



2024 MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL DANCE FESTIVAL

INSTITUTIONS ATTENDING

Coker University, Columbia College, Converse University, Elon University, Johnson C. Smith University, Bodiography, University of North Carolina – Charlotte, University of South Carolina, and Winthrop University

Coker University, Hartsville, SC

<http://coker.edu/programsdegrees/dance>

The dance major at Coker University offers students a range of courses that prepare them for several career options in dance, including as a performer, choreographer, dance educator, and also provides the opportunity for students to enter advanced professional training, such as graduate school. The Dance Program is committed to providing a well-rounded, student-centered learning experience rich in dance technique, choreography, theory, and performance.

Coker offers a BFA in Dance with Choreography emphasis, BA in Dance Education with K-12 Teaching Certification, BA in Dance, and a Dance minor.

Scholarship Amount: Partial College Tuition Scholarship (\$500-\$7500) or Summer Scholarship (\$150 off tuition)

Details: Renewable for four years and stackable with other awards

Criteria: Student must maintain a 3.0 GPA and be in good standing; summer scholarship is talent-based.

Program dates: Academic year 2025-2026 or Summer Intensive 2025

Curriculum: Daily classes in Ballet and Modern Dance, additional courses in Dance Composition, Repertory, Jazz, and others.

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Columbia College, Columbia, SC

<https://www.columbiasc.edu/academics/undergraduate/dance-education-dance-studies>

Criteria: Awarded to student dancers wishing to major in dance at Columbia College, SC. This scholarship award is given based on creative merit and artistic potential demonstrated in the audition masterclass.

The eligibility for this scholarship is contingent upon the dancer's acceptance to Columbia College as a student. Once accepted to the college and having completed the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Office of Financial Aid at Columbia College will include this Dance Scholarship on the dancer's award letter, which will include additional eligibility for all federal, state, and institutional aid.

Scholarship Amount: Partial College Tuition Scholarship up to \$4,000

Still responsible for: Remaining tuition, room and board, course fees

Program dates: 2025-2026 Academic Year

Curriculum: Columbia College offers a contemporary dance technique and somatic practice focused curriculum. Our program offers two Bachelor of Arts degree tracks in either Dance Studies or Dance Education with a certification to teach.

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Bodiography

www.bodiography.com

Founded by Maria Angelica Caruso, Bodiography Contemporary Ballet's core purpose is to bring artists, art and audiences together to enrich, engage, educate, transform and change lives through the experience of dance. Bodiography continues to innovate, supporting ascendant creative talent while presenting collaborations and repertory by internationally recognized living artists. Bodiography has grown through the establishment of multiple platforms alongside the Bodiography Center for Movement, providing a wide range of public classes and pre-professional training where extensive youth, education, community, adaptive dance and family programs keep the organization deeply connected to its hometown.

Name of Scholarships: Summer Program Scholarship

Scholarship Amount: \$500 partial summer scholarship

Criteria: The scholarship recipient must attend all six weeks of the program.

Program dates: Summer 2025

Curriculum: Includes classical ballet, pointe, variations, pas de deux, contemporary, Pilates, Bodiography, Fitness and Strength, Choreography and Composition, Improvisation, Tap, Jazz, and Hip Hop.

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Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC

www.winthrop.edu/cvpa/dance/

Mission:

The dance program at Winthrop University prepares students for careers and future study in dance by fostering their aesthetic, technical, intellectual, and creative development within the context of a liberal arts education. In order to achieve this mission, the program provides students with opportunities to participate in studio-based practices and explorations as well as performance and other relevant educational offerings. The program serves both the university and local community in enhancing their knowledge of the discipline of dance from a holistic perspective, including the political, historical, cultural, and technological events that have contributed to its evolution.

Dance Program Goals:

- To provide a developmentally sequenced curriculum of studio and theory courses that exposes dance majors and minors to a breadth of skills, knowledge, and critical thinking.
- To nurture artistic leadership in students through opportunities to perform, choreograph, teach, design, stage manage, participate in internships, and be involved in professional organizations.
- To promote collaborative experiences that develop students' communication skills, appreciation of diversity, and adaptability to change in all artistic and interdisciplinary endeavors.
- To prepare students for successful careers as educational leaders in public and private K-12 education.

