

MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN DANCE

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/dance/graduate-dance-programs/master-of-fine-arts-mfa/>

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours Required

63 semester credit hours (SCH), including choreography/performance culminating project and professional paper. The M.F.A. is a three-year course of study.

Code	Title	SCHs
Technique (Must be registered for at least one technique course every semester)		
Six credits of either of the following are required		6
DNCE 5301	Techniques in Contemporary Dance I	
DNCE 5311	Techniques in Contemporary Dance II	
Three additional credits, which may also include		3
DNCE 5281	Advanced Ballet Technique I	
DNCE 5291	Advanced Ballet Technique II	
DNCE 5911	Independent Study (Urban Global)	
Choreography & Performance/Creating a Body of Work		
Developing Artistic Vision and Practice:		
DNCE 5211	Workshop in Dance (Somatic Practices)	1
DNCE 5232	Improvisation and Spontaneous Choreography	2
DNCE 5233	Workshop in Dance (Guest Artist Residency)	3
DNCE 5252	Dance Choreography: Art of Remembering	2
DNCE 5253	Artistic Process	3
DNCE 5262	Dance in Alternative Venues	2
DNCE 5272	Dance Artist as Entrepreneur: Grant Writing and Media Marketing	2
Implementing Artistic Vision/Practice:		
DNCE 5443	Independent Dance Making Project (Taken three times.)	9
DNCE 5453	Culminating Project I: Project Proposal	3
DNCE 5463	Culminating Project II: Rehearsal and Performance	3
Performance:		
DNCE 5101	Dance Performance (Taken two times.)	2
Dance Praxis		
DNCE 5023	Methods of Research in Dance	3
DNCE 5223	Historical and Cultural Study of Dance	3
DNCE 5243	Pedagogical Foundations for Dance	3
DNCE 5433	Contemporary Contexts of Dance	3
DNCE 5973	Professional Paper (with Final Oral Presentation)	3
Electives		7
Total SCHs		63

Special Requirements

Continuation in the program is contingent upon successful completion of the first year review. Students unable to complete either the Culminating Project Proposal or Culminating Project Analysis within two semesters may be dismissed from the program.

Comprehensive Final Examination

Oral examination encompassing academic and artistic aspects of the program. May be repeated once at discretion of the committee.

Special Requirements for all Master's Degrees

Students are required to maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or better in all courses applied to the degree. A grade of C or below in any course will not count toward the Master of Arts or Master of Fine Arts degree.

Attendance Requirement

The program requires one summer intensive and two weekend residencies in the Fall and Spring semesters during the coursework. Students should follow the prescribed sequence of courses, and attend all on-campus residencies and meetings. Contact the Department of Dance (<https://www.twu.edu/dance/>) for the dates of summer intensives and residencies.