Founded in the context of global contemporary dance, the B.F.A. in dance emphasizes excellence in technique, composition, performance, and dance studies. The program requires an audition and prepares will prepare you for subsequent training designed to support professional careers in performance, creative or discursive work, or further studies.

The B.A. in dance emphasizes general studies of contemporary dance in a global context. This degree will prepare you for further studies in such areas of dance as performance, choreography, dance theory, teaching, arts management, movement therapy, and kinesiology.

The College of Liberal Arts Advantage: More Than a Major
When you study Dance at the University of Minnesota, you gain the added advantage of a College of Liberal Arts education. At CLA, the liberal arts mean you get more than just a degree in one major or another; it means you will be exposed to different areas of study, to different ways of thinking and learning. In fact, the liberal arts teach you how to learn—how to ask the right questions, how to problem solve, and how to innovate. The liberal arts highlight the complexities of our world, because here at CLA you will study not just, say, politics or art but also where politics and art intersect, where science and ethics intersect, where economics and the environment intersect.
Meet Our Students

Jacob Becker elaborates on his experiences in the BFA Dance program as a scholarship recipient and comments on the value of dancing in a Liberal Arts versus conservatory-style setting.

Read more about Jacob's story, and learn more about our undergraduate program.

Student Experiences

Learning Abroad Options in Dance: Prepare to Lead in a Global Economy

University of Minnesota Dance focuses on contemporary dance in a global context and aims to create citizens of a global society, aware of the power and implications of artistic choices.

Learn more about study abroad for Dance majors.

Student Organizations: Find Friends and Grow as a Leader

- Peer Advisors
- Student Dance Coalition
- Open Stage
- Premier Dance Team

Meet Our Alumni
Known for her dynamic solo performance in N.E.R.D. and Rhianna’s “Lemon” video, Mette Towley reflects on her past and future.

Read more about Mette's story.

CLA Graduates: Successful Careers and Purposeful Lives

CLA graduates succeed in many different careers — law, health care, medicine, business, government, teaching, advertising, arts and entertainment, international relations, and more — precisely because they understand how to navigate a complex and interconnected world. As our alumni explain below, “Being a good employee means being curious, and continuing to evolve, and learn, and educate yourself, and I can think of no stronger foundation for doing that than a liberal arts education.

“An education in the liberal arts is a springboard to lifelong career success”
-- Dean John Coleman
You might also explore

Kinesiology  
Music  
Theatre Arts  
Acting

Associated Careers

Adult Educators; Arts Administrators; Athletic Trainers; Choreographers; Dancers; Elementary, Middle, and High School Teachers; Physical Therapists; Recreational Therapists

Admission Information

FRESHMAN:  Admission information

TRANSFER STUDENTS:  Requirements for the College of Liberal Arts

Beyond admission, if you have questions about transferring, the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) has transfer advisors to help. Please feel free to contact them about any of the topics below!

- Course plans before transferring
• Estimated time to graduation
• Career preparation in CLA
• Getting ready for orientation, if admitted
• Connecting with major/minor departments