BFA Nomination Policy: 2014

January 2014

BFA IN DANCE

2014 APPLICATION DEADLINE: All materials must be submitted by 5:00 pm, Friday, May 2, 2014.

Description of BFA:

Completion of the program is dependent upon successful progress through the curriculum. The BFA degree is a highly selective program which trains exceptionally committed, disciplined, and talented students. The BFA degree requires recommendation of faculty members.

Acceptance into candidacy for the BFA degree is a three-step process. There is no set number of students accepted in any given year. Candidacy is based solely on the basis of qualifications.

Step 1: The prospective candidate applies for the degree. Dance faculty may encourage applications from individual students. Application information can be picked up in CM 108 or may be found on-line on the Dance Program website.

Step 2: Applicants submit an application packet that includes the following:

a. Letter of application addressed to WWU Dance Faculty and submitted on or before deadline. The letter should address the following:
   • Why do you feel you should be considered as a BFA candidate? (1 – 3 paragraphs)
   • What are your current post-graduation plans? (1 – 3 paragraphs)
   • Any personal information that you feel may be relevant

b. On-line requirement checklist
   • Declared Dance Major at time of application
   • Minimum two full years of involvement in WWU Dance Program (actively taking classes, performing in WWU Dance productions).
   • Junior status, minimum 105 university credits completed.
   • Minimum university GPA of 3.0 and minimum Dance GPA of 3.0
• Performed successfully in minimum of two Faculty Concerts
• Placed in Modern 3 or 4
• Successful completion of Choreography 3 or its equivalent. Exceptions may be considered for individual circumstances.

Step 3: Faculty review applications and meet to select applicants for entry into BFA candidacy in the following fall quarter.

Those applicants accepted into candidacy will be announced by Friday, May 16, 2014. There will be a subsequent meeting for all confirmed candidates with the Dance Faculty as a whole.

Those applicants not accepted into candidacy will be encouraged to meet with their academic advisor/mentor to discuss their application.

Dance Faculty Mentors must have held an appointment of at least 3 years or more at .5FTE; BFA nominees select their mentor.