2016 Dance Program Application & Audition Detail
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
www.uwsp.edu/theatre-dance

UWSP's Dance Program aspires to create a dynamic culture in which students are inspired to achieve full physical expression, technical and stylistic range, and anatomical efficiency. We are dedicated to artistic experimentation and contemporary inquiry that is culturally relevant and historically grounded, preparing students to communicate, contribute and lead as global citizen artists.

Dance Major and Minor Audition Dates: February 19 and 26, 2016

Incoming students submit all dance program application materials two weeks before your audition date via https://app.getacceptd.com/uwsp

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to UWSP's Dance major or minor program prospective students must be admitted to UWSP as full-time students before their dance program audition date. Contact the UWSP Admissions Office for complete eligibility requirements: (715) 346-2441. Applicants must then successfully complete an on-campus performance audition and interview with the UWSP dance faculty. A limited number of tuition scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors accepted as dance majors. The faculty selects the scholarship recipients during the on-campus audition; an additional scholarship application is not required.

The dance faculty considers the following elements of your application and audition:

- In your written essay – your ability to clearly and completely communicate your ideas and goals;
- During your audition – your ability to engage with new ideas and information, your capacity to embody the movement material presented, and your knowledge of and proficiency in at least 2 of the 4 techniques in UWSP's curriculum: ballet, modern, jazz and tap;
- During your prepared one-minute solo – your ability to communicate through movement; and
- During your interview – your ability to articulate your reasons for studying dance at the university level.

Required Materials Checklist

☐ Your resume listing dance training, performance experience, and awards

☐ One recent photograph: either a headshot or dance photo

☐ Your three-page essay, typed, double-spaced, and carefully proofread for spelling, grammar and completeness of ideas. Your answers should be thoughtful and detailed.

☐ Essay content:

- Considering UWSP's Dance Program Mission Statement, your reasons for pursuing a dance major or minor in our program.
- Describe what most interests you about studying dance at the university level.
- Describe the ways you see yourself as a leader in the field of dance now, and in what ways you envision yourself leading in the future.

☐ Two letters of recommendation (signed and dated) from individuals able to assess your abilities. One letter should be written by an academic teacher or advisor who is able comment on your ability to be successful in university-level academic coursework; the second letter should be written by a primary dance teacher who is able to comment on your ability and potential to be successful in a university-level dance program.

When considering applicants for admission UWSP places primary emphasis on academic factors, including the following:

- Class rank
- Test scores - ACT or SAT
- Cumulative high school grade point average (GPA)
- Rigor of high school courses
- Trend in grades in academic courses over time

February 19 and 26, 2016 Audition Schedule

10-10:15 a.m.	Faculty and dance audition candidate introductions
10:15-11:45	Ballet class
11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Modern combinations
12:15-1:15	Jazz and Tap combinations
1:15-1:45	Break/Lunch
1:45-3:30	Major candidates' prepared solos and interviews with dance faculty. Minor candidate's prepared solos and interview with dance faculty
3:30-3:45	Wrap-up session Final schedule to be determined by number of applicants

All students will be notified regarding their dance program admission status within three weeks following the February 26 audition.

Additional UWSP Admission Detail: http://www.uwsp.edu/admissions

Please direct dance program application and audition questions to:

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