***Dance:*** *Associate in Arts – Non-Transfer*

Have you ever thought about a career in dance? It’s not too late! The dance program at MSJC offers opportunities for people of diverse backgrounds and experiences to pursue a career in the field of dance. Classes in various dance techniques, world dance forms, choreography, improvisation, performance, and dance history create a full program of study for the developing student.

***Please see a Pathways Counselor:*** A local degree requires a minimum of 60 degree-applicable units with a minimum 2.0 GPA overall. [Contact a Counselor](https://www.msjc.edu/hub/) to create an education plan customized to meet your needs.

Transfer Majors/Award Focus

* Dance, A.A. CSULB and SDSU
* Dance, A.A. UCR
* Dance A.A. Non-transfer
* Dance Certificate

GE Pattern/Units

* GE Pattern: Option A
* Total Units: 60

**Program maps** indicate the major coursework and recommended general education courses to fulfill your degree in 2 years (approximately 15 units/semester or 30 units/year). If you are a part-time student, start Semester 1 courses and follow the course sequence. Some of the courses listed may be substituted by another course. Please view these options in the official course [catalog](https://catalog.msjc.edu/instructional-programs/).

***Semester 1 15 Units***

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| a | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| c | ENGL-101 | College Composition | 4 |
| c | MATH-105 | College Algebra | 4 |
| c | DAN-100 | History and Appreciation of Dance | 3 |
| c | BEG LEVEL A1 | Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Hip Hop, Tap  (Choose two) | 4 |

Additional Course Options:

*1DAN 121A,122A, 123A, 131A, 124 (select two*

***Semester 2 14 Units***

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| a | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| c | ANTH-101 | Biological Anthropology | 3 |
| c | DAN-212 or  DAN-213 | Dance Production or  Dance Performance | 1 |
| c | HIST-111 or  HIST-112 | U.S. History to 1877 or  U.S. History Since 1865 | 3 |
| c | BEG LEVEL B1 | Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Hip Hop, Tap  (Choose two) | 4 |
| c | DAN-125 | Choreography I | 3 |

Additional Course Options:

*1DAN 121B,122B, 123B, 131B, 129 (select two)*

Career Options

Dancers (SM, A)

Choreographer (B)

Dance Teacher/Professor (B, M)

Find more careers: [msjc.emsicc.com](http://msjc.emsicc.com)

Required Education: SM: some college; C: Certificate; A: Associate, B: Bachelor’s, M: Master’s

***Financial aid*** is determined by the number of credit hours you take in a semester. Maximize your financial aid by taking 12-15 units per semester.

***Semester 3 17 Units***

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| a | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| c | COMM-100 | Public Speaking | 3 |
| c | DAN-108 | Improvisation for Dance and Theater | 3 |
| c | INT LEVEL A1 | Modern, Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop | 4 |
| c | DAN-120 | Conditioning and Alignment for Dance | 2 |
| c | DAN-214 | Dance Touring Ensemble | 3 |
| c | DAN-212 or  DAN-213 | Dance Production or  Dance Performance | 2 |

Additional Course Options:

*1DAN 126A,127A, 128A, 135A (select two)*

***Semester 4 14 Units***

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| a | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| c | INT LEVEL B1 | Modern/Ballet | 4 |
| c | DAN-225 | Choreography II | 3 |
| c | ASL-100 | American Sign Language I | 4 |
| c | DAN-133 | History of Popular Dance in the United States | 3 |

Additional Course Options:

*1DAN 126B, 127B, 128B, 135B (select two)*

***Notes:***

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

***Scheduling Notes***

The beauty of the non-transfer AA is that you take every dance elective in addition to the other dance requirements! Be sure to enroll in two technique classes per semester at the level that best suits your abilities. Higher-level courses can be taken by audition. To audition, show up on the first day of the course you wish to take. The first class will serve as the audition. Please see the department chair at SJC or MVC for more information.

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