MA IN DANCE

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!
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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The emphasis of the online Master of Arts in Dance Studies at Texas Tech University is to prepare the dance educator and scholar. This program offers investigation into a range of disciplinary practices and includes in-depth study of dance histories, arts advocacy, pedagogies, and critical reading and writing. Students also investigate movement practices in the contexts of choreography, anatomy and kinesiology, somatic practices, and collaboration.

This program prepares students to:
• engage in rigorous investigation of dance in diverse artistic, cultural, and educational contexts;
• synthesize and demonstrate the creative, physical, and intellectual skills needed to research, write about, discuss, teach, and practice dance at the graduate level;
• distinguish and analyze individual areas of interest relative to the student’s professional goals in the form of a thesis project.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Completion of a written thesis or thesis project in a specialized area is required. The online Master of Arts in Dance Studies requires a minimum of 36 semester hours of graduate-level course requirements, normally constituting a two-year course of study. The curriculum includes 12 credit hours of face-to-face instruction offered in session-one summer terms and 24 credit hours of online coursework offered during fall, spring, and session-two summer terms.

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

Prospective students apply to the program through the Texas Tech Graduate School. The following requirements are necessary for consideration:
1. Undergraduate degree transcripts with a GPA of at least 3.0
2. Three letters of recommendation, preferably two references in the area of dance
3. Resume/CV
4. Academic writing sample (10-page limit) and/or video sample of creative work/teaching (2-min. clip minimum – no edited reels. We will view up to 5 minutes, so please indicate cue point if you send a longer sample.)
5. Statement of purpose for graduate studies:
   • Describe your academic interests and goals specific to this program.
   • Describe the aspects of your background relevant to your interest in this program. This may include your undergraduate or professional work.

Applicants are also required to complete an interview with the graduate faculty, either in person or via video conference. To schedule an interview, please email Charlotte Boye-Christensen, Head of Dance (charlotte.boye-christensen@ttu.edu).