

**University of California, Santa Barbara**  
**Department of Theater and Dance**  
**Dance Program Audition**

The Department of Theater and Dance holds auditions for acceptance into the Dance major on our campus three times throughout the year, January, February and September. While we prefer to see prospective students in a live audition, we realize that it may be difficult for some to travel to Santa Barbara. For those students that live outside a 150 mile radius of Santa Barbara, we offer the option of auditioning by video. In some cases, the geographical limit may be waived.

Video submissions should be in VHS or DVD format. The video should be relatively short, 6 to 10 minutes, and include modern dance and classical ballet techniques, which is the core of our dance curriculum at UCSB. Please label the video clearly with your name and phone number and make sure to include the registration form.

- Wear leotard and tights. You should be barefoot for modern and wear technique slippers for ballet. Please do not wear leg warmers, plastic pants, or skirts.
- **Modern:** a short section (3-5 minutes) of classroom modern technique, i.e. Graham, Limon, Cunningham. This section should include plies, tendus, floorwork, and a combination across the floor.
- **Ballet:** a short section (3-5 minutes) that includes barre exercises and a clear view of posture from the side view, including developpe a la seconde. In the center, show pirouette en de h'ors, first arabesque in an adagio sequence, and conclude with a simple waltz/grade allegro combination across the floor.

If you are unfamiliar with modern or ballet technique, please show us an example of your current work, with a combination across the floor. We do not encourage using segments from dance performances. If that is the only material available for the student, we will try to evaluate it.

Admittance into the dance program is determined by successful completion of the audition **and** by meeting academic standards established by the Office of Admissions. A successful audition does not guarantee acceptance into UCSB.

Please send video and the following registration form by February 1<sup>st</sup> to:

Department of Theater and Dance  
Attn: Audition Committee  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
Santa Barbara, CA 93106-7060

**NOTE: Videos and DVDs will not be returned.**

**Video auditions are due by February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

