Western Michigan University Department of Dance
Bachelor of Arts in Dance (52 hours)..................................................Recommended* Sequence of Required Courses

YEAR 1 – Freshman Year - Fall Semester (semester 1)
2 Dance Technique Courses (DANC1100, 1200, 1300, etc.)  4
DANC 1000 – First Year Performance  2
DANC 1860 – Music for Dancers  3
ART, MUS, or THEA Liberal Arts requirement  3
General Education, Proficiency 1 recommended (ENGL 1050)  4
16 Credits

YEAR 1 – Freshman Year - Spring Semester (semester 2)
1 Dance Technique Course (DANC1100, 1200, 1300, etc.)**  2
DANC1950 – Intro/Bartenieff Fundamentals  1
DANC1960 – Conditioning for Dancers  2
ART, MUS, or THEA Liberal Arts requirement  3
General Education, 2 courses (Proficiency 3 and/or Area VI recommended)  7
15 Credits

YEAR 2 – Sophomore Year - Fall Semester (semester 3)
1 Dance Technique Course (DANC2100, 2200, 2300, etc.)**  2
DANC1210 – Roots of Jazz  2
DANC1800 – The Creative Choreographer  3
ART, MUS, or THEA Liberal Arts requirement  3
General Education, 2 courses  6
16 Credits

YEAR 2 – Sophomore Year - Spring Semester (semester 4)
1 Dance Technique Course (DANC2100, 2200, 2300, etc.)**  2
DANC2450 – Ballet History  3
DANC3890 – Lighting/Staging for Dance  2
3 credits liberal arts/declared minor  3
General Education, 2 courses  6
16 Credits

YEAR 3 – Junior Year - Fall Semester (semester 5)
1 Dance Technique Course (DANC2100, 2200, 2300, etc.)**  2
DANC3450 – 20th Century American Dance History (Proficiency 2)  3
Dance Theory Elective  2
3 credits liberal arts/declared minor  3
General Education, 2 courses  6
16 Credits

YEAR 3 – Junior Year - Spring Semester (semester 6)
1 Dance Technique Course (DANC2100, 2200, 2300, etc.)**  2
DANC2950 – Intro Dance Science/Kinesiology  3
DANC4600 – Performance  1
3 credits liberal arts/declared minor  3
General Education, 2 courses  6
15 Credits

YEAR 4 – Senior Year - Fall Semester (semester 7)
1 Dance Technique Course (DANC3100, 3200, 3300, etc.)**  2
DANC4400 – Teaching Dance Technique  2
DANC4450 – Senior Seminar  1
6 credits liberal arts/declared minor  6
General Education  3
14 Credits

YEAR 4 – Senior Year - Spring Semester (semester 8)
1 Dance Technique Course (DANC3100, 3200, 3300, etc.)**  2
DANC4700 – Senior Capstone  2
Dance Theory Elective  3
6 credits liberal arts/declared minor  6
14 Credits

**Students may elect to take additional dance technique classes each semester to improve their technique
*The above is a recommendation only, not all theory courses are offered every semester. Projected course offerings are available online at www.wmich.edu/dance/academics; students are encouraged to create a personal plan with their academic advisor and monitor their progress using DegreeWorks through the GoWMU Portal.