



ACADEMIC MAP TO BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS IN DANCE

2025-2026



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YEAR 1	SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
	Elective			2	C
	DAN 1020 Ballet I			2	C
	DAN 1030 Modern I			2	C
	DAN 1000 Freshman Seminar			1	C
	DAN 1710 Dance Theatre Technology			3	C
	English 1010			3	C
	Fine Arts 1040			1	C
	Mathematics			3	C
	University Studies 1000			1	C

•Requirement – Participate in New Faces
•Requirement – Participate in *NSU Christmas Gala*
•Pass Two Core Classes and Maintain 2.5 GPA to Remain Eligible for Casting

Semester Credits _____

SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
DAN 1020 Ballet I			2	C
DAN 1030			2	C
DAN 1660 Dance Improvisation			2	C
DAN 1720 Anatomy for Dancers			3	C
DAN 1800 Dance Production OR DAN 1900 Dance Performance			1	C
Communication 1010			3	C
English 1020			3	C
Mathematics			3	C

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YEAR 2	SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
	DAN 2020 Ballet II			2	C
	DAN 2030 Modern II			2	C
	DAN 3180 Somatic Practice: Pilates – Mat I OR DAN 3280 Somatic Practice: Yoga			2	C
	THEA 3340 Costume Construction OR THEA 3350 Make-Up for the Stage			3	C
	History 1010			3	C
	Natural Sciences			3	C
	Social/Behavioral Science			3	C

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SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
DAN 2020 Ballet II			2	C
DAN 2030 Modern II			2	C
DAN 2590 Dance Composition I			2	C
DAN 2800 Dance Production OR DAN 2900 Dance Performance			1	C
English 2110			3	C
Natural Sciences			3	C
Social/Behavioral Science			3	C

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YEAR 3	SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
	DAN 3020 Ballet III			2	C
	DAN 3030 Modern III			2	C
	DAN 3560 Dance History & Criticism I			3	C
	DAN 2050 Rhythmic Analysis & Dance Accompaniment			3	C
	Natural Sciences			3	C

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SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
DAN 3020 Ballet III			2	C
DAN 3030 Modern III			2	C
DAN 3560 Dance History & Criticism II			3	C
DAN 4180 Pilates Mat II OR DAN 4280 GYROKINESIS			2	C
DAN 3590 Dance Composition II			3	C

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YEAR 4	SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
	DAN 4020 Ballet IV			2	C
	DAN 4030 Modern IV			2	C
	DAN 4400 Senior Seminar			2	C
	DAN 3800 Dance Pedagogy			3	C
	Dance Electives			3	C

•Requirement – Participate in *NSU Christmas Gala*
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•Requirement – Meet with Department Chair to Discuss Graduation

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
DAN 4020 Ballet IV			2	C
DAN 4030 Modern IV			2	C
DAN 4100 Senior Concert			3	C
Dance Electives			5	C

Requirement – Participate in Senior Dance Concert

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits **120**

YOU'VE FINISHED!



Required course for Graduation



Major Electives



Recommended course



Milestone



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Semester Credits = 120 | Concentration Electives = 13 | Academic electives = 24

Courses taken outside of a student's degree program are not eligible for Title IV federal financial aid (grants and loans). However, elective courses are eligible for Title IV aid if they are required and included in the student's program of study. Once a student has completed all required elective credits, any additional elective courses taken beyond the program's requirements will not be eligible for Title IV funding.