

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at JMU		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT	SATISFIED BY		Notes	BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Notes	
Course	Credits	CC Course		Course	Credits	Notes
UNST 000	1-2	SDV 100 or 101 College Success Skills or Orientation	ENG 111 + 112 both required for transfer credit for WRTC 103	STAD 171	3	Performance Production
WRTC 000	3	ENG 111 College Comp I		DANC 240	0-2	Complete any credits still needed toward DANC 240 Modern Dance
WRTC 103*	3	ENG 112 College Comp II		STAD 250	3	The Collaborative Artist: Sophomore Studio
JMU Degree Requirements	3	PHI 100	= PHIL 101	DANC 303 or DANC 325	2-3	Topics in Dance (DANC 303) or Dance in the Community (DANC 325)
JMU General Education Requirements*	3	Any UCGS Art or Literature		DANC 248	3	History of Dance: Renaissance Through the 20 th Century
JMU General Education Requirements*	3	Any UCGS Social & Behavioral Science (not History)		DANC 320	3	Anatomy and Somatic Studies for the Dancer
JMU General Education Requirements*	3	Any UCGS History		DANC 342	2	Intermediate Ballet II
JMU General Education Requirements*	4	Any UCGS Natural Sciences		DANC 445	3	Dance Composition II
JMU General Education Requirements*	3-5	Any UCGS Math		DANC 449	3	The Dance Professional
JMU Degree Requirement	6-8	Any 2 UCGS transfer courses	Students must complete or demonstrate proficiency in a world language at the intermediate level (202 at VCCS; 232 at JMU). Complete 101-102-201-202 coursework if needed. If you have already completed language requirements, CST 100 or 110 is suggested.	DANC 479	3	Methods of Teaching Dance
JMU Elective	3	DAN 161 Dance Production	= DANC 000	DANC 340	4	Intermediate Modern Dance II
				DANC 440	2	Advanced Modern Dance
				DANC 211	2	Contemporary Dance Ensemble Repertory I
				DANC 311	2	Contemporary Dance Ensemble Repertory II
				University Electives	22-25	Choose other coursework or a minor to satisfy credits required for graduation

DANC 245 Dance Improvisation	2	DAN 167 Dance Improvisation	Repeatable for credit. 2 credits of DANC 245 are required for the major at JMU.			
DANC 345 Dance Composition	3	DAN 210 Dance Composition				
DANC 240	2-4	DAN 160 Modern Dance I and/or DAN 260 Modern Dance II	Repeatable for credit. Take at least twice if possible. DANC 240 is a 2-credit class at JMU, with 4 total credits required.			
DANC 242	2	DAN 166 Ballet I and/or DAN 266 Ballet II	Repeatable for credit. Take one twice or one of each, as DANC 242 is a 2-credit course.			
Major Requirements or Electives	6-8	<p>Select 6-8 credits:</p> <p>1 credit repeatable courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DAN 163 Jazz I - DAN 263 Jazz II - DAN 136 Workshop - DAN 158 Exploring Dance Genres <p>2 credit course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DAN 156 Cultural Perspectives of Dance <p>4-8 credit course(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BIO 141-142 Anatomy & Physiology 	<p>Choose any of the options at left for a total of 6-8 credits depending on your goals.</p> <p>The dance courses will transfer to JMU as DANC OOO electives, so you can choose the courses that interest you.</p> <p>Students interested in teacher licensure in dance are encouraged to take DAN 163 and/or DAN 263 (for 2 credits total).</p> <p>BIO 141 and BIO 142 = BIO 270 + 270L and BIO 290 + 290L at JMU. Both courses must be taken at VCCS to receive credit for Anatomy & Physiology courses at JMU. Choose these courses if they interest you, but you will also take a 3-credit anatomy and somatic course for the major at JMU.</p>			
Major Requirements, Degree Requirements, or Electives	Up to 12 credits	Additional Transfer Coursework	<p>Continue progressing through 101-102-201-202 coursework in world language unless already complete or proficient at the intermediate level.</p> <p>Students interested in teacher licensure in dance should take EDU 200 (=EDUC 200) and PSY 230 (=PSYC 160).</p> <p>Or choose other courses from above or transfer electives to fulfill the minimum 60 credits for the associate degree.</p>			
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-62				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60		
<p>* Students who complete an approved transferable associate degree will qualify for a full waiver of general education requirements at JMU. Students who will not be earning an approved transferable associate degree should complete core community college requirements with courses that also satisfy area requirements in JMU's general education program. For example, the WRTC 103 requirement can only be filled with ENG 111-112 at VCCS. Learn more about JMU general education equivalents offered at VCCS at www.jmu.edu/transfer/vccs-transfer/genedequiv.shtml. Email transferadvising@jmu.edu with questions.</p>						

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

Admission into the Dance program at JMU

Students who meet the criteria below are eligible for admission into the Dance Program.

