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## HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit [ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps](https://ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps) for the latest version of this major map.

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**Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies**

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## CONNECT WITH US

### Cal Day

Come to UC Berkeley's annual **Open House** in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

### Golden Bear Orientation

Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley **orientation** program for all new students.

### Events

Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit [tdps.berkeley.edu](https://tdps.berkeley.edu) for news and updates.

## ADVISING

Students can email the Undergraduate Academic Advisor at [laxmik@berkeley.edu](mailto:laxmik@berkeley.edu) to schedule an in-person or online appointment.

### Advising Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday, 1:30-4:30pm

# DANCE AND PERFORMANCE STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

Students in the **Dance and Performance Studies** major will engage with dance on physical, intellectual, and aesthetic levels, growing not only as performers but also as artists, thinkers, makers, viewers, and participants in the artistic event. The practical focus of the major is on the performance and choreography of contemporary dance and dance theater. Equally important is the study of theater and dance theory, history, culture, and literature.

Many of our graduates have gone on to careers in professional dance companies. Other students have gone on to graduate study in a wide variety of arts-related fields and have developed careers in universities, nonprofits, and professional fields in health care, education, and business.



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“ **Embrace the dynamic journey, the interdisciplinary creativity, and most importantly, the supportive community of TDPS. This is your invitation to explore, discover, and thrive!** ”

– Gilberto Martinez Martinez, Dance and Performance Studies Major

## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Already have an intended major but interested in Dance and Performance Studies? Consider adding DPS as a double **major** or a **minor**.
- As either a major or minor in Dance and Performance Studies, you will study with nationally and internationally known faculty respected for their scholarly research and creative work.
- The dance training and academic courses offered by our department are rigorous and geared toward the student who is interested in learning about dance and performance from multiple perspectives.

## AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Get involved in **student-led performance groups** and our annual dance concert where students perform in faculty and guest-artist repertory pieces.
- Attend a myriad of diverse and exciting **events** including lectures, workshops, and performances.
- Bring together your undergraduate experience with an **Advanced Study Opportunity (Capstone)**.

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DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY



|  | FIRST YEAR  | SECOND YEAR  | THIRD YEAR  | FOURTH YEAR   | WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?   |
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| <b>Explore</b><br>your major           | <p>Meet with your <b>major</b> and <b>college advisor</b> to discuss your academic plans.</p> <p>Review <b>major</b> and <b>college requirements</b>.</p> <p>Enroll in <b>L&amp;S 1</b> and <b>HUM 10</b>.</p> <p>Take THEATER 60: Introduction to Technical Theater and Production as soon as you can to get involved in department shows.</p> | <p>Talk to <b>TDPS peer advisors</b> about options and possibilities in the major.</p> <p>Complete the <b>lower division prerequisites</b> and <b>declare the major</b>.</p> <p>Start talking about ideas for an Honors Project or Thesis (THEATER H195A/B).</p>   | <p>Focus on <b>upper division requirements</b>.</p> <p>Review your degree progress with your <b>major</b> and <b>college advisor</b>.</p> <p>Ask your major advisor about <b>Advanced Study Opportunities (Capstones)</b>.</p> <p>Take online summer courses like THEATER 117AC or 118AC to free up time your final year.</p> | <p>Do a <b>degree check</b> to ensure you are on track to graduate.</p> <p>Complete any “bucket list” courses.</p> <p>Finish remaining <b>major, college, and campus requirements</b>.</p> <p>Complement your major with a <b>certificate, course thread, or summer minor</b>.</p>                | <p><b>Jobs and Employers</b></p> <p>3D Film Production Asst., LBNL<br/>Adj. Faculty, Monterey Peninsula CC<br/>Art Manager, Trinity Repertory Co.<br/>Coordinator, SF Opera<br/>Dancer, LevyDance Company<br/>Dancer, Washington Commanders (NFL)<br/>EMT, ProTransport 1<br/>Filmmaker<br/>Instructor, Alameda School of Music<br/>Marketing Asst., Joe Goode Group<br/>Member, San Francisco Ballet<br/>Software Engineering Intern, Zillow</p> <p><b>Graduate Programs</b></p> <p>Dance, Masters, Mills College<br/>Drama &amp; Theater Arts, Masters, American Cons. Theater<br/>Journalism, Masters, Columbia Univ.<br/>Social Sciences, Masters, UC Berkeley</p> <p>Examples gathered from the <b>First Destination Survey</b> of recent Berkeley graduates.</p> |
| <b>Connect</b><br>and build community  | <p>Get 1:1 mentoring with <b>Berkeley Connect</b>.</p> <p>Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the <b>Student Learning Center</b>.</p> <p>Attend all <b>productions</b> in the department.</p> <p>Attend TDPS Welcome Back Celebration in August for prospective and returning students.</p>                                    | <p>Join a <b>performing arts groups</b> on campus like <b>AFX Dance</b> or <b>Dancework</b>.</p> <p>Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.</p> <p>Sign up for the <b>TDPS email list</b> and start attending <b>department events</b>.</p>                               | <p>Give back by becoming a <b>TDPS peer advisor</b>.</p> <p>Work with peers and graduate students in <b>HUM 196: Mentored-Research and Discovery Groups</b>.</p> <p>Share your ideas with the department for future events, shows, and guest speakers.</p>  | <p>Get support for your thesis project in the <b>Townsend Honors Thesis Workshop</b>.</p> <p>Connect with <b>alumni groups</b> and build your <b>network</b> as you prepare to graduate.</p>  |  |
| <b>Discover</b><br>your passions       | <p>Discover new interests in a <b>Freshman Seminar</b> or student-run <b>DeCal course</b>.</p> <p>Visit the <b>Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships</b>.</p> <p>Add zest to your curriculum—take courses you never imagined taking.</p>  | <p>Take a <b>Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course</b> or <b>Discovery Course</b>.</p> <p>Assist faculty in their research through <b>URAP</b> to prepare you to do your own research project.</p>   | <p>Interested in joining a production? Check out the <b>TDPS Callboard</b> for calls and audition information.</p> <p>Pitch your idea for teaching a <b>DeCal course</b> in the department next year.</p> <p>Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the <b>Haas Scholars Program</b> or <b>SURF</b>.</p>               | <p>Bring together your undergraduate experience with an <b>Advanced Study Opportunity (Capstone)</b>.</p> <p>Curious about entrepreneurship? Enroll in <b>HUM120: Entrepreneurship for All</b>.</p> <p>Keep pursuing your interests through a <b>fellowship</b> or gap year after graduation.</p> |  |
| <b>Engage</b><br>locally and globally  | <p>Attend the <b>Calapalooza</b> student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.</p> <p>Find service opportunities through the <b>Public Service Center</b>.</p> <p>Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with <b>Berkeley Study Abroad</b>.</p>   | <p>Contribute to a community organization with an <b>American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course</b>.</p> <p>Go on a service-learning trip with the <b>Alternative Breaks Program</b>.</p> <p>Teach theater and promote the arts in local schools through the <b>CREATE program</b>.</p>                            | <p>Experience life at another UC or college on a <b>visitor and exchange program</b>.</p> <p>Intern in Washington D.C. with <b>UCDC</b> or <b>Cal in the Capital</b> or in Sacramento with <b>UCCS</b>.</p>   | <p>Hone your leadership skills with the <b>Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program</b>.</p> <p>Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as <b>Peace Corps, Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State</b>.</p>   |  |
| <b>Reflect</b><br>and plan your future | <p>Visit <b>Berkeley Career Engagement</b> and the <b>Career Counseling Library</b>.</p> <p><b>Develop a plan</b> for getting career ready.</p> <p>Set up a <b>Handshake</b> account and sign up for <b>CareerMail</b>.</p> <p>Explore career fields in the <b>Career Connections Networking Series</b>.</p>                                    | <p>Discuss career options and goals with a <b>Career Educator</b>.</p> <p>Shadow alumni through an <b>externship</b>.</p> <p>Learn about <b>graduate and professional school</b>. See <b>Step-by-Step</b> for planning help.</p> <p>Think about doing an <b>internship</b> and attend an <b>internship fair</b>.</p> | <p>Learn about <b>career fields</b> and conduct <b>informational interviews</b> with people in those fields.</p> <p>Discuss graduate school options with advisors and professors.</p> <p>Create or update your resume and <b>LinkedIn</b> profile.</p> <p>Attend <b>career and graduate school fairs</b>.</p>                 | <p>Utilize <b>job board tools</b> in your job search.</p> <p>Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.</p> <p>Attend <b>Employer Info Sessions</b> and <b>On-Campus Recruiting</b>.</p> <p>Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.</p>         |  |