

# DANCE, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

**Banner Code:** 2\_AA\_DANCE  
**Financial Aid Eligible**

The Dance Program in the Dance department, Arts and Letters Division includes general education, education for AA degree preparation and transfer to upper division at colleges and universities. Courses offered cover a wide variety of dance styles in small classes with individual attention to dancer's needs. Careers for the dance major include dancer, choreographer, designer, technician and craftsperson, stage manager, arts manager, arts consultant, communications and teaching in professional, secondary and postsecondary education. Students learn and acquire skills in all elements of dance.

The Dance Department plays an active role in the community by presenting workshops, master classes and performances at schools and special events. Dance department faculty provide services to the campus and community in the form of public performances, fundraising, concert tours, adjudication and significant outreach for the recruitment of new students. The faculty are professional artists who present their work both within the community and nationally and are very friendly and available to students for advisement. GWC dance students also have opportunities to travel and perform in festivals within the US and abroad.

## Program Level Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Gain an overview of the historical, cultural, and scientific dimensions of dance.
2. Explore the fundamental skills and techniques necessary for the public performance of dance.
3. Gain practical experience in the production aspects of dance.
4. Demonstrate the craft and aesthetic qualities of dance orally, practically, and in writing.
5. Develop competency in modern dance, ballet, and jazz dance, in order to pursue careers in education, health and fitness, or performance arenas, or to further academic preparation in dance studies.

Review Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/golden-west/graduation-requirements/associate-degree/>) and General Education (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/golden-west/general-education/>).

Course	Title	Units
<b>Required Courses</b>		
<b>Modern Dance</b>		
DANC G100	Modern Dance 1 - Beginning	2
DANC G145	Modern Dance 2 - Intermediate	2
DANC G200	Modern Dance 3 - Advanced	2
<b>Ballet</b>		
DANC G120	Ballet 1 - Beginning	2
DANC G155	Ballet 2 - Intermediate	2
DANC G220	Ballet 3 - Advanced	2
<b>Jazz Dance</b>		
<i>Select four units from the following:</i>		4
DANC G125	Jazz Dance 1 - Beginning	2

Course	Title	Units
DANC G160	Contemporary Dance Styles	2
DANC G225	Jazz Dance 2 - Advanced	2
<b>Conditioning for Dance</b>		
<i>Select one unit from the following:</i>		1
DANC G105	Strength and Stretch	1
DANC G106	Strength and Stretch 2 - Intermediate	1
DANC G108	Pilates and Barre for Dancers	1
<b>Choreography, Performance and Production Dance</b>		
<i>Select 4 units from the following:</i>		4
DANC G230	Choreography	2
DANC G235	Modern Dance Ensemble	2
DANC G240	Tap Dance Ensemble	1,2
DANC G245	Performance Ensemble	2
DANC G250	Studio Production And Performance	1,2
DANC G260	Dance Production and Performance	2
<b>Dance Electives</b>		
<i>Select two units from the following:</i>		2
DANC G112	Ballroom Dance	1
DANC G113	Ballroom Dance 2 - Beginning	1
DANC G115	Tap Dance 1 - Beginning	2
DANC G119	Hip Hop Dance	2
DANC G130	Dance For Musical Theater	2
DANC G135	Mid-Eastern Dance	0.5,1
DANC G136	Intermediate/Advanced Mid-Eastern Dance	0.5,1
DANC G150	Tap Dance 2 - Intermediate	2
DANC G215	Tap Dance 3 - Advanced	2
DANC G219	Hip Hop Dance 2	2
DANC G230	Choreography	2
<b>Recommended Electives</b>		
<i>Select additional units from the following to reach degree total 60 units:</i>		
BIOL G220	Human Anatomy	4
DANC G101	Viewing Dance	3
MUS G101	History & Appreciation Of Music	3
THEA G106	Acting 1	3
THEA G175	Stage Scenery	3
THEA G176	Stage Lighting	3
THEA G177	Make-Up	3
THEA G178	Introduction to Stage Costume	3
<b>Major Total</b>		<b>23</b>
<b>GE Pattern (Local, CSU GE-Breadth, or IGETC)</b>		<b>18-39</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>60</b>

