

## 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.

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### Department of Music and Dance

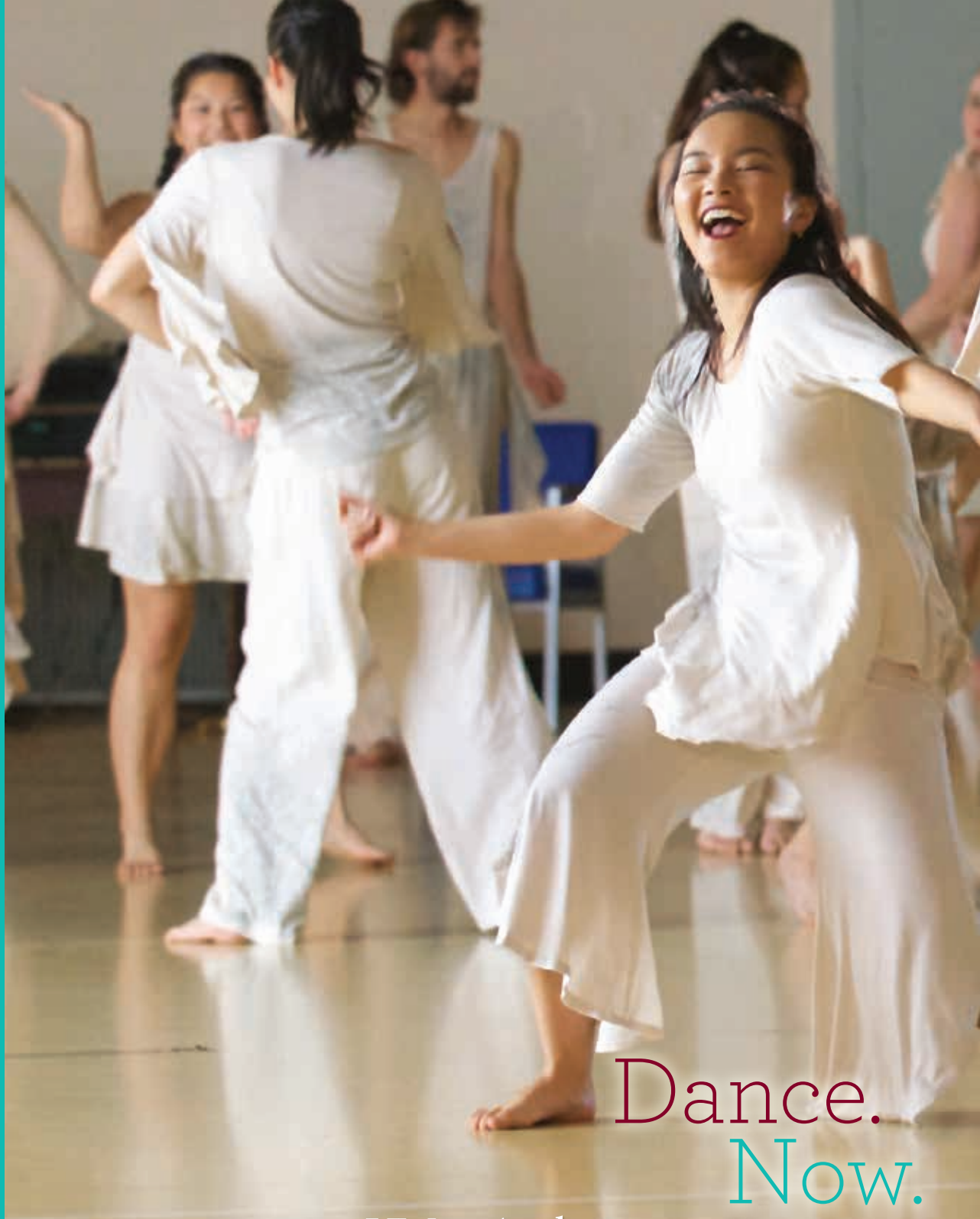
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College of Humanities  
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Dance.  
Now.

UMassAmherst  
The Commonwealth's Flagship Campus



## 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.



Numerous

## Performance Opportunities

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 with Five College dancers.

### **Auditions for Campus Performances**

Auditions 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.

# Our Vision



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.

## Application Deadlines

Please contact Admissions for fall and spring application deadlines.

## Undergraduate Estimated Tuition & Fees

\$16,000 (in-state)  
\$36,000 (out-of-state)

Dance majors from New England are eligible for discounted tuition through the New England Regional Student Program (NERSP).

## ROOM AND BOARD

Packages begin at \$12,500

*Estimates based on 2017 rates. Please check [umass.edu/bursar](http://umass.edu/bursar) for current information.*

## 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)

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## 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.

*Please check our website for upcoming audition dates and times.*

## 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:  
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413-545-6064 or  
[cmaclutsky@dance.umass.edu](mailto:cmaclutsky@dance.umass.edu)  
to schedule an appointment.

Please visit our website at  
[www.umass.edu/dance](http://www.umass.edu/dance)  
for more information and  
an application.



# Week at a Glance

## (SAMPLE FIRST-YEAR FALL SEMESTER SCHEDULE)

### MONDAY

9:05–10:35 a.m. Ballet

11:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Jazz

- Academic Classes
- General Education Requirements

### TUESDAY

10–11:30 a.m. Modern

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Improvisation

1–2:30 p.m. First-Year Dance Major Seminar

- Academic Classes
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11:30 a.m.–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