



## ARTS, DIGITAL MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

**Program Description:** The Associate of Arts degree in Dance provides an opportunity for students to complete the first two years of study towards a BA or a BFA in Dance, explore a career in dance, fulfill their Creative Arts, Language, Philosophy and Culture, or Component Area Option core requirement, and become better educated patrons of the arts.

The Dance program offers students an opportunity to investigate the dance field and supports them in finding their own niche therein. Recognizing each individual's unique life experience and cultural background, the program encourages students to express themselves through the technical study, creation and performance of dance. Students gain technical skills, and serve as company members, while enjoying the benefits of working alongside professional choreographers, performers, and designers.

Service Learning opportunities provide students with hands-on experience in the dance field. Dance production students receive college credit for producing dance events, working on marketing and publicity teams, and administering the business side of non-profit arts organizations.

All ACC dance courses are now available to the public and non-dance majors through ACC's Continuing Education department. The community dance program allows people who are not on a degree path with ACC to enjoy dance with the same college professors who teach ACC's dance degree courses. Community courses boast lower course fees than those charged by most private studios.

### Community programs

Please note that all DANC courses are available for non-majors as well as community members 16 years or older. These classes are less expensive than private studio classes. Sign up for community courses at [continue.austincc.edu](http://continue.austincc.edu).

### Non-dance majors fulfilling a core curriculum requirement

DANC 2303 Dance Appreciation fulfills the Creative Arts core curriculum requirement. This is a lecture class typically offered on several ACC campuses at a variety of times and days, every semester.

DANC 1305 World Dance fulfills the Language, Philosophy and Culture or Component Area Option core curriculum requirement. This lecture class is supplemented with weekly lab experience learning cultural dances. (No dance training necessary.)

### Part-time Students

The sequence of dance courses is recommended based on a general progression of skill. We have made an effort to group studio classes in such a way that classes can be taken back-to-back with a 10 minute break in between classes. Course sequences can be modified on a case-by-case basis to accommodate schedules. Be sure prerequisites are met or consult with the department chair.

### Scholarships

Incoming and existing majors are encouraged to apply for scholarships! For more information, visit [austincc.academicworks.com](http://austincc.academicworks.com).

\*Dance & Drama Freshman Scholarship \$1,000 (2.5 high school or equivalent GPA)

\*Dance & Drama Scholarship \$1,000 (minimum 2.5, preferred 3.0, college GPA; completed 12 credit hours at ACC; completed 2 dance/drama courses)

\*Boyd Vance Scholarship \$1,000 (for African-American students with high school diploma or 3.0 college GPA)

Use this **Program Map** to choose courses with your college advisor and track your progress towards milestones and completion of program.

Pre-Degree Requirements		
Program Specific	Reading and Writing Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>	Mathematics Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>
<b>Grades of 'D'</b> Grades of 'D' are not applied toward the AA degree in dance. Students need to earn a 'C' or better in all degree coursework. However, the department will evaluate individual situations on a case-by-case basis if necessary.	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Developmental Courses <input type="checkbox"/> ESOL Courses <input type="checkbox"/> INRW Courses	<input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses paired with MATH courses <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses

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## SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

*Plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters*

Semester 1	CR	Advising Notes
EDUC 1300 - Effective Learning: Strategies for College Success <b>OR</b> SPCH 1311 - Introduction to Speech Communication	3	All first-time Austin Community College (ACC) students with fewer than 12 SCH of successful college credit must take the EDUC 1300 course in their first semester at ACC. All other students may select either EDUC 1300 or SPCH 1311.
ENGL 1301 - English Composition I	3	
MATH 1314 - College Algebra <b>OR</b> MATH 1324 - Mathematics for Business and Economics <b>OR</b> MATH 1332 - College Mathematics	3	
DANC 1241 - Beginning Ballet	2	
DANC 1245 - Beginning Modern Dance	2	
DANC 2289 - Academic Cooperative in Dance Production	2	
	15	Program Semester Hours / Meet with your advisor
<b>Semester 2</b>		
ENGL 1302 - English Composition II	3	
HIST 1301 - United States History I	3	
DANC 2303 - Dance Appreciation	3	
DANC 1247 - Beginning Jazz Dance	2	
DANC 1201 - Dance Composition - Improvisation	2	
DANC 1151 - Freshman Dance Performance	1	
	14	Program Semester Hours / Meet with your advisor
<b>Semester 3</b>		
HIST 1302 - United States History II	3	
GOVT 2305 - United States Government	3	
ENGL 2328 - American Literature: Civil War to the Present <b>OR</b> ENGL 2333 - World Literature: 18th Century to the Present <b>OR</b> ENGL 2342 - Forms of Literature I	3	
BIOL 1309 Life on Earth <b>OR</b> BIOL 2306 The Living Planet	3	
DANC 2151 - Sophomore Dance Performance	1	
DANC 1301 - Dance Composition - Choreography	3	
	16	Program Semester Hours / Meet with your advisor
<b>Semester 4</b>		
GOVT 2306 - Texas State and Local Government	3	
PHIL 1301 - Introduction to Philosophy	3	
ANTH 2351 - Cultural Anthropology <b>OR</b> PSYC 2301 - Introduction to Psychology <b>OR</b> SOCI 1301 - Introduction to Sociology	3	
ENVR 1301 - Introduction to Environmental Science <b>OR</b> GEOG 1301 - Introduction to Physical Geography <b>OR</b> GEOL 1305 - Environmental Geology	3	
DANC 1112 - Dance Practicum <b>OR</b> DANC 1305 - World Dance <b>OR</b> DANC 2241 - Intermediate Ballet <b>OR</b> DANC 2247 - Intermediate Jazz Dance	1-3	
DANC 2245 - Intermediate Modern Dance	2	<b>ACHIEVEMENT:</b> Associate of Arts Degree in Dance
	15-17	Program Semester Hours
<b>Total Program Hours: 60-62</b>		

Please always check online at [catalog.austincc.edu](http://catalog.austincc.edu) or meet with your academic or program advisor to ensure that you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.

## Career & Transfer Resources

ACC's Career and Transfer websites provide detailed, guided information on career exploration and transfer.

[www.austincc.edu/career](http://www.austincc.edu/career)

[www.austincc.edu/transfer](http://www.austincc.edu/transfer)

For further information regarding this specific program, please see the Career & Transfer Resources supplement provided in the next section of this Program Map.

### Program Map

## Dance

Degree: Dance Associate of Arts (AA)

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### Transfer Information

The Associate of Arts degree in Dance is designed to allow students to complete the first two years of study towards a BA or a BFA degree in dance. Students are strongly encouraged to select a transfer destination by the time they have completed 24 semester credit hours.

*Advice for students planning to transfer:*

1. Talk to an academic advisor as soon as you decide where you want to go & make sure you are on track.
2. Take additional dance technique, improvisation or choreography classes to brush up on your audition skills! To avoid using financial aid on extra classes, enroll "not for credit" here: [continue.austincc.edu](http://continue.austincc.edu). These classes are less expensive than private studio classes.

**Common majors students pursue at a four-year institution include:** Dance, Dance Performance, Dance Science, Theater and Dance - Dance Emphasis, Performance Studies

**Transfer Guides:** *The universities listed here do not constitute an ACC endorsement. Transfer course evaluations and determination of what courses will count toward a bachelor's degree are made by the receiving transfer institution.*

**The University of Texas at Austin:** <https://admissions.utexas.edu/apply/transfer-resources/acc-transfer-guides>

**Texas State University:** <http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/future/transfer/tpg.html>

**Texas A&M University:** <https://admissions.tamu.edu/transfer/majors>

**Texas Tech University:** <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/admissions/apply/status/transfer>

**Texas Woman's University:** <https://twu.edu/undergraduate-studies/transfer-resources/texas-community-college-transfer-guides/>

**Stephen F. Austin University:** [https://ssb.sfasu.edu/sg/wf\\_cc\\_planning\\_guide.p\\_2\\_year\\_planning\\_guide](https://ssb.sfasu.edu/sg/wf_cc_planning_guide.p_2_year_planning_guide)

**Sam Houston State University:** <http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/transfer/joint-admissions/austin/>

**The University of Houston:** <http://www.uh.edu/admissions/apply/apply-transfer/by-major/>

**Additional Transfer Resources:** ACC's transfer website provides information on additional colleges & universities:

<http://www.austincc.edu/transferguides>. Students are encouraged to consult with a faculty advisor, [area of study advisor](#), and/or their chosen transfer institution to ensure courses taken at ACC will apply toward their bachelor's degree program.

