

Program Mission

Long Beach City College's Dance Program has a three-fold mission:

- To provide the general student an opportunity to participate as artists and technicians in a wide variety of dance while offering a basic knowledge and experience of live performance so that they may be informed and enriched as audience members.
- To provide skills and academic lower division requirements to assist students in the successful transfer to universities or to college and conservatory training programs.
- To prepare students for entry level employment in selected areas of the concert dance and entertainment industries.

Under the direction of Sheree King and Stephanie Powell, the Dance Program has evolved to provide the eclectic training needed for the demands of contemporary choreography. Students are challenged yet nurtured to discover their creative voice and to pursue their desired goals. Emphasis is on connecting the mind and body so the student completing the associate's degree program will become an informed dancer capable of both analyzing and doing.

The Dance Program at Long Beach City College seeks to promote a deeper understanding and appreciation of the underlying principles in all dance, while cultivating standards of excellence in all its students practicing the arts.



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Program Areas

There is a home for you in Long Beach City College's Dance Program. Part of the Department of Theatre, Dance & Film, the Dance Program is known for being on the cutting edge of new trends in dance, offering free master classes, enthusiastic faculty, and a wide range of classes. The Associate of Arts degree in Dance prepares students for careers in performance, teaching, studio operation, and body or physical therapy. Students learn an appreciation of dance as an art form, as well as quality instruction in dance technique, choreography, and aesthetics. Students can take dance courses that are transferable to any four-year college or university.



Along with choreography, ballet, jazz, tap and modern technique classes, the Program offers courses in conditioning for dance / Pilates method, turns, stretch and relaxation. The program also offers Dance Forms Through the Ages, a dance history lecture course which meets the Humanities general education requirement for an associates degree or for transfer credit. In addition, the Dance program has exciting sections of Folk & Ethnic Dance, focusing on Salsa/Swing, Belly dance and African dance.

Student choreographers create their own choreographic works and master their craft through hands-on experience. Dancers gain valuable performance experience while working under the direction of faculty who are active professionally and committed to truly nurturing their students.



Selected Courses

Core Courses

- DANCE 1 Dance Forms Through the Ages
- DANCE 3 Musical Theatre Dance
- DANCE 5 Beginning Tap
- DANCE 6 Intermediate Tap
- DANCE 8 Stretch and Relaxation
- DANCE 10 Fundamentals of Ballet
- DANCE 11 Intermediate Ballet
- DANCE 12 Conditioning for Dance—Pilates Method
- DANCE 13 Turns
- DANCE 14 Beginning Modern Dance
- DANCE 17 Intermediate Modern Dance
- DANCE 18 Folk and Ethnic Dance
- DANCE 20 Beginning Dance—Jazz
- DANCE 21 Intermediate Dance—Jazz
- DANCE 31 Solo Choreography
- DANCE 32 Group Choreography
- DANCE 41 Dance Performance
- DANCE 60 Special Projects in Dance



Dance Club & Master Classes

There are many opportunities for students to perform or choreograph in an informal setting through the Dance Club. The Dance Club also sponsors master classes and provides scholarships to dance festivals or workshops for outstanding students. The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, Eiko & Koma, Rennie Harris, and Jason Samuels Smith are just a few of the many prestigious guest artists who have presented master classes at Long Beach City College.



Additional Information:

Dance students are also encouraged to take appropriate courses in other Department Programs in Theatre and Film. Located at the entertainment capital's backdoor, with many faculty who are working professionals with industry connections, together with the low cost of tuition makes this program an ideal place to begin.

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