- An audition is required for admission to the Dance major. Students are encouraged to audition the semester before they intend to start at JMU. Auditions are held in November, December, January, and February.
- To register for an audition, see the Dance program website: <https://www.jmu.edu/theatredance/apply/dance.shtml>
- Students must complete an approved transferable associate degree from their Virginia community college with a minimum GPA of 3.0 for guaranteed admission to JMU. Students who do not qualify for guaranteed admission are encouraged to apply to JMU through the regular admission process. For additional details about requirements for guaranteed admission, please see the JMU letter of intent for your community college: www.jmu.edu/admissions/apply/transfer-gaa.shtml.

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** <https://www.jmu.edu/transfer/>
- **Register Intent to Transfer:** Students can notify JMU of their interest in transferring through College Connect at www.TransferVirginia.org. Transfer applicants from a VCCS institution intending to apply through the Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA) must submit a Letter of Intent prior to applying. Requirements and forms are available at: <https://www.jmu.edu/admissions/apply/transfer-GAA.shtml>.
- **Admission Application:** By March 1 for Fall or October 15 for Spring at <https://www.jmu.edu/admissions/apply/apply-online.shtml>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.jmu.edu/financialaid>
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** Deadline is March 1. Learn more at studentaid.gov.

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered, complete your first math and English courses in your first year. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at www.TransferVirginia.org.
 - Connect with an advisor at your community college and JMU within your first year. College Connect available in your account at www.TransferVirginia.org or make an appointment with a [JMU Next Transfer Advisor](http://www.jmu.edu/transferadvising).



IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

We offer a Bachelor of Arts degree with a rigorous curriculum that prepares students for a diverse range of career paths. A career in "Dance" is a wide spectrum, and we work with each student to help define and shape their individual path. Participation in dance ensembles is a core feature of the curriculum, and ensemble rehearsals often occur in the evenings.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** An approved transferable associate degree from a Virginia Community College will waive general education requirements at JMU. The list of approved transferable associate degrees can be found at www.jmu.edu/transfer/vccs-transfer/asdegrees.shtml.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** Students who complete a transferable associate degree from a Virginia Community College through Dual Enrollment (DE) will not be eligible for guaranteed admission but will receive the general education waiver at JMU. DE associate degree earners who want to make progress toward their intended major should follow the curriculum in this guide.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** Credit for prior learning may be awarded differently at JMU than at your previous institution. JMU accepts and reviews AP, IB CIE, and CLEP examinations for all students with eligible scores. JMU will complete an independent review of the test score to apply credit to your JMU student record. Other credit for prior learning is awarded on a per case basis for the ADP and RN-BSN programs in consultation with the department of expertise. Credit for learning acquired in military service is awarded by the registrar's office using the ACE guide credit recommendation for study/experience listed on the military transcript and in consultation with the department of expertise.
- **Catalog Year:** Catalog year is determined by first semester of attendance at JMU

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

JMU is a mid to large size institution that behaves more like a smaller institution. Faculty and staff hold students as the top priority. JMU has a 96% satisfaction rate. 88% of classes have fewer than 50 students. JMU is the #1 most recommended public University in the US by the Wall Street Journal and Times Higher Education; JMU is the #1 Best College for Employment in Virginia according to U.S. Department of Education statistics compiled by Zippia. JMU has the highest post-graduation job levels of all Virginia colleges. Learn more about our college at www.jmu.edu and www.TransferVirginia.org.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- There is no limit to the number of credits you can transfer to JMU, but at least 50% of the credits required for graduation in your major must be taken at a 4-year college or university, and at least 25% must be taken at JMU. (Most JMU majors require 120 credits, so 60 must come from a 4-year and 30 must be taken at JMU.)

- Completing your Associate transfer degree post-high school satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the chance of completing your bachelor's degree.
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college means you may have exhausted your financial aid at that college and have limited your future financial aid at JMU.
- Students who may be eligible for Virginia's Two-Year College Transfer Grant should transfer in the fall or spring immediately following the completion of their associate degree. Learn more about the state transfer grant here: <https://www.schev.edu/financial-aid/financial-aid/federal-state-financial-aid/two-year-college-transfer-grant>

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at www.TransferVirginia.org

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

The intensive curriculum prepares dancers to create, perform, produce, analyze, and teach the art of dance (PK-12 licensure is available). Students can

work with high-level professional faculty and guest artists and companies during the course of their time at JMU. Dance graduates of the past decade have gone on to work in places like Jacob's Pillow and Monica Bill Barnes & Co., attend top graduate programs, and pursue a wide range of careers both in and outside of dance.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- Generally, two-thirds of transfer applicants are admitted to JMU. Competitive applicants will have mostly As & Bs and have completed at least one class in each of our four core areas (English, mathematics, lab science, and social science).
- JMU defines a transfer student as a student that has graduated from high school (or holds a GED equivalency) AND has taken courses in college after high school graduation.
- Learn more about applying at <https://www.jmu.edu/transfer/> or www.TransferVirginia.org.

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

It is possible to pursue a double major or minor alongside the Dance major, and many Dance majors choose to do so.