

Dance

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Why study dance at Adelphi?

At Adelphi, you'll take your technique and skill to the next level with our program that's designed to prepare you for a rewarding career in dance.

You will:

1. **Receive personal attention** in small classes taught by our world-class faculty.
2. **Perform in productions and student workshops** under the guidance of our expert faculty and guest choreographers.
3. **Take advantage of our proximity to New York City.** Attend performances of renowned companies and work in dance-related internships.



Adelphi's dance department allowed me to tailor the program to my needs and gain invaluable experiences. It was through Adelphi that I largely found the grit, courage and determination to found my own dance company."

**Joy Douglas '18, BFA in Dance,
founder of Douglas & Co.**

A world-class program with expert faculty

Why is our undergraduate dance program so special? In great part, because of our outstanding faculty of professional dancers, including our department chair, **Frank Augustyn**, who is an internationally renowned ballet dancer and artistic director. You'll learn from our dance professors how to hone the skills, craft and attitude you need for the demands of the dance world.



Our dance faculty includes:



An internationally acclaimed former principal dancer for the National Ballet of Canada and the Berlin Opera Ballet, who won best *pas de deux* at the Moscow International Ballet Competition with Karen Kain and was honored with numerous awards and titles, including Officer, Order of Canada, for outstanding achievement



A dancer and award-winning choreographer with the ballet company of the Theater Ulm, Germany



A modern dancer who has **performed professionally with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater**, Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet and Complexions Contemporary Ballet and has freelanced and guest taught with many others



A professor who **danced, and toured the world, with the Paul Taylor Dance Company**



I remind my students of the power they have through their craft to inspire and affect people—that, through movement, much can be said. To see their growth through exploration and thought is so rewarding for me as a teacher.”

Juan Rodriguez, adjunct professor, Department of Dance

Courses to enrich your understanding and sharpen your skills

As a student in our dance program, you'll take your technique and skill to the next level. Our ballet faculty are all ABT® National Training Curriculum Certified Teacher Level 7. On campus, you'll practice, learn and perform in small classes held in state-of-the-art facilities.

Here are just some of the courses you'll take when you major in dance:

- **Dance History and Criticism:** Learn the history and evolution of dance through the ages. Understand how dance is interconnected with other artistic, historical, political and social developments. Expand your definition of dance and analyze its place in current society. Develop your critical eye as a performer, choreographer and active audience member.
- **Dance Improvisation:** Explore the creative potential of spontaneous movement through internally and externally driven and structured improvisation in order to study spatial awareness and further develop the body's motor system.
- **Dance Theory and Composition:** Analyze, contribute and fully investigate the choreographic process through the use of improvisation and dance composition tools. Become a movement researcher through exploration of curiosity and by confronting habits and preferences. Reflect on new and different movement strategies for creative practice and performance application through varied audience perspectives.



Adelphi strengthened my skills in ballet and modern, and in being able to pick up choreography fast. In class, our teachers taught us a combination and then we did it right away. My Adelphi professors were very helpful in guiding me.”

Internships are a major part of a dance education at Adelphi

Our close proximity to New York City is ideal for class outings, attending professional performances and internships. Often these internships lead to full-time positions. More than 80 percent of our dance majors continue on as actual performers. They have interned at companies like:

- Alison Cook Beatty Dance
- Gallim Dance
- Gibney Dance
- Mark Morris Dance Group
- Paul Taylor Dance Company
- RIOULT Dance NY
- Verdon Fosse Legacy LLC

Kenneth Murray '15, BFA in Dance, is currently on a 30-city national tour as dance captain for Broadway's *Anastasia*. He also performed as a dancer for the first national tour of Broadway's *American in Paris* and Cirque du Soleil's production of *Paramour*.



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A world of career options

Over 80 percent of our dance majors continue on as actual performers. They are employed in organizations across the nation, including:

- Amy Marshall Dance Company
- *An American in Paris*
- *Anastasia*, the musical
- Backup dancer for Rihanna at the VMAs
- Ballet North Texas
- Ballet Theatre of Maryland
- Cirque du Soleil's *Paramour*
- CoreDance Contemporary
- Dallas Black Dance Theatre
- Dallas Neo-Classical Ballet
- Elisa Monte Dance
- Garth Fagan Dance
- Kansas City Ballet
- Parsons Dance
- San Diego Ballet

What can you do with a degree in dance?

You can perform in a dance company, or on Broadway, or do commercial work. You can pursue a career in dance therapy or arts management or in teaching dance in schools or at a private studio.

100%

of dance graduates are employed or continuing their education within six months of graduation

Source: *Adelphi University Career Outcomes Survey: Class of 2018*

Adelphi University, New York, is dedicated to transforming students' lives through small classes with world-class faculty, hands-on learning and innovative ways to support academic and career success. We offer students more than 60 undergraduate programs, more than 65 master's degree and doctoral programs, and more than 35 certificate programs, with particular strength in our Core Four—Arts and Humanities, STEM and Social Sciences, the Business and Education Professions, and Health and Wellness. With record enrollments that have grown more than 10 percent in three years, an increasingly diverse student body and faculty, and a personalized approach to learning, Adelphi serves more than 7,900 students from 43 states and 64 countries at our beautiful main campus in Garden City, New York—just 23 miles from New York City's cultural and internship opportunities.

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