

DANCE MAJOR

Admissions

Admission Requirements and Procedures

Students interested in the Ailey/Fordham B.F.A. program are expected to meet the following general criteria:

- Superior talent and potential for a performing career as a dance artist, and good technique training in modern dance and classical ballet
- Evidence of academic ability as described in the Admission chapter of this bulletin

Candidates should complete the following admission procedures:

- Submit the dance application to the Ailey School by November 1 and the academic application to the Fordham University Office of Admission also by November 1. Applicants should apply for need- and merit-based financial assistance by February 1. Those applicants with questions may contact the Office of Undergraduate Admission at enroll@fordham.edu or 718-817-4000.
- Take the dance audition by invitation in New York or another city in January, February, or March.

While this program does not have a definitive age limit, B.F.A. students are expected to be of an appropriate age to be able to participate fully in all aspects of the program and accomplish the rigorous dance requirements for graduation within the established time frame. Students who wish to transfer into the B.F.A. program must satisfy the dance and academic criteria for advanced standing at both the Ailey School and Fordham University. The program's four-year length of study may be shortened to three years in the case of very advanced dance students with strong previous undergraduate records. Ailey and Fordham are committed to excellence through diversity. Male-identifying students and students of color are especially encouraged to apply.

Students in good academic standing may pursue a second major or add a minor to their course of study. Many students have pursued African and African American Studies, economics, English, math, new media & digital design, psychology, etc. However, students must continue to prioritize the requirements of the Ailey/Fordham B.F.A. in Dance program.

Students with dance potential who do not meet the B.F.A. admission criteria are encouraged to audition for the Ailey School's other professional training programs and to reapply to the B.F.A. program.

CIP Code

50.0301 - Dance, General.

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