

Department of Dance Professionalism Policy
(applicable to all majors: BA, BFA, and Dance Education)
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All dance majors in the Department of Dance at BYU must first declare their major as Dance BA, Dance BA/Pre-Dance Ed, Dance BA/Pre-Dance BFA. Regardless of a student's final major track, the Department of Dance expects students to demonstrate professionalism practices that are commonly expected within the dance industry.

All dance majors will read, understand and agree to abide by the professionalism policy outlined below. These professionalism practices will help students to be successful, both as students, and after they graduate. **This policy is applicable to all dance major courses.**

Professionalism Policy

1. It is expected that all students will abide by the university honor code. This includes issues related to cheating and plagiarism.
2. Students enrolled in one of the three dance majors are required to exhibit the following professional behaviors:
 1. Attend all classes/rehearsals/performances and stay until excused by the director(s) and/or instructor(s)
 2. Arrive on time to all classes, rehearsals, and performances
 3. Be prepared to dance at the start of class, rehearsal, or performance — not just arriving by the published time
 4. Engage in the choreographic process (as appropriate) in class, rehearsal, or performance by learning movement quickly
 5. Retain choreography (as appropriate)
 6. Participate fully, with an appropriate amount of energy in class, rehearsals, and/or performances
 7. Be present and disciplined — physically and mentally — in class, rehearsal, and/or performances
 8. Be respectful and supportive in attitude towards all students, staff, faculty, directors, choreographers, and guests
 9. Apply corrections given in a timely and efficient manner
 10. Acknowledge that understudy and support work is an essential part of the learning process (as appropriate)
 11. Complete non-class assignments (committee work, etc.) as appropriate
3. Major program acceptance and progress to graduation assumes that all students will demonstrate professional behavior in all course work. Consistent unprofessional behavior will result in dismissal from the major program. Unprofessional behaviors include, but are not limited to:
 1. Unexcused absences from class or rehearsal
 2. Disruptive behavior of any kind in class or rehearsal
 3. Chronic tardiness
 4. Reading non-course material during class

5. Sleeping during class
6. Any improper use of electronic devices during class or rehearsals, i.e.: playing computer games, use of cell phone, texting, checking email, etc, during class
7. Regularly leaving class or rehearsal early without making arrangements with the instructor or director(s)
8. Eating in class
9. Engaging in disruptive or distracting behavior during class, rehearsals, or performances
10. Creating distractions of any kind during classroom lectures or discussions
11. Failure to attend required proficiency examinations (BFA)
12. Failing scores in proficiency examinations (BFA)

Student Signature

I, _____, understand and accept the Professionalism Policy of Dance Majors within the Department of Dance at Brigham Young University and will conduct myself at all times according to the standards outlined in this document. I understand that if I fail to move forward in my major program in a reasonable timeframe I may be considered for removal from the major.

Student Signature:

Date:

Advisor Signature:

Date:

AFTER SIGNING THIS FORM, IT WILL BE KEPT IN YOUR ADVISOR'S FILE WITH YOUR GRADUATION PLAN. IT IS REQUIRED THAT THIS CONTRACT IS SIGNED EACH YEAR DURING YOUR ANNUAL ADVISEMENT APPOINTMENT.