Performance and Movement, BA

Do you have a passion for expanding your skills as a performer? Take your goals to the next level by joining a diverse student body that encourages you to explore multiple ways of performing, through coursework in dance and theatre.

Program Description

The BA program in performance and movement is an inclusive, transdisciplinary degree program that encourages students to develop both collaborative approaches to learning and professional industry skills in the performing arts. This program is grounded in cultivating community practice through theatre and dance.

The bachelor's degree program is located within the ecosystem of Phoenix and enables students to understand, deconstruct and uplift diverse artistic modes across media and encourages the student to create a flexible degree program that intersects and engages these areas of interest. This degree program offers a number of focus areas: dance and theatre, social and partnership dance and Hip Hop arts.

Dance and theatre --- The dance and theatre focus area is designed for dancers who seek experience working with theatrical performance and acting, actors and performers who seek to balance text and voice work with movement exploration, and writers and directors who want to explore a wide range of approaches to live performance.

Social and partnership dance --- The social and partnership dance focus area is an innovative program that allows students to explore multiple styles and approaches in social and partnership dance both in formal classroom study and informal student-centered community events. The focus area seeks to prepare future Afro-Latin social and ballroom dance leaders with pedagogical, performance and community-building strategies to support the need for serving local and national community engagement in social dance as a means to create social transformation and change.

Hip Hop arts --- The Hip Hop focus area is designed for the student interested in melding intersectional embodied practice, social justice and Hip Hop culture by offering a critical look at the historical, social and practical application of Hip Hop scholarship and culture. The program focus spans various forms of
Hip Hop artistry and expression through thought-provoking, in-studio courses and hands-on practical application and connects students with scholars and hip hop practitioners to embrace the interdisciplinary nature of Hip Hop arts: dance, music, visual and voice.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts](#)
- **Location:** Tempe
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** Any math course that meets the MA designation.
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

[2023 - 2024 Major Map (On-campus)](#)
[Major Map (Archives)](#)

Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Admission Requirements

**General University Admission Requirements:**
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Tuition Information

When it comes to paying for college, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements
An ASU student who would like to change majors to one offered by the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 (scale is 4.00 = "A").

Students should visit the Change of Major form for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU® to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Program Learning Outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Students graduating with a BA in performance and movement will be able to apply creative processes in their art-making that reflect contemporary understandings of dance and theatre practices.
- Graduates will be able to execute the stages of long-range creative projects.
- Students graduating from the BA in performance and movement will be able to implement culturally sensitive, ethical and socially grounded teaching, facilitation, and community-building practices.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
With over 300 programs in more than 65 countries (programs vary in length, from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students who wish to acquire global skills and knowledge in preparation for their career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and they may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs.

Career Opportunities

The bachelor's degree in performance and movement provides an excellent broad-based foundation for work in the arts or entertainment professions and readies students for further training at graduate schools
or conservatories. The program's liberal arts emphasis combined with a focus on physical presence prepares graduates for a variety of occupations in both performance and nonperformance fields. Opportunities may include work with:

- arts entrepreneurship
- professional performing
- studio ownership and management
- themed entertainment

Career example titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience, geographical location, and required advanced degrees or certifications may affect pay scales.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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Professional Licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the [ASU professional licensure](#) webpage.

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