

DANCE, A.A.

The Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Dance (non-transfer) is available by completing the 21-23 required units in the major and all MSJC General Education Option A requirements. This two-year concentration prepares the student for the rigors of teaching within the local studio system, recreational centers, after-school programs, or in opening their own studios. Students are immersed in a comprehensive program of dance study with a focus on choreography, improvisation, performance, history, and core techniques in commercial and contemporary styles. The Certificate of Achievement in Dance is completed on the path to this degree. If interested in transfer, students should instead pursue the transfer AA in Dance.

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Program Map

Design Your Future!

Begin by exploring MSJC program maps to find career or transfer (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/?radius=®ion=All%20Regions>) opportunities. Program maps show the recommended course sequence that leads to graduation or transfer. The maps were developed by program experts to give you the skills and knowledge you need to succeed.

- **Starting in Spring?** Choose Fall Semester 1 courses.
- **Are you a part-time student?** Start Fall Semester 1 courses and follow the course sequence.

MSJC General Education Option A

Fall Semester 1		Units
ENGL-101	College Composition	3
MATH-115	Ideas of Mathematics	3
DAN-100	History and Appreciation of Dance	3
DAN-120	Conditioning and Alignment	1.5
Select two of the following:		4
DAN-121A	Beginning Ballet (Select two of the following:)	
DAN-122A	Beginning Modern Dance	
DAN-123A	Beginning Jazz Dance	
DAN-131A	Beginning Hip Hop (formerly DAN-131)	
DAN-124	Beginning Tap Dance	
Units		14.5

Spring Semester 1		Units
ANTH-101	Biological Anthropology	3
ANTH-111	Biological Anthropology Lab	1
DAN-212 or DAN-213	Dance Production or Dance Performance	1
HIST-111 or HIST-112 or PS-101	U.S. History to 1877 or U.S. History Since 1865 or Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
DAN-125	Choreography I	3
DAN-201	Dances of the World	1
Select two of the following:		4
DAN-121B	Advanced Beginning Ballet	

DAN-122B	Advanced Beginning Modern Dance	
DAN-123B	Advanced Beginning Jazz Dance	
DAN-131B	Advanced Beginning Hip Hop	
DAN-129	Intermediate Tap Dance	
Units		16
Fall Semester 2		Units
COMM-100	Public Speaking	3
DAN-108	Improvisation for Dance and Theater	3
DAN-214	Dance Touring Ensemble	3
DAN-212 or DAN-213	Dance Production or Dance Performance	2
Select two of the following:		4
DAN-126A	Intermediate Modern Dance	
DAN-127A	Intermediate Jazz Dance	
DAN-128A	Intermediate Ballet	
DAN-135A	Intermediate Hip Hop	
Units		15
Spring Semester 2		Units
DAN-225	Choreography II	3
PE-120 or PE-112	Beginning Yoga or Body Conditioning	1
DAN-133	History of Popular Dance in the United States	3
DAN-115	Pilates Mat Work 1	1
Select two of the following:		4
DAN-126B	Advanced Intermediate Modern Dance	
DAN-127B	Advanced Intermediate Jazz Dance	
DAN-128B	Advanced Intermediate Ballet	
DAN-135B	Advanced Intermediate Hip Hop	
Select one of the following:		3
ETHS/PS-103	Ethnic Politics in America	
ETHS-112	Introduction to Chicana/o/x Studies	
ETHS/SJS-113	Introduction to Black Studies	
ETHS/HIST-160	Black History in American Context	
ETHS/LIT-240	American Indian Literature	
ETHS/LIT-275	Latinx/Chicanx Literature	
ETHS/LIT-280	Multiethnic Literature (formerly ENGL-280)	
ANTH/HIST-121	Indigenous Peoples of California	
Units		15
Total Units		60.5

NOTE: Higher-level dance courses can be taken by audition. Other levels of technique courses can be substituted as needed.

Note: AREA G (Math Competency) can be demonstrated by a high school math course at or above the level of Algebra 2 with a grade of C or better.

Requirements

An Associate Degree in this program requires students to complete MSJC's local General Education, Option A, by fulfilling all general education areas. In addition, students must complete all major requirements and complete an overall total of 60 degree applicable units with a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Course	Title	Credits
MSJC General Education Option A (https://catalog.msjc.edu/degrees-certificates-curricula/general-education-option-a/)		24
Required Dance Courses		9
Required Dance Production/Performance Courses		3
Dance Electives		9-11
Electives (as needed to reach 60 units)		
Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
DAN-100/HIST-151	History and Appreciation of Dance	3
DAN-125	Choreography I	3
DAN-133	History of Popular Dance in the United States	3
Required Production/Performance Courses ¹		
DAN-212	Dance Production	3
or DAN-213	Dance Performance	
Elective Courses		
<i>Area A - Required Courses</i>		
Select 6-8 units from at least two different subjects/genres of dance below:		6-8
DAN-120	Conditioning and Alignment	
DAN-121A	Beginning Ballet	
DAN-121B	Advanced Beginning Ballet	
DAN-122A	Beginning Modern Dance	
DAN-122B	Advanced Beginning Modern Dance	
DAN-123A	Beginning Jazz Dance	
DAN-123B	Advanced Beginning Jazz Dance	
DAN-124	Beginning Tap Dance	
DAN-126A	Intermediate Modern Dance	
DAN-126B	Advanced Intermediate Modern Dance	
DAN-127A	Intermediate Jazz Dance	
DAN-127B	Advanced Intermediate Jazz Dance	
DAN-128A	Intermediate Ballet	
DAN-128B	Advanced Intermediate Ballet	
DAN-129	Intermediate Tap Dance	
DAN-131A	Beginning Hip Hop (formerly DAN-131)	
DAN-131B	Advanced Beginning Hip Hop	
DAN-135A	Intermediate Hip Hop	
DAN-135B	Advanced Intermediate Hip Hop	
DAN-201	Dances of the World	
<i>Area B - Required Courses</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
DAN-108 & THA-108	Improvisation for Dance and Theater and Improvisation for Dance and Theater	
DAN-214	Dance Touring Ensemble	
DAN-225	Choreography II	
Total Units		21-23

¹ Units may be combined from DAN-212 Dance Production and DAN-213 Dance Performance to satisfy the 3 unit requirement in this section.

It is highly recommended that the student be enrolled in a technique class (or more than one) every semester.

Career Exploration

Discover information about careers that interest you!

1. Take a **Career Quiz** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/assessment/>) to learn about yourself and receive career suggestions based on your interests.
2. Search available **in-demand jobs** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/browse-careers/>) in your career areas of interest and find up-to-date salaries and education requirements.
3. Find the **MSJC Program** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/browse-programs/>) that connects your interests to a career.

Note: There are no guaranteed positions for students completing these programs. Education and work experience required will vary by employer. The salary and benefits for specific occupations will be dependent on work experience, education, background, and employer.