

# DANCE, A.A.

The Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Dance (non-transfer) is available by completing the 21-23 required units in the major and all MSJC General Education Option A requirements. This two-year concentration prepares the student for the rigors of teaching within the local studio system, recreational centers, after-school programs, or in opening their own studios. Students are immersed in a comprehensive program of dance study with a focus on choreography, improvisation, performance, history, and core techniques in commercial and contemporary styles. The Certificate of Achievement in Dance is completed on the path to this degree. If interested in transfer, students should instead pursue the transfer AA in Dance.

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## Program Map

### Design Your Future!

Begin by exploring MSJC program maps to find a career or transfer (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/?radius=&region=All%20Regions>) opportunities. Program maps show the recommended sequence of courses that lead to graduation or transfer. The maps were developed by program experts to give you the skills and knowledge you need to succeed.

- **Starting in Spring?** Choose Fall Semester 1 courses.
- **Are you a part-time student?** Start Fall Semester 1 courses and follow the course sequence.

## MSJC General Education Option A

Fall Semester 1		Units
ENGL-101	College Composition (formerly Freshman Composition)	4
MATH-105	College Algebra	4
DAN-100	History and Appreciation of Dance	3
Select two of the following:		4
DAN-121A	Beginning Ballet (Select two of the following:)	
DAN-122A	Beginning Modern Dance	
DAN-123A	Beginning Jazz Dance	
DAN-131A	Beginning Hip Hop (formerly DAN-131)	
DAN-124	Beginning Tap Dance	
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
Spring Semester 1		Units
ANTH-101	Physical Anthropology	3
DAN-212 or DAN-213	Dance Production or Dance Performance	1
HIST-111 or HIST-112	U.S. History to 1877 or U.S. History Since 1865	3
Select two of the following:		4
DAN-121B	Advanced Beginning Ballet	
DAN-122B	Advanced Beginning Modern Dance	
DAN-123B	Advanced Beginning Jazz Dance	
DAN-131B	Advanced Beginning Hip Hop	
DAN-129	Intermediate Tap Dance	

DAN-125	Choreography I	3
<b>Units</b>		<b>14</b>
Fall Semester 2		
COMM-100	Public Speaking	3
DAN-108	Improvisation for Dance and Theater	3
Select two of the following:		4
DAN-126A	Intermediate Modern Dance	
DAN-127A	Intermediate Jazz Dance (formerly DAN-127)	
DAN-128A	Intermediate Ballet (formerly DAN-128)	
DAN-135A	Intermediate Hip Hop	
DAN-120	Conditioning and Alignment for Dance	2
DAN-214	Dance Touring Ensemble	3
DAN-212 or DAN-213	Dance Production or Dance Performance	2
<b>Units</b>		<b>17</b>
Spring Semester 2		
Select two of the following:		4
DAN-126B	Advanced Intermediate Modern Dance	
DAN-127B	Advanced Intermediate Jazz Dance	
DAN-128B	Advanced Intermediate Ballet	
DAN-135B	Advanced Intermediate Hip Hop	
DAN-225	Choreography II	3
ASL-100	American Sign Language I	4
DAN-133	History of Popular Dance in the United States	3
<b>Units</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>60</b>

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

## Requirements

An Associate Degree in this program requires students to follow MSJC's General Education, Option A and complete all general education areas, all major requirements, and complete an overall total of 60 degree applicable units with a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Course	Title	Credits
MSJC General Education Option A ( <a href="https://catalog.msjc.edu/degrees-certificates-curricula/general-education-option-a/">https://catalog.msjc.edu/degrees-certificates-curricula/general-education-option-a/</a> )		<b>24</b>
<b>Required Dance Courses</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Required Dance Production/Performance Courses</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Dance Electives</b>		<b>9-11</b>
<b>Electives (as needed to reach 60 units)</b>		
Course	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
DAN-100/HIST-151	History and Appreciation of Dance	3
DAN-125	Choreography I	3
DAN-133	History of Popular Dance in the United States	3
<b>Required Production/Performance Courses</b> <sup>1</sup>		
DAN-212 or DAN-213	Dance Production Dance Performance	3

**Elective Courses****Area A - Required Courses**

Select 6-8 units from at least two different subjects/genres of dance below: 6-8

DAN-120	Conditioning and Alignment for Dance
DAN-121A	Beginning Ballet
DAN-121B	Advanced Beginning Ballet
DAN-122A	Beginning Modern Dance
DAN-122B	Advanced Beginning Modern Dance
DAN-123A	Beginning Jazz Dance
DAN-123B	Advanced Beginning Jazz Dance
DAN-124	Beginning Tap Dance
DAN-126A	Intermediate Modern Dance
DAN-126B	Advanced Intermediate Modern Dance
DAN-127A	Intermediate Jazz Dance (formerly DAN-127)
DAN-127B	Advanced Intermediate Jazz Dance
DAN-128A	Intermediate Ballet (formerly DAN-128)
DAN-128B	Advanced Intermediate Ballet
DAN-129	Intermediate Tap Dance
DAN-131A	Beginning Hip Hop (formerly DAN-131)
DAN-131B	Advanced Beginning Hip Hop
DAN-135A	Intermediate Hip Hop
DAN-135B	Advanced Intermediate Hip Hop
DAN-201	Dances of the World

**Area B - Required Courses**

Select one of the following: 3

DAN-108 & THA-108	Improvisation for Dance and Theater and Improvisation for Dance and Theater
DAN-214	Dance Touring Ensemble
DAN-225	Choreography II

**Total Units 21-23**

<sup>1</sup> Units may be combined from DAN-212 Dance Production and DAN-213 Dance Performance to satisfy the 3 unit requirement in this section.

It is highly recommended that the student be enrolled in a technique class (or more than one) every semester.

## Career Exploration

Discover information about careers that interest you!

1. Take a Career Quiz (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/assessment/>) to learn about yourself and receive career suggestions based on your interests.
2. Search available in-demand jobs (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/browse-careers/>) in your career areas of interest and find up-to-date salaries and education requirements.
3. Find the MSJC Program (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/browse-programs/>) that connects your interests to a career.

Note: There are no guaranteed positions for students completing these programs. Education and work experience required will vary by employer. The salary and benefits for specific occupations will be dependent on work experience, education, background, and employer.