Course/Area**	**Course Title**	**Credit Hours**
	VAPA 1000-level Core course	*Complete any one 1000-level VAPA Core course. See Degree Audit for the complete list of courses.*	3
	VAPA 3000-level Core courses	*Complete any two 3000-level VAPA Core courses. See Degree Audit for the complete list of courses.*	6
	DNCE 1000	Dance Appreciation	3
	DNCE 2700	Fundamentals of Dance Technique	3
	THTR 2000	Introduction to Technical Theatre	4
	THTR 2020	Acting Workshop I	3
	DNCE 3201	Topics in Early Dance History	3
	DNCE 3202	Topics in Contemporary Dance History	3
	DNCE 4700	Dance Composition I	3
	DNCE 4710	Dance Composition II	3
	DNCE 4393	Dance Capstone	1
	Practicum Experience*	*4 productions, 1 credit each. Complete 4 credit hours of Practicum courses, including at least 1 credit hour of each of the following:* DNCE 3390 - Dance Performance Practicum DNCE 3391 - Dance Technical Practicum DNCE 3392 - Dance Choreography Practicum	4
	Upper-Division DNCE Electives	*Complete 12 hours of upper-division (3000+) Dance electives from the list below:* DNCE 3700, 3720, 3730, 3750, 3760, 3800, 4900	12
	DNCE Electives	Complete an additional 6 hours of UNUSED Dance electives, any level. *Note: Theatre electives may be substituted with approval from the Program Director.*	6
	Cross-Disciplinary Electives	*Complete 3 hours of 2000-level or higher cross-disciplinary coursework from other VAPA areas:* *AH, FILM, MSGP, MUS, or VA.*	3

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General Education and Elective Requirements

Core Writing Requirement (6 hours)	• ENGL 1310, 1308, or 1305 *(Students choosing ENGL 1305 must complete ENGL 1300 first.)* • ENGL 1410 • Writing Portfolio – PORT 3000 (0 credits) or PORT 4000 (1 credit) or alternative – See Degree Audit
Reasoning Skills (3 hours)	See the degree audit for course options.
Core Humanities (3 hours)	• HUM 3990 o This course also fulfills Navigate and one Writing Intensive course.
Natural Sciences Lab (1 hour)	• See Degree Audit o This can be taken as part of an Explore – PNW course that has a lab component
Oral Communication	• THTR 2020
LAS Language other than English Requirement	Complete two semesters of a language other than English equivalent to 1010 & 1020 with high school, transfer, placement exam, or UCCS coursework. *Courses taken to fulfill this requirement may also count toward Compass Curriculum Explore - Arts, Humanities and Cultures or general electives. See degree audit for details.*

Compass Curriculum (21 hours) • Explore and Navigate courses must be taken in departments other than the major. • Writing Intensive, Inclusiveness, and Sustainability courses may count toward other requirements within the degree.	**Component**	**Course**
	Gateway Program Seminar	GPS 1010
	Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures *(2 courses)*	See Degree Audit
	Explore – Society, Behavior and Health *(2 courses)*	See Degree Audit
	Explore – Physical and Natural World *(2 courses)*	See Degree Audit
	Navigate	HUM 3990 (included in LAS gen ed requirements)
	Summit	THTR 4393 (included in major requirements)
	Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) *(2 courses)* *Must include one upper-division (3000+ level)*	• HUM 3990 (included in LAS gen ed requirements) • See Degree Audit
	Inclusiveness *(2 courses)*	See Degree Audit
	Sustainability	See Degree Audit

General Electives (26 hours)	Complete additional courses to meet total and upper-division requirements for your degree program.

FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PLAN

Please note that this is an *example* degree program and your program may vary. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.**

Year One

√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
	ENGL 1310	3		ENGL 1410	3
	DNCE 1000	3		DNCE 2700	3
	GPS 1010	3		THTR 2020	3
	Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		VAPA 1000-Level Core Course	3
	Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3
	TOTAL	15		**TOTAL**	15

Year Two

√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
	THTR 2000	4		DNCE Elective	3
	DNCE Elective	3		Reasoning Skills Course *(INDS 1050)*	3
	VAPA Cross-Disciplinary Course	3		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3
	Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3
	General Elective *(Writing Intensive)*	3		Natural Science Lab	1
	TOTAL	16		**TOTAL**	13

Year Three

√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
	DNCE 3201	3		DNCE 3202	3
	DNCE 4700	3		DNCE 4710	3
	DNCE 3390 - Practicum	1		DNCE 3391 - Practicum	1
	Upper-Division (UD) DNCE Elective	3		UD DNCE Elective	3
	HUM 3990	3		VAPA 3000-Level Core Course	3
	General Elective *(Inclusiveness)*	3		General Elective	3
	TOTAL	16		**TOTAL**	16

Year Four

√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
	DNCE 3392 - Practicum	1		DNCE 4393 - Practicum	1
	DNCE Practicum	1		UD DNCE Elective	3
	UD DNCE Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
	VAPA 3000-Level Core Course	3		UD General Elective	4
	General Elective	3		General Elective *(Sustainability)*	3
	General Elective *(Inclusiveness)*	4			
	TOTAL	15		**TOTAL**	14

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