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Entrance Requirements

Official High School Transcripts, including a 12th Grade class schedule if applicable

SAT or ACT Scores

\$25.00 application fee

Major Requirements

BA

40 credits core courses

18-22 credits dance technique

62 credits Liberal Studies and modern language proficiency

120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation

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Programs

The Dance Department is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Dance. The Bachelor of Arts major program is a modern dance program that focuses equally on performing, choreography and teaching, thereby providing students with a well-rounded education. We are known for our outstanding ability to educate dancers by dramatically increasing students' dancing ability and level of knowledge about dance. The faculty prides themselves on their ability to spot artistic potential, and then work with each student to perfect technique, performance, choreography, and teaching skills. Wellness for Dancers and Dance Technology are also strong components of the dance curriculum. In the SRU Dance Department, students will find a warm, friendly, safe and disciplined environment in which to explore, learn, and grow. A student wishing to major in dance at SRU (incoming freshman, transfer students or currently enrolled students), must participate in an audition class in modern dance and ballet. Contact the Dance Department for audition dates.

Career Opportunities

The Bachelor of Arts degree in dance can lead to many career opportunities, including: Artistic directorship of a dance company; Choreographer; Dance/Arts administrator; Dance captain; Dance company manager; Dance critic; Dance historian and writer; Dance kinesiologist; Dance notator; Dance science or medicine specialist; Dance technology specialist; Dance therapist; Dance videographer; Lighting designer; Liturgical dance specialist; Massage or body therapist; MFA/MA study; Performer; Rehearsal director; Stage manager; Teacher; Technical director; Wellness and fitness specialist; as well as other related fields.

Liberal Education Requirements*

Approximately one-half of a student's courses will be credited toward completing liberal studies requirements. The liberal studies program is designed to provide students with the breadth of knowledge expected of an educated person in our society. These courses compliment the depth of specialty acquired in a student's major.

The program contains seven critical goals or areas of study. For each area, students select one or two classes from a selection of "goal courses." In addition,

in some areas of study, students select a course from a wide class selection identified as “enrichment courses.” These courses provide the opportunity to broaden and deepen knowledge in the goal area. Lastly, co-curricular “Supporting Experiences,” are identified. These activities and programs are available to all students and encompass working on student publications, belonging to honorary societies or working with various on-campus special interest groups.

Goal I: Basic Competencies

Goal II: The Arts

Goal III: Cultural Diversity and Global Perspective

Goal IV: Human Institutions and Interpersonal Relationships

Goal V: Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Goal VI: Our National Experience

Goal VII: Challenges of the Modern Age

**All SRU students must complete the liberal studies requirements, which are counted in the total credit hours required for graduation and may be contained in the Major Requirements previously listed.*

Specialized Information

The Department of Dance offers a dance minor that is designed to prepare students to apply dance principles, concepts and techniques in their chosen professional environments. Individuals pursuing a dance minor are required to complete a minimum of 24 hours of designated courses. Dance minor students must follow the same audition procedures as the dance major, as outlined above.

The resident performing company, Slippery Rock University Dance Theater, is open to all university students regardless of their major. SRU Dance Department presents one formal concert each year, with additional performances of selected dances at festivals, conferences and/or performances, tours, and lecture/demonstrations. The SRU Dance Department choreographers and performers undergo a rigorous rehearsal and audition process, which culminates in the pre-professional concert that has become a major part of the cultural life on campus.

Academic Programs 2004-2005



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