Scholarship Amount: \$250-\$3000

Scholarship covers: University tuition and/or summer tuition and housing

Program dates: 2025-2026 Academic Year or Summer 2025

Curriculum: Ballet, contemporary, jazz, musical theater, yoga, choreography

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Converse University

[Converse.edu](https://www.converse.edu)

Converse's Dance program provides an inclusive, flexible environment for students to develop their artistic, physical, and intellectual capabilities in the field of dance. The Dance major and minor at Converse explores choreography, music theory, and the physical capabilities of the human body to prepare you for a myriad of professions from dance education to performance to production.

The study of dance at Converse began in 1960 with Professor Emerita, **Janis Dengler**. Our Dance program continues to provide a holistic approach to technique, composition, performance, and artistic research. We value versatile performers and choreographers who engage in the world around them and bring their unique artistic vision into the dance studio.

Scholarship Amount: Partial tuition

Criteria: Declared dance major or minor

Program dates: Fall 2025

Curriculum: Dancers at Converse take a variety of courses in dance technique, including ballet, contemporary, jazz, and tap, as well as courses in dance composition, history, and anatomy. Courses are offered at beginning through advanced levels, and ensure each student graduates with a deep understanding of dance, ready for the next step in their career. Dance courses may be taken as electives by any student interested in dance, though some courses are restricted to majors and/or minors and require a placement exam.

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Additional Schools in Attendance:

Elon University, Elon, NC

<https://www.elon.edu/perarts>

Missions: The Dance Performance & Choreography Program mission is to develop highly trained dance artists who are well-versed in the technical, creative, theoretical, historic, and analytical research areas of dance.

The Dance Science Program mission is to prepare students with a focus on the practical application of scientific principles to enhance dance and movement performance, improve dance training, reduce injury, and contribute to the overall well-being of dancers.

Criteria: Talent-based tuition scholarships are offered at Elon's on-campus auditions.

Program dates: Elon University has a fall semester, winter term, spring semester

B.F.A. in Dance Performance & Choreography Curriculum: Students majoring in Dance Performance & Choreography may choose a double major in other disciplines. Graduates of our program have become professional dancers, choreographers, educators, arts administrators, filmmakers, physical therapists, directors, and more. An audition is required.

B.S. in Dance Science Curriculum: Students majoring in Dance Science may choose to double major in other disciplines or may choose to focus on completing the pre-requisites for graduate programs in Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, Dance Education, Dance Science, or Movement Therapy.

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University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC

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Program dates: Academic year 2025-2026

Curriculum: The UNC Charlotte Department of Dance awards Bachelor of Arts degrees in Dance concentrating in: (1) Dance Performance, Choreography, and Theory or (2) Dance Education. Students may enrich their BA study with an Advanced Dance Studies Certificate. In partnership with Charlotte Ballet, the department offers a Professional Training Certificate in Dance for advanced ballet training. Any UNC Charlotte student may audition for this unique two-year certificate program.

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University of South Carolina, Columbia SC

<http://dance.sc.edu>

Betsy Blackmon Dance Program: Working from a solid foundational core of dance coursework, students can earn an undergraduate degree in dance as well as develop advanced competencies in the areas of Performance and Choreography or Dance Education K-12 Certification. A Dance Minor is also available. Additionally, we offer SC's only graduate degree in dance, the MA in Dance Studies.

Program dates: Beginning in the Fall 2025

Curriculum: Our experienced faculty strives to instill a sound foundation of guided practice in the disciplines and principles of classical ballet and contemporary dance. The program has a long-established specialty in ballet infused with the energy of cutting-edge contemporary dance.

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Johnson C. Smith University

jcsu.edu

Curriculum: The Dance Major Program provides studio-based and theory-based instruction in both Western European and African derived dance forms, in preparation for careers or graduate study in dance.

Program dates: 2025-2026 Academic Year

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**All information subject to change at the discretion of the institutions.*