Assessment of the Major

Feedback from any of these sources of information can illuminate needed curricular or pedagogical change.

Learning Goals in Dance*

Students majoring in Dance will learn to:

1. Understand dance as an art form that reflects and impacts local communities and global cultures.
2. Think analytically, comparatively, and contextually.
3. Develop skills in rhythmic and movement/composition analysis.
4. Become articulate about the art form via the spoken and written word.
5. Understand and practice risk-taking.
6. Understand and expand creative and artistic potentials.
7. Engage in a variety of self-assessment and reflective practices that encourage life-long learning.
8. Understand basic principles of dance teaching methodologies and dance science as applied to technical and aesthetic development.
9. Develop an awareness of the extent of one’s personal responsibility toward her/his own learning process and social contribution.
10. Develop kinesthetic awareness and how to use the body as a mode of understanding and expression.
11. Develop research skills that allow deeper understanding of core issues in dance.

* These are the 2004 learning goals for the Dance Major. The rest of the information on this chart is designed to illustrate the pathways and does not represent Dance.