Dear Dance Prospective,

Thank you for your interest in Emory University’s Dance and Movement Studies Program. Our program, based in contemporary modern dance, acknowledges each student as a creative thinker and mover. We invite students to explore, invent, deconstruct and collaborate, while they move towards a fuller understanding of movement—its power to teach, heal, transform, express identity, and build relationships with the world.

Our curriculum includes courses in improvisation, choreography, performance, world dance forms, dance theory and criticism, movement analysis, pedagogy, stage and lighting design, and technique and history. Technical training in contemporary, classical, and cultural dance forms balance with somatic practices in order to build a relationship between the mind and the body.

As an Emory student, you can major or minor in dance. In fact, most of our students combine dance with another area of study, integrating their interests. You can also take dance classes independently of a degree program. Majors, minors, and general students study together and have equal opportunities to audition and perform with the Emory Dance Company.

Emory Dance students benefit from a variety of partnerships with Atlanta arts organizations and presenters. There are internships with Moving in the Spirit, a youth development program, Atlanta Ballet, and CORE Performance Company. In addition, master classes with local, national, and international artists are a regular feature of our program.

The dance faculty, a community of artists, creates an environment for you to feel empowered by your movement choices and challenged by the discipline of researching movement. You will be able to take this skill into any profession. Our dance alumni have expanded their knowledge of movement in graduate programs for dance, physical therapy, dance therapy, and dance administration.

If you plan to apply to Emory and are interested in the Dance Program, make plans to visit the studios and theater, take a technique class or sit in on another type of dance course, and meet with a faculty member. During your visit, you will also have an opportunity to speak with current dance students. Contact our office manager, Anne Walker, at 404-727-7266 or awalker@emory.edu, at least two weeks in advance to arrange the details of your visit.

Your journey in college will be full of creativity, collaborations, critical thinking, and self-discovery. Let Emory Dance cultivate your passion for moving.

For more information, visit our website at www.dance.emory.edu; email us at dance@emory.edu; visit our blog, www.emorydance.blogspot.com, and our Facebook page www.facebook.com/emorydanceprogram.

Sincerely,

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