



program

The Department of Dance at Slippery Rock University is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Dance and the only Department of Dance in the State System of Higher Education of Pennsylvania. The bachelor of arts major is a modern dance program that focuses equally on performing, choreography and teaching, thereby providing students with a well-rounded education. We are known for our outstanding ability to educate dancers by dramatically increasing students' dancing ability and level of knowledge about dance. The faculty members pride themselves on their ability to spot artistic potential, and then work with each student to perfect technique, performance, choreography, and teaching skills. Wellness for Dancers and Dance Technology are also strong components of the dance curriculum. In the SRU Department of Dance students will find a warm, friendly, safe and disciplined environment in which to explore, learn, and grow. A student wishing to major in dance at SRU (incoming freshmen, transfer students or currently enrolled students), must participate in an audition class in modern dance and ballet. Contact the Department of Dance at 724.738.2036 for audition dates.

career opportunities

The bachelor of arts degree in dance can lead to many career opportunities including: Artistic directorship of a dance company, choreographer, dance/arts administrator, dance captain, dance company manager, dance critic, dance historian and writer, dance kinesiologist, dance notator, dance science or medicine specialist, dance technology specialist, dance therapist, dance videographer, lighting designer, liturgical dance specialist, massage or body therapist, MFA/MA study, performer, rehearsal director, stage manager, teacher, technical director, wellness and fitness specialist, as well as other related fields.

Mission Statement

The Department of Dance at Slippery Rock University promotes dance as an art form through the creative, technical, expressive and intellectual development of each student. The dance faculty members offer personalized attention to each individual. Superior educational experiences in performance, choreography, teaching, with additional components of wellness for dancers and dance technology, will prepare students for their chosen profession and role in society.



dance company experience

Slippery Rock Dance Theatre (SRUDT) presents several concerts each year, with additional performances of selected dances at festivals, conferences and performances, tours and lectures/demonstrations. This company provides students with the opportunity to create and perform dances influenced by their knowledge of dance technology, modern, contemporary, jazz, and tap forms.

Rock Dance Company brings the art of dance into the community by performing in area school districts, as well as senior centers and other community events. Company members work with commissioned artists and gain experience in a wide variety of dance styles including hip hop, tap, swing, modern, and contemporary partnering. This is an excellent opportunity for dance majors to participate in service-learning and strengthen skills for teaching children.

performance opportunities

- Faculty and Guest Artist Dance Concert
- Department of Dance Fall Concert
- SRUDT Winter Concert
- 60 X 60 Experimental Music and Dance Concert
- Dance in India Concert
- Break the Mold (a series of student initiated concerts)
- Senior Synthesis Dance Concert





dance minor

The Department of Dance offers a dance minor that is designed to prepare students to apply dance principles, concepts and techniques in their chosen professional environments. Individuals pursuing a dance minor are required to complete a minimum of 27 hours of designated courses. Dance minor students must follow the same audition procedures as the dance major.

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international travel experiences

The Department of Dance provides opportunities for a variety of international dance studies. For students who desire an in-depth and cultural immersion experience, the Dance in India initiative allows students who have completed the World Dance course to travel and study Classical Indian dance for one month in southern India. Students are also able to participate in various pre-session and spring break travel seminars accompanied by dance faculty. In spring 2011 students traveled to Paris, France and in spring 2012 students will travel to Rome, Italy.



dance studios and performance spaces

The Department of Dance has three dance studios and one Wellness studio. All studios are equipped with state-of-the-art sound systems, TV/DVD players, video cameras, mirrors, barres, movie screens, chalkboards, clavinos, pianos and other instruments (used by our outstanding musician Andy Hasenphlug, who accompanies technique classes), storage space for costumes, and excellent marley covered floors. The Wellness Studio is used for the Wellness for Dancers class and can be used every day by all dancers for Pilates-based conditioning. There are two Current Concepts Studio Reformers, a multi chair, a ladder barrel, and physioballs, which dancers can use for body conditioning, strength training, and injury rehabilitation. There is also a state-of-the-art computer lab with MAC computers (laptops and desktops), video cameras, and other equipment for Dance Technology. Performance spaces include Miller Auditorium, which seats 890 people and is the major performance site for SRU's annual concert. Swope Recital Hall seats 375 people and is used for informal showings and small concerts. Senior Synthesis Concerts are also held in this facility.

student organizations

- Sigma Rho Delta Honorary Society
- Student Dance Advisory Board
- Dance Express