

# Dance

## B.A.

### *Expanded Statement of Institutional Purpose*

#### **Institutional Mission Reference**

The undergraduate degrees in Dance offer students a well-rounded education, utilizing both theoretical and applied approaches to dance, providing students with knowledge about dance as an art form and a process of communication, and empowering students to become critical thinkers, problem solvers, and responsible citizens. (See Communication and Theatre Arts home page: <http://web.odu.edu/al/dance>).

#### **Institutional Goal(s) Supported**

The undergraduate degrees in Dance support the University goals of: (1) quality undergraduate academic programs, (2) quality teaching, (3) developing intellectual skills of critical thinking and problem solving, (4) responsible citizenship, (5) breadth of understanding needed for personal growth and achievement, (6) appreciation of women, minorities, and non-western cultures, (7) life-long learning and (8) community service.

In addition, the undergraduate degrees in dance support the College of Arts and Letters goals of: (1) developing skill of oral and written communication, (2) critical thinking, and (3) exploring issues of culture, society, and human values from historical and contemporary perspectives (See College of Arts and Letters web page at: <http://web.odu.edu/al/artsandletters/deanmsg.htm>).

### *Intended Educational (Student) Outcomes, Methods for Assessment, Criteria for Success, Assessment Results, and Use of Results*

#### **Intended Outcome 1**

Students will demonstrate knowledge of basic systems of motion as they apply to dance technique.

**Method for Assessing Outcome 1 and Criterion for Success:** Graduating seniors in dance will earn a grade of C or better in DANC 393 Anatomy/Kinesiology for Dance, and all Dance Technique courses. Graduating seniors will achieve level 4 proficiency in Ballet Technique and Modern Dance Technique. Specifically, graduating seniors must pass DANC 404 and DANC 414.

**Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 1:** All Dance majors who graduated in either December 2002 or May 2003 earned a grade of "C" or better in DANC 393 Anatomy/Kinesiology for Dance, and all Dance Technique courses and passed DANC 404 and DANC 414.

**Use of Assessment Results from Intended Outcome 1 to Improve Academic Program:** DANC 393 Anatomy/Kinesiology for Dance and Dance Technique requirements are fulfilling their purpose within the Program.

#### **Intended Outcome 2**

Students will demonstrate creative expression and perform in public as dancers.

**Method for Assessing Outcome 2 and Criterion for Success:** Graduating seniors in dance will audition for and be selected to enroll in DANC 387 and 388, Repertory and Performance, for which they must earn a C or better. Graduating seniors will earn a C or better in DANC 370 Dance Composition.

**Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 2:** All Dance majors who graduated in either December 2002 or May 2003 earned a grade of "C" or better in DANC 387 and 388, Repertory and Performance and DANC 370 Dance Composition.

**Use of Assessment Results from Intended Outcome 2 to Improve Academic Program:** DANC 387 and 388, Repertory and Performance and DANC 370 Dance Composition requirements are fulfilling their purpose within the Program.

**Intended Outcome 3**

Students will develop the ability to articulate an understanding of the historical, social and cultural dimensions of dance.

**Method for Assessing Outcome 3 and Criterion for Success:** Graduating seniors must earn a C or better in DANC 389U 20th Century Dance History.

**Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 3:** All Dance Majors who graduated in either December 2002 or May 2003 earned a grade of "C" or better in DANC 389U 20th Century Dance History.

**Use of Assessment Results from Intended Outcome 3 to Improve Academic Program:** The DANC 389U 20th Century Dance History requirement is fulfilling its purpose within the Program.

**Intended Outcome 4**

Students will develop the ability to critically analyze and evaluate choreography and performance.

**Method for Assessing Outcome 4 and Criterion for Success:** Graduating seniors in Dance will earn a C or better in DANC 370 Dance Composition.

**Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 4:** All graduating seniors in Dance earned a C or better in Dance 370 Dance Composition.

**Use of Assessment Results from Intended Outcome 4 to Improve Academic Program:** The Dance 370 Dance Composition requirement is fulfilling its purpose within the program.

**Intended Outcome 5**

Students will develop an ability to apply the skills acquired in technique and theory courses to the teaching of dance.

**Method for Assessing Outcome 5 and Criterion for Success:** Graduating seniors will earn a C or better in DANC 489 Principles of Teaching Dance.

**Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 5:** All graduating seniors in Dance earned a C or better in Dance 489 Principles of Teaching Dance..

**Use of Assessment Results from Intended Outcome 5 to Improve Academic Program:** The Dance 489 Principles of Teaching Dance requirement is fulfilling its purpose within the program.