

## FIRST YEAR

Choose 1	Communication
Choose 1	American History
Choose 1	Mathematics
DANC 1202	Dance Improvisation
Choose 1	DANC 33XX-43XX Required Dance
Choose 1	Technique Course: Modern or Ballet
Choose 1	DANC 33XX-43XX Additional
Choose 1	Dance Technique 1

## SECOND YEAR

Choose 1	BIOL 2401	Anatomy and Physiology I
Choose 1	DANC 33XX-43XX Required Dance	Technique Course: Modern or Ballet
Choose 1	DANC 33XX-43XX Additional	Dance Technique 1
Choose 1	DANC 2303	Music for Dancers
Choose 1	DANC 3112	Dance Performance: Intermediate or Advanced DANC 2112 or 3112
Choose 1	Choose 1	Creative Arts
Choose 1	Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture
Choose 1	BIOL 2402	Anatomy and Physiology II
Choose 1	DANC 33XX-43XX Required Dance	Technique Course: Modern or Ballet
Choose 1	DANC 3112	Dance Performance: Intermediate/Advanced DANC 2112 or 3112

## THIRD YEAR

Choose 1	Government/Political Science	
Choose 1	Social and Behavioral Sciences	
DANC 3301	Choreography I	
DANC 3308	Dance History	
Choose 1	DANC 33XX - 43XX Additional	
Choose 1	Dance Technique 1	
DANC 3112	Dance Performance: Intermediate/Advanced	
Choose 1	Choose 1	Government/Political Science
Choose 1	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning
DANC 3311	Dance Production	
DANC 3302	Choreography II	
Choose 1	DANC 32XX - 42XX:	
DANC 3112	Dance Performance: Intermediate/Advanced	
33XX-43XX	Restricted Electives- Liberal Arts/ Fine Arts Adv. Elective	
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## FOURTH YEAR

Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning
DANC 3313	World Dance
DANC 3320	Dance Science
DANC 3121	Dance Science Lab
DANC 4302	Senior Project (Capstone)
Choose 1	DANC 32XX - 42XX Dance Technique 4
DANC 3112	Dance Performance: Intermediate/Advanced
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DANC 4309	Dance Theory
Choose 1	DANC 32XX - 42XX Dance Technique Adv. Elective
DANC 3112	Dance Performance: Intermediate/Advanced
33XX-43XX	Restricted Electives- Liberal Arts/ Fine Arts Adv. Elective
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### 2019-2020 ACADEMIC PLAN

Courses in red are part of the General Education Core Curriculum (GEC). "Choose 1" indicates course options. If options are not listed, please review the degree plan for this major: [www.utrgv.edu/degreeplans](http://www.utrgv.edu/degreeplans).

### Additional Info

**Admission requirements**  
Official entry into Dance Program is through an interview process at the end of the required course, Introduction to Dance (DANC 1351), and a 2.50 core curriculum GPA.

**Progression requirements**  
For all technique courses, a minimum of one year required at each level and/or faculty approval to advance. Must have a grade of 'C' or better in all DANC courses.

**Graduation Requirements**  
To graduate, a minimum of 120 hours plus GPA's 2.5 or greater in Major, Minor & General Education; a ranking of Satisfactory or higher in Professional Portfolio.

### Contact Info

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**Location: EHPE 2.115**  
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# BLUE PRINT

**DANCE (BFA)**  
**Catalog: 2019-20**  
**COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS**

### Degree Info

The Dance Program holds placement auditions for future technique courses. Entry auditions are required for acceptance into the BFA program.

# BLUEPRINT EXPERIENCES

## FIRST YEAR

## SECOND YEAR

## THIRD YEAR

## FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND

## CAREERS

### MILESTONES

- UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. Make it a point to visit them!
- Complete your core English classes (section 010) during your first year.
- Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.
- Shoot for a GPA of 2.50.
- Take Mathematics in your first year.

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- Complete 30 credit hours.

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- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.

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- "I have a plan for after graduation." If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!
- Register for your Capstone/senior/portfolio project: DANC 4302 Senior Project
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment.

### ADVICE & SUPPORT

- Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!
- Choose a major with confidence- Visit my.UTRGV.edu and check out MyMajors!
- Visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about class.
- Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your group.
- Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits.

- Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors!
- Come ready with course suggestions and questions when you visit your academic advisor.
- Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your speeches.
- Trouble making your tuition payment? The Financial Aid Office can help. Payment plans and emergency loans are also available

- Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization such as American College Dance Association.
- Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for graduation next year.
- Apply for internship and/or job shadowing opportunities. Discuss this with your advisor, faculty mentor, or Career Center.

- Discuss future plans with your faculty mentor or advisor that includes employment, finances, and other life goals.
- Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated date. Visit the Academic Advising Center to ensure you are on track.

### APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN

- Look for a service-learning course! For guidance, visit Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project.
- Ask a student in class to study with you.

- To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.

- Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!
- Sharpen your writing skills! Visit the Writing Center or become the secretary for your organization.

- Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium.
- Set up an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in.

### GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.
- Attend a diversity based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service).
- Attend a departmental program such as our Dance program.
- Join a student organization! Consider looking into our Dance website at utrgv.edu/dance or visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.

- Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to International Programs and Partnership.
- Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.
- Join another student organization. Perhaps visit our Dance website at utrgv.edu/dance or visit VLink for options.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch- bring a friend!

- Consider serving on a campus life/community committee or become a student leader and make a difference. Visit VLink or speak with your Student Government Association for more information!
- Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for International Programs & Partnerships.

- Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job fairs, online, at on-campus information sessions, staffing agencies, etc. The Career Center can help.
- Before a job interview, schedule a mock interview with the Career Center or speech coaching with the Communication Hauser Lab.

### LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake icon: (My.UTRGV.edu).
- Got summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some job shadowing.
- Research shows that students who work on campus perform better than those who work off campus. Look for a job on Handshake!
- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger- locate and attend one student workshop.

- Update your resume in Handshake and have it reviewed.
- Visit the Career Center site to find a job fair to attend. At the event, approach a recruiter and discuss internships.
- Will a minor expand your career options? We recommend music or theatre.
- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.

- Check out the utrgv.edu/dance program website for postings on career/graduate school.
- Think about three people you can ask for letters of recommendation (professors, mentors, advisors, supervisors, etc.). Give them at least two weeks' advance notice!
- When is the deadline for your graduate school application? Visiting the program admissions webpage. Most do not accept late applicants!

- Have you received your acceptance for graduate school or an employment offer? If not, network: talk to faculty, the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.
- Formulate and implement a strategy for life after graduation: attend career fairs, graduate fairs, apply to fellowships, etc.
- Update your information with Alumni Relations. Enjoy alumni mixers, events and continued access to Career Center services!
- Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov.

- K-12 schools, public and private
- Colleges and universities
- Private dance studios and school
- Conservatories
- Performing arts camps
- Community agencies
- Adult/Continuing education programs
- Physical fitness centers
- Recreation centers/clubs

For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out "What Can I Do With This Major?" [www.utrgv.edu/careercenter](http://www.utrgv.edu/careercenter)