## Recommended Program Sequence

These sequences are general course maps for students to finish all major and general education requirements for two-year completion of degrees, completion of short-term certificates, and/or fulfillment of transfer requirements. However, this may not be an appropriate path for all students. The two-year sequence is based on English and Math placement and meeting other course prerequisites. **Students are advised to meet with a GWC Counselor to review course selections**

and sequences to ensure that completion of this program will meet a student's transfer and career goals.

### Year 1:

Course	Title	Units
<b>Semester 1</b>		
DANC G100	Modern Dance 1 - Beginning	2
DANC G120	Ballet 1 - Beginning	2
ENGL G100	Freshman Composition <sup>^</sup>	4
Area E: Lifelong Understanding and Self-Development or any additional course from Area A-D		3
<i>Select one of the following:</i>		2
DANC G125	Jazz Dance 1 - Beginning	2
DANC G160	Contemporary Dance Styles	2
DANC G225	Jazz Dance 2 - Advanced	2
<i>Units</i>		<i>13</i>

Course	Title	Units
<b>Semester 2</b>		
DANC G145	Modern Dance 2 - Intermediate	2
Area B: Natural Sciences course		3
Area D: Social & Behavioral Sciences course		3
Elective coursework for a total of 6 units		6
<i>Select 4 units from the following:</i>		4
DANC G230	Choreography	2
DANC G235	Modern Dance Ensemble	2
DANC G240	Tap Dance Ensemble	1,2
DANC G245	Performance Ensemble	2
DANC G250	Studio Production And Performance	1,2
DANC G260	Dance Production and Performance	2
<i>Units</i>		<i>18</i>

### Year 2:

Course	Title	Units
<b>Semester 3</b>		
DANC G101	Viewing Dance	3
DANC G155	Ballet 2 - Intermediate	2
THEA G106	Acting 1 (recommended elective)	3
<i>Select one of the following:</i>		1
DANC G105	Strength and Stretch	1
DANC G106	Strength and Stretch 2 - Intermediate	1
DANC G108	Pilates and Barre for Dancers	1
<i>Select one of the following NOT already taken:</i>		2
DANC G125	Jazz Dance 1 - Beginning	2
DANC G160	Contemporary Dance Styles	2
DANC G225	Jazz Dance 2 - Advanced	2
Math Competency		3
If Mathematics is satisfied, take Elective coursework for a total of 3 units		
<i>Units</i>		<i>14-16</i>

Course	Title	Units
<b>Semester 4</b>		
DANC G200	Modern Dance 3 - Advanced	2

Course	Title	Units
DANC G220	Ballet 3 - Advanced	2
Ethnic Studies Competency		3
Elective coursework to reach a minimum of 60 units		4-6
<i>Select 2 units from the following:</i>		2
DANC G112	Ballroom Dance	1
DANC G113	Ballroom Dance 2 - Beginning	1
DANC G115	Tap Dance 1 - Beginning	2
DANC G119	Hip Hop Dance	2
DANC G130	Dance For Musical Theater	2
DANC G135	Mid-Eastern Dance	0.5,1
DANC G136	Intermediate/Advanced Mid-Eastern Dance	0.5,1
DANC G150	Tap Dance 2 - Intermediate	2
DANC G215	Tap Dance 3 - Advanced	2
DANC G219	Hip Hop Dance 2	2
DANC G230	Choreography	2
<i>Units</i>		<i>13-15</i>
<b>Total Degree Units</b>		<b>60</b>

<sup>^</sup> Program sequence may not be recommended for students who self-place into ENGL G100S. Students should see a Counselor for appropriate advisement.