

# Best Choices Guide

## Visual & Performing Arts – Dance Option (BA)

This Associate of Arts degree is designed for Colorado Community College System (CCCS) students who want to transfer to UCCS and complete a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Visual & Performing Arts –Dance Option. It is based on the [best academic advising choices](#) for future UCCS students. Please note that final graduation requirements for the bachelor’s degree will be based on your year of admission to UCCS. Contact [transfer@uccs.edu](mailto:transfer@uccs.edu) for more information.

To earn the Associate of Arts Degree, students must complete the following course requirements for a total of 60 semester credit hours, at least 34 of which must be Colorado State-Guaranteed Courses. Courses taken at other colleges, AP, IB, CLEP, DSST, and other sources of credit may not be applicable upon transfer to UCCS even if applied to the associate’s degree at CCCS. Check the CDHE’s [GT Pathways](#) website for more information.

To transfer to UCCS, students should have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better.

Degree Requirements	Courses	
<b>Written Communication</b> (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENG 121/1021</li> <li>ENG 122/1022</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Students who test into ENG 122/1022 should take ENG 201/2001 or HIS 265/2765 as their second written communication course.</i></p>	
<b>Mathematics</b> (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete one <a href="#">GT-MA1</a> Course (MAT 120/1240 preferred)</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Credits over 3 will be applied to the additional requirements below.</i></p>	
<b>Arts &amp; Humanities</b> (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DNCE 125/1050</li> <li>Complete one additional GT-AH course (<a href="#">GT-AH1</a>) (<a href="#">GT-AH2</a>) (<a href="#">GT-AH3</a>) (<a href="#">GT-AH4</a>)</li> </ul> <p><b>(DO NOT take any DAN courses for this requirement.)</b></p>	
<b>History</b> (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete one GT-HI1 course (<a href="#">GT-HI1</a>)</li> </ul> <p><b>(DO NOT take more than one GT-HI course for this AA.)</b></p>	
<b>Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences</b> (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COM 220/2300</li> <li>Complete one additional GT-SS course (<a href="#">GT-SS1</a>) (<a href="#">GT-SS2</a>) (<a href="#">GT-SS3</a>)</li> </ul>	
<b>Physical and Life Sciences</b> (7 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete at least two GT-SC courses. (<a href="#">GT-SC1</a>) (<a href="#">GT-SC2</a>)</li> </ul> <p>At least one course MUST come from the GT-SC1 category.</p>	
<b>Additional Requirements</b> (29 hours) Courses recommended by UCCS for this degree.	DAN 211/2011: Dance Composition & Improvisation I	3
	DAN 212/2012: Dance Composition & Improvisation II	2
	DAN 221/2021, 222/2022: Dance Performance I & II	4
	DAN 254/2054: Methods	2
	DAN 255/2055: Dance for Camera	2
	DAN Electives: take 10 credits of dance technique classes in at least three different styles	10
	General Electives	6

### Other AA/AS Requirements

- A minimum of 60 credit hours in a prescribed program of study with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (a C average). At least 15 of these credit hours must be earned from CCCS.
- Career and technical courses, whether taken at another institution or at CCCS, are not accepted toward this degree without approval of the CCCS Vice President for Instructional Services. Approval is given only when it is appropriate to the educational objectives of the student.
- Courses numbered below 100/1000 do not apply towards degrees.

### State-Wide Articulation Agreement

This guide is based on the Colorado state-wide transfer articulation for your major. For additional information regarding guarantees, limitations, and addendums to that agreement please visit the Guaranteed Transfer and Guided Pathways page on the Colorado Department of Higher Education website ([higher.ed.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/Students.html](http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/Students.html)).

### Language other than English - UCCS

Beginning fall 2023, the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences (LAS) at UCCS requires all students to complete a language requirement as part of their degree program. Students who have not completed two years of the same world language in high school or have equivalent AP, IB, or CLEP scores are encouraged to take a World Language course 1012, 2011, or 2012 at the community college. World Language credits will fulfill general electives toward the degree, or can apply to a minor. An exemption will be granted to those who complete an Associate’s degree prior to their first semester of enrollment at UCCS. Other exemptions and test-out options are available at UCCS. **Contact ([transfer@uccs.edu](mailto:transfer@uccs.edu)) with questions.**

### Additional Resources

The UCCS transfer website ([www.uccs.edu/transfer](http://www.uccs.edu/transfer)) has many additional resources for students transferring from CCCS to UCCS.

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## Four-Year Degree Plan - Visual & Performing Arts – Dance Option

The following four-year plan lists all the specific course requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Visual & Performing Arts – Dance Option degree at UCCS. Courses are listed by the course number at the appropriate institution. The order in which these courses are taken may vary with course availability. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.** Please note that this is a *suggested* degree program; your program may vary.

### Suggested First Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	ENG 121/1021	3		ENG 122/1022	3
	DNCE 125/1050	3		DAN 221/2021	2
	DAN 125/1050	3		DAN Electives	4
	DAN Electives	3		GT-MA1 course	3
	GT-AH course (no DAN)	3		General Elective	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>

### Suggested Second Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	DAN 211/2011	3		DAN 212/2012	2
	DAN 222/2022	2		DAN 254/2054	2
	DAN Electives	1		DAN 255/2055	2
	GT-HI1 course	3		DAN Electives	2
	GT-SC2 course	4		GT-SC1 course	3
	GT-SS course	3		GT-SS course – COM 220/2300 ( <i>Inclusiveness</i> )	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>

### Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	VAPA 1000-Level Course	3		VAPA 3000-Level Course	3
	THTR 2000	4		UD DNCE Technical Practicum	1
	THTR 2020	3		DNCE 3202	3
	DNCE 3201	3		DNCE 4710	3
	Upper-Division (UD) DNCE Choreography Practicum*	1		Cross-Disciplinary 2000-Level Elective	3
	HUM 3990	3		UD General Elective ( <i>Inclusiveness</i> )	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>

### Suggested Fourth Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	VAPA 3000-Level Course	3		DNCE 4393 (Capstone)	1
	UD DNCE Practicum	1		UD DNCE Elective	3
	UD DNCE Elective	3		Cross-Disciplinary 2000-Level Elective	2
	UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	4
	UD General Elective ( <i>Sustainability</i> )	3		UD General Elective	4
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>

**\*Meet with the Program Director for Theatre and Dance before enrolling for a Practicum. It is recommended that 15 hours at UCCS be completed before enrolling in a Practicum.**

### UCCS Bachelor of Arts, Visual & Performing Arts – Dance Option Major Requirements

- A minimum of 120 hours must be completed with a cumulative CU grade point average of 2.0; at least 45 of these hours must be at the upper-division level (courses numbered 3000-4999).
- The Visual & Performing Arts – Dance Option major requires a minimum of 60 hours with a grade point average of 2.0, and at least 25 of the hours must be at the upper-division level (courses numbered 3000-4999).
- The last 30 hours of the degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at UCCS.

Prospective Student Advising: Transfer Advisor ([transfer@uccs.edu](mailto:transfer@uccs.edu))