



DISTINCTIVE **DANCE** **PROGRAM**

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UNPARALLELED INSTRUCTION

Our dance program offers three majors, a variety of courses focusing on specific dance techniques, and a vibrant academic community.

Our three dance majors provide depth and training in a variety of dance-related fields. Majors include:

- **Dance Performance**
for students who aspire to be on stage or attend graduate school.
- **Dance Business**
offering tracks in business administration and non-profit business. This major is offered in partnership with the Falls School of Business.
- **Complementary Dance**
to be combined with a second major, such as education or medicine.



In addition to the dance curriculum, majors receive a liberal arts education, which allows them to pursue a variety of other interests, including opera, theatre, voice, athletics, and more.



Dance faculty are active in the professional world and remain current on dance trends, theories, and practices in the field. Matthew Farmer, director of the dance program, is also co-artistic director of RusticGroove Dance, a professional dance company in Michigan. Also, the Dance Department hires a guest choreographer every year, allowing students to experience new dance forms. Professional dance companies have come from Michigan, San Diego, New York, and Chicago.



Dance technique courses include four levels of ballet, modern, jazz, and tap as well as musical theatre dance forms and world dance forms. Theoretical courses include dance history survey, period dance, dance improvisation, and composition.



The Dance Department also hosts JustDance, a week-long summer dance intensive for high school and college students. Taught by acclaimed dance professionals, the intensive offers experiential training in a variety of dance forms.

ROOM TO MOVE

Our dancers benefit from modern facilities designed to fit their educational and performance needs.

Our state-of-the-art dance studio — complete with a L'Air sprung floor, theatrical sound and lighting equipment, and live accompanists for classes — is the ideal facility in which to learn and practice the art of dance.





Dance performances are also held in Reardon Auditorium, the university's largest performance hall with seating capacity for 2,200 people. It also boasts modern audio and lighting technology and fully equipped dressing rooms.

The dance studio is located within the Kardatzke Wellness Center, allowing dance majors easy access to other workout facilities, including weights and cardio equipment, an indoor running track, and a collegiate-size pool.



The upcoming Center for Communication and Performing Arts will allow for greater collaboration among students in these respective fields. It will also include a mainstage theatre where dancers can perform.



Anderson University is in close proximity to Indianapolis, where students can see live dance performances and witness firsthand what industry professionals are doing.

ON-STAGE EXPERIENCE

Dance majors have multiple opportunities to demonstrate their skills on stage.

Students perform in two major dance events each year — Fall Into Dance and Spring Into Dance. The fall production is choreographed by students who can each choose which direction to take their work.



AU often welcomes guest artists to participate in dance performances throughout the year, giving students the chance to meet, learn from, and perform alongside professional dancers.



Dance students also perform in the university's annual Christmas production, *Candles & Carols*, broadcast on approximately 100 television stations and cable networks worldwide.



Students participating in the JustDance summer intensive also take part in a dance showcase at the end of the week to exhibit what they have learned.





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The Dance Program at Anderson University fosters a dynamic, thriving community of students eager to harness and refine their skills to the professional level. With the help of trained instructors and professional artists, a variety of dance classes, and performance opportunities, dance majors acquire on-stage techniques, off-stage business sense, and a network of peers and mentors to help them succeed. Furthermore, the liberal arts foundation — unique to the AU Dance Program — allows students to simultaneously pursue other interests and academic endeavors, which will not only boost their resume but also enrich their college experience and broaden their perspective.

Anderson University Established in 1917 by the Church of God (Anderson, Ind.), Anderson University is a private, Christian liberal arts university with approximately 2,700 undergraduate and graduate students. Today, the university offers more than 60 undergraduate majors, along with an accelerated adult learning program and graduate studies in theology, education, business, music, and nursing.

Selected as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the Midwest by *U.S. News & World Report* during the past several years, and a multi-time member of the John Templeton Foundation Honor Roll for Character Building, AU is proud to stand as one of the top Christian colleges in the nation.



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