Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in Emory University’s Dance and Movement Studies Program. Our curriculum, based in contemporary modern dance, emphasizes improvisation, choreography and contemporary performance because we value individualism. Technical training balances somatic practices with modern, ballet, jazz, and cultural dance forms. Our course offerings include dance theory and criticism, movement analysis, pedagogy, stage and lighting design, and history. The curriculum we have designed is comprehensive and dynamic, preparing you for a career in the field of dance.

As an Emory student, you can major or minor in dance. In fact, most of our students integrate their interests by combining dance with other subjects, such as biology, history, journalism, political science, economics, anthropology, or psychology. You can also take dance classes independently of a degree program. Majors, minors, and general students study together and have equal opportunities for involvement in the Emory Dance Company.

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

The pedagogical practices of our faculty emphasize adaptability, creative problem-solving, leadership, and collaboration. The classroom is both nurturing and challenging so students feel empowered to move authentically.

Emory Dance alumni expand their knowledge of movement in graduate programs for dance, physical therapy, dance therapy, and dance administration. As development directors, professional dancers, professors, and choreographers, they in turn enrich the scholarship and artistry in our field.

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. Visit our website at www.dance.emory.edu; email us at dance@emory.edu, or contact our office manager, Anne Walker, at 404-727-7266, 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, a community of artists, cultivate your passion for moving.

Sincerely,

Lori Teague
Associate Professor and Director of Dance