UMass Amherst
As the commonwealth’s flagship campus, UMass Amherst is a nationally ranked public research university located in Amherst, Massachusetts, on 1,450 acres in the scenic and historic Pioneer Valley, 90 miles from Boston, 175 miles from New York City, and 42 miles from Jacob’s Pillow. The campus is a diverse institution of 29,269 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in 90 different majors or in a student-designed major. Full-time faculty totals 1,300, while Amherst is ranked as one of America’s best college towns.

Dance Department
University of Massachusetts Amherst
Totman Building
30 Eastman Lane
Amherst, MA 01003-9330
Dance. Now. At UMass Amherst

- Become a sustainable artist trained and educated for a successful career in the arts.
- Receive high-caliber professional training in modern dance and ballet.
- Learn many different dance techniques with an emphasis on jazz, contemporary dance, and world dance forms.
- Study with nationally and internationally recognized faculty from the Five College Consortium (UMass Amherst, Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, and Smith colleges).
- Prepare for the technical and theoretical aspects of dance.
- Earn a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of fine arts degree.
- Join a strong and supportive community of dancers at a large university.
- Celebrate the beauty of different kinds of people, body types, and intelligences.
- Be transformed by performance and the power of dance.
- Network with accomplished alumni working as performers, teachers, or in other aspects of dance.
UMass Amherst
Fall Faculty Concert
Each fall, the UMass Amherst faculty and guest choreographers create new work with the second-, third-, and fourth-year dancers. Recent guest artists include John Heginbotham, Sidra Bell, and Camille A. Brown.

Numerous Performance Opportunities

Alive With Dance
These performances serve as a graduation concert for fourth-year students. Each student may choose to produce his or her capstone thesis at this concert.

With the Five College Dance Department
There are about 35 dance events, showcasing faculty and student performances and projects. At least one major repertory project is staged each year and open to all Five College dancers. Recent projects include Pilobolus’s Megawatt, Delfos Danza’s Full and Empty, Gallim Dance’s Wonderland, and Ohad Naharin’s Echad Mi Yodea. Each year, additional guest artists come to choreograph or restage work on Five College dancers.

Auditions for Campus Performances
Audition for dances choreographed by faculty and guest artists are held during the first week of classes. Auditions for dances choreographed by students take place throughout the fall semester. Auditions for major repertory projects are scheduled during the course of the year.

Emerging Choreographers Series
In conjunction with third-year students’ integrative experience requirement, students present their work in nontraditional, site-specific environments.
To be a leader in performance, pedagogy, and scholarship, and to create a community that promotes individual growth through artistic and intellectual discovery.
Apply Now.

2017–2018

Application Deadlines
Please contact admissions for fall and spring application deadlines.

Undergraduate Estimated Tuition & Fees
Tuition/Fees-In State .......... $14,598
Tuition/Fees-Out-of-State $31,420
NERSP* Tuition/Fees .......... $24,482
Room and Board ...................... $11,848
*The New England Regional Student Program gives a tuition discount to New England residents enrolled in certain programs not offered by the public colleges and universities of their home state.

Department Facts
• Selective admissions: entering class 15–20 students
• Minimum three years of ballet training
• Interdisciplinary curriculum, cross-fertilizing dance with arts, sciences, and humanities
• 30 percent receive scholarships
• Access to 20,000 music- and dance-related books, 18,000 scores, and 21,000 recordings
• Performances in the 2,000-seat Concert Hall and 700-seat Bowker Auditorium
• Member of the Five College Dance Department (UMass Amherst, Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, and Smith colleges)

Auditions
All auditions, held in the form of a class, take place at the Totman Building, home of the dance program. The classes are: Ballet Barre, Modern Class, Jazz Class, and Improvisation. Auditionees may also be asked to perform a one-minute solo in any idiom.

2017–2018
DANCE MAJOR AUDITIONS
October 14, 2016 @ 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
October 28, 2016 @ 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
February 3, 2017 @ 1 p.m.

Visit Us
We welcome visits by prospective dance students and their families and will arrange meetings with faculty and students, attendance at classes and rehearsals, and campus tours.

Please contact Cathleen Maclutsky, 413-545-6064 or cmaclutsky@dance.umass.edu to schedule an appointment.

Please visit our website at www.umass.edu/dance for more information and an application.
Week at a Glance

(First-Year Fall Semester)

Monday
9:05–10:35 a.m. Ballet
11:15–12:45 p.m. Jazz
• Academic Classes
• General Education Requirements

Tuesday
10–11:30 a.m. Modern
11:30–1 p.m. Improvisation
1–2:30 p.m. First-Year Dance Major Seminar
• Academic Classes
• General Education Requirements

Wednesday
9:05–10:35 a.m. Ballet
11:15–12:45 p.m. Jazz
• Academic Classes
• General Education Requirements

Thursday
10–11:30 a.m. Modern
11:30–1 p.m. Improvisation
1–2:30 p.m. First-Year Dance Major Seminar
• Academic Classes
• General Education Requirements

Friday
• Master Classes
• Special Events

Life after Dance at UMass Amherst

Dance Companies & Graduates
Reject Dance Theatre, a contemporary and modern company in New York City and Boston
ELSCO Dance, a commercial and concert company in New York City
Urbanity Dance, a contemporary company in Boston
BoSoma Dance Company, a contemporary company in Peabody, Mass.
Columbia City Ballet, a ballet company in Columbia, S.C.
Nashville Ballet, a ballet company in Nashville
New Dialect, a contemporary company in Nashville
The Bang Group, a rhythm-based, theatrical company in New York City
Cleo Parker Robinson Dance, a modern company in Denver

Continuing Education
Sarah Lawrence College for a master’s in dance movement therapy
Lesley University for a master’s in dance movement therapy
Saint Mary’s College of California for a master’s in fine arts
Northeastern University for physical therapy
MGH Institute of Health Professions for Physical Therapy
University of New England for physical therapy

Other Opportunities
Performer/character with Walt Disney World in Florida
Dancer with the Boston Celtics
Dancer with the Jubilee! dancers in Las Vegas
Teacher at Broadway Dance Center in New York City
Performer in Footloose with Boebe Productions in Reno
Certified instructors in Pure Barre, Pilates, Yoga, and Gyrotonics
Choreographers producing concerts in Boston and New York City