



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

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Theatre and Film: Dance Program Stream

This is a joint program between The University of Winnipeg and The School of Contemporary Dancers in Winnipeg. It offers an intensive education in modern dance technique and performance in preparation for a professional career in dance.

Modern dance encompasses an exciting and eclectic range of performance styles. It is at the forefront of experimental work in the performing arts. Vital professional companies and a small number of excellent schools are spread throughout North and South America, Europe, and other areas of the world. Graduates of our program join this tradition working as dancers, choreographers, teachers, and artistic directors throughout Canada and beyond.

This joint program offers the advantages of concentrated conservatory-style dance training teamed with a liberal arts education. Courses at The School of Contemporary Dancers uniquely prepare students for a professional career in modern dance. Courses at The University of Winnipeg develop students who are flexible and multi-talented, who have learned a number of different job skills and technological solutions, who can adapt to change, who can think critically and analyze effectively, who can speak and write clearly, and who can be counted on to find creative and innovative solutions to problems.

This combination of technique and artistry in dance, together with a broad-based university education, is designed to prepare students to be performers and artists of wide-ranging and deep perceptiveness.

Each year, students gain extensive performance experience through activities including two public series, special projects, and a tour of Winnipeg-area schools. The School of Contemporary Dancers is one of a small number of institutions to be recognized by the Federal Department of Culture and Heritage as a nationally essential centre for arts training.

This program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year or Honours)** with a Major in Theatre and Film: Dance Program Stream.

Students taking a 4-year degree in another Major may choose to add a Minor in Theatre and Film: Dance Program Stream as a secondary area of interest.

SAMPLE CAREERS

The program has enjoyed a high degree of acclaim and success; almost all graduates attain professional work as modern dance performers. Many graduates have performed with various Canadian modern dance companies including: Winnipeg's Contemporary Dancers, Dance Collective (Winnipeg), TRIP dance company (Winnipeg), Ruth Cansfield Dance (Winnipeg), Le Groupe de la Place Royale/Le Groupe Dance Lab (Ottawa), Dancemakers (Toronto), O Vertigo Dance (Montréal), Montanaro Dance (Montréal), Paul Andre Fortier (Montréal), Compagnie Marie Chouinard (Montréal), Foundation Jean-Pierre Perreault (Montréal), Mascall Dance (Vancouver), EDAM (Vancouver), Kokoro Dance (Vancouver), Dancecorps (Vancouver), and with nationally renowned choreographers across Canada. As well as performing, graduates are working as choreographers, artistic directors, teachers, and arts administrators.

SAMPLE COURSES

Dance Technique I is comprised of daily studio classes in the techniques of modern dance and ballet. The course focuses on the refinement of technique and artistic development.

Performance I is a performance project focusing on works by faculty members and/or guest choreographers. It includes rehearsals and performances.

Dance Composition I, normally taken in third year, explores methods of choreography and includes choreographic assignments culminating in public performances.

Dance Pedagogy I explores methods of teaching in creative dance, ballet, and modern dance at the elementary level and offers studio experience in teaching and/or assistant teaching. It is normally taken during the second or third year.

SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

NOTE: This sample first year is representative of the courses you may take. For many of our programs, you may choose another set of courses and still be well on your way to a degree. Also, for most programs you do not have to take 30 credit hours (five full courses) in your first year.

Compulsory: DANC-1901(3) Survey of Dance I, DANC-2901(6) Dance Technique I

Recommended: THFM-1001(6) Introduction to Theatre: Performance

RHET-1101(3) Academic Writing: Humanities or any other section of Academic Writing (if required)

2 credit-hours Intensive course offered by the Department of Theatre and Film (THFM) each year (TBA)

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

Students must meet the general admission requirements. No specific courses are required.

JOINT ADMISSION

In order to enrol in this program, students must be admitted to **BOTH** Winnipeg's School of Contemporary Dancers: Senior Professional Program **AND** The University of Winnipeg.

HOW TO APPLY – The School of Contemporary Dancers:

Admission to The School of Contemporary Dancers is by audition. Applicants should be at an intermediate level of training in classical ballet and/or modern dance and show professional potential for modern dance. Upon entry, students are placed according to their level of technique and performance. Most students are placed in First Year; however, sufficiently advanced students may enter the program at the Second-Year level. Please contact Faye Thomson at 204.452.1239 to book an audition.

HOW TO APPLY (UW) – Domestic Student

Apply online at uwinnipeg.ca or pick up an Application for Admission from your high school counsellor's office or the Admissions Office at The University of Winnipeg. To meet the Early Admission and Scholarship deadline submit your application and the \$80 application fee by **March 1st**.

HOW TO APPLY (UW) – International Student

Apply online at uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-apply and submit all official documents by mail. To meet the Early Admission and Scholarship deadline submit application, fee, and documents by **March 1st**. The international application fee is \$100, which includes a one-time courier fee.

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