

Texas Tech University

School of Theatre & Dance

ON-CAMPUS AUDITIONS:

February 10, 2024

VIRTUAL AUDITION DEADLINES:

October 13, 2023 | January 26, 2024

for Spring 2024 admittance

for Fall 2024 admittance with scholarship consideration

The dance program at Texas Tech University provides its students with a rigorous yet accessible curriculum, opportunities for engagement with dance in a variety of contexts, and a supportive, student-centered learning environment. By integrating the practical and the theoretical, the program serves as a vital force in the cultural and intellectual life of our society. Students interested in becoming a declared dance major or minor must audition for the program. The university is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD).

Degrees Offered: M.A. in Dance Studies, B.F.A. in Dance, B.A. in Dance, Dance minor



APPLY TO THE DANCE PROGRAM:

1. Submit an application to Texas Tech University through www.ApplyTexas.org
2. Apply for admittance to the **dance major** program, attending the on-campus audition or submitting a virtual audition, through *Acceptd*: <https://app.getacceptd.com/ttutd>. Upload your resume, headshot, technique videos (virtual auditions only), 1-minute solo, and a statement of purpose that describes your interest in dance, the degree program you are applying to (BA, BFA), and future career goals. Students will not be charged an application fee on *Acceptd*.
3. Apply for admittance to the **dance minor** program, attending the on-campus audition or submitting a virtual audition, through this online form: <https://forms.office.com/r/rMsLzbiR8e> Students will need to submit a headshot, technique videos (virtual auditions only), and a brief statement of purpose that describes your interest in dance specific to the dance minor program and future career goals. There is no application fee to apply to the dance minor.
4. Fall 2024 Priority Deadline applications for in-person/virtual auditions are due by **Friday, January 26, 2024**.

Dance Program Information

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University & Admission Information

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Which degree is right for you?	BFA in Dance Major	BA in Dance Major	Dance Minor
Career goal as dance educator, studio owner, or other dance-related fields	✓	✓	✓
Career goal as professional performer or choreographer	✓	✓	✓
Required courses in ballet, contemporary, and jazz technique, improvisation, choreography, history, pedagogy, theory & criticism	✓	✓	✓
Required courses in anatomy, company class, repertory, choreographic research, and interdisciplinary courses in theatre/design	✓		
Requires a minor, but allows for double-major		✓	
Allows for a minor only - double-major not recommended	✓		
Performance opportunities each semester	✓	✓	✓
Program Hours	123	120	24

Dance Program Auditions - FAQs

Q: What is the dance program looking for in prospective students? Is there a limited number of students admitted each year?

A: The dance program is looking for students who are curious and proactive in their own learning. We want students who are willing to explore all facets of dance, taking advantage of opportunities to learn, take risks, and grow as dance artists. We do not have a set number of students to admit each year.

Q: Do I need to apply to Texas Tech University prior to auditioning?

A: Application of admittance to Texas Tech University should be done via ApplyTexas on the TTU Admissions website, and is recommended, but not required, to be completed prior to auditioning for the Dance Program. The TTU priority [scholarship](#) application deadline is December 1.

Q: What should be included in my 1-page dance resume?

A: Your 1-page resume should include your current contact information (name, mailing address, email address, phone number, social media handle), your school information (name of high school, location, expected graduation date, GPA or standardized test scores), dance training (list of experience in specific styles that can include years of training and/or teachers, camps, master classes, workshops, performance experiences, choreography opportunities), awards or honors (specific to school or dance), and any other information that you feel is pertinent for our faculty to know about you.

Q: What information should be included in the statement of purpose?

A: The statement of purpose is an original composition of roughly 2 pages that should describe your interest in dance, address your reasons for pursuing the degree track in Dance in which you are applying to (BFA or BA Major). Your statement could also address in particular why the program at the TTU is of interest to you. In addition, please include your future goals in the dance profession. This composition should showcase competency in basic writing skills.

Q: What is expected for the 1-minute solo?

A: For BFA dance applicants, we are interested in seeing your original choreography of any style showcasing choreographic and performative skills. The BFA in Dance degree has a focus on performance and choreography. For BA dance applicants, we are interested in seeing prospective students' individual dance skills that we might not be able to see in the technique-specific auditions in jazz, ballet, and contemporary [ex: tap, hip-hop, pointe, cultural dance forms, improvisation, etc.].

Q: What should I wear for program auditions (in-person or virtually)?

A: Form-fitting clothing that 1) covers the knees (because of floor work) and 2) allows for a range of motion. Hair should be away from the face and secured. No hats please. Jazz or ballet shoes recommended for those auditions. Bare feet recommended for the contemporary audition.

Q: If I don't have experience in all technical genres taught at the audition, will I automatically be declined from the program?

A: No. We are looking for your preparation and readiness across all three genres of technique in combination with your written statement of purpose. We also use these auditions to place students into the correct technique level.

Q: What happens if I register for the on-campus audition, but then cannot attend (for example, bad weather, sickness)?

A: If you cannot attend but still want to audition for the Dance Program, contact the Dance Program (dance.info@ttu.edu). We will have you submit a virtual audition instead.

Q: When will I find out if I was accepted to the Dance Major or Dance Minor program?

A: You will be notified via email approximately two weeks after the in-person audition or three weeks after the virtual audition deadlines (the email on file from registration). If you do not receive an email, check your junk folder, or contact dance.info@ttu.edu directly for information. Faculty may choose to admit you to a different degree program that you applied for based on your current skillset and career goals. Those applying for the dance major (BFA, BA) will also receive information about departmental scholarships with their acceptance letter.