## Career Information

### Common Job Titles

ACC dance students are work toward careers in many fields. Below is an abbreviated list including salary and other information.

- Choreographers. The average annual pay for choreographers is \$51,000.  
<http://www.payscale.com/research/US/Job=Choreographer/Salary>
- Professional Dancers. The national average annual pay for professional dancers is \$38,000 as of June 2018.  
<https://www.payscale.com/research/US/Job=Dancer/Salary>
- Dance therapists. Recreational therapists with a variety of specializations earned a median annual pay of \$47,680 in May 2017. <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/recreational-therapists.htm>
- Private Dance School Teachers. Private dance school teachers earn a nationwide average annual salary of \$43,000 as of June 2018. [http://www.payscale.com/research/US/Job=Dance\\_Teacher/Hourly\\_Rate](http://www.payscale.com/research/US/Job=Dance_Teacher/Hourly_Rate)
- Dance Fitness Trainers and Instructors. Dance fitness instructors earned a median annual pay of \$39,210 in May 2017.  
<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/personal-care-and-service/fitness-trainers-and-instructors.htm>

**Regional Labor Market Information:**

Dancer: New workers generally start around \$20,241. Normal pay for Dancers is \$22,872 per year, while highly experienced workers can earn as much as \$57,018 in this region. There are currently 258 Dancers that are employed in Austin-Round Rock, TX.

Source: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/careers/dancer>

Choreographer: New workers generally start around \$25,341. Normal pay for Choreographers is \$49,230 per year, while highly experienced workers can earn as much as \$87,883 in this region. There are currently 73 Choreographers that are employed in Austin-Round Rock, TX. Source: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/careers/choreographer>

Producer: New workers generally start around \$25,122. Normal pay for Producers is \$50,134 per year, while highly experienced workers can earn as much as \$113,084. Over the last year, 41 companies have posted 299 jobs for Producers. There are currently 1,652 Producers that are employed in Austin-Round Rock, TX. Source: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/careers/producer>

Technical Directors/Manager: New workers generally start around \$25,122. Normal pay for Technical Directors/Managers is \$50,134 per year, while highly experienced workers can earn as much as \$113,084. Over the last year, 17 companies have posted 52 jobs for Technical Directors/Managers. There are currently 1,652 Technical Directors/Managers that are employed in Austin-Round Rock, TX. Source: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/careers/technical-director-manager>

Set and Exhibit Designer: New workers generally start around \$31,118. Normal pay for Set and Exhibit Designers is \$41,173 per year, while highly experienced workers can earn as much as \$55,373. There are currently 73 Set and Exhibit Designers that are employed in Austin-Round Rock, TX. Source: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/careers/set-and-exhibit-designer>

Other job titles a dance major may work toward: Artistic Director, Costume Designer, Dance Critic, Dance Educator, Dance Historian, Dance Scholar, Lighting Designer, Performance Artist, Pilates Instructor, Production Manager, Rehearsal Director, Stage Manager, Stage Technician, Yoga Instructor

**Career and labor market research tools** (see Quick Reference Guide at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>):

EMSI: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/>, Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>, O\*NET: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

**Career Resources:** ACC's career services website provides information on career exploration and employment at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>. Students are encouraged to consult with their [area of study advisor](#) for additional career assistance. The above information is provided as a guide and reference tool for occupations related to this program. This is not a guarantee of job placement in any of these occupations after successful completion of an ACC program. The common job titles listed are representative titles and are provided for career research. These are not the only occupations possible in this area of study.