

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: Create an education plan customized to meet your needs. [Contact a Counselor](#)

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](#).

Semester 1

15 Units

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL-101	College Composition	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	MATH-105	College Algebra	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	DAN-100	History and Appreciation of Dance	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	BEG LEVEL A ¹	Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Hip Hop, Tap (Choose two)	4

Additional Course Options:

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

Semester 2

14 Units

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	ANTH-101	Physical Anthropology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	DAN-212 or DAN-213	Dance Production or Dance Performance	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	HIST-111 or HIST-112	U.S. History to 1877 or U.S. History Since 1865	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	BEG LEVEL B ¹	Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Hip Hop, Tap (Choose two)	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	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)
- Occupational Therapist (M)
- Find more careers: msjc.emsicc.com

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



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**

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-100	Public Speaking	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	DAN-108	Improvisation for Dance and Theater	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	INT LEVEL A ¹	Modern, Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	DAN-120	Conditioning and Alignment for Dance	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	DAN-214	Dance Touring Ensemble	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	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**

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	INT LEVEL B ¹	Modern/Ballet	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	DAN-225	Choreography II	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ASL-100	American Sign Language I	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	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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