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Dance figures

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In That Number Newcomb Dance Program

Dance has had a long and illustrious history at Tulane. In the 1920s, dancers performed the maypole dance on the Newcomb College lawn, and by the 1940s, the Newcomb College Dance Club was established and dance became part of the curriculum of the Newcomb Women's Physical Education Department, later led by Elizabeth "Lib" Delery. By 2000, a full-fledged dance major was available to students to earn either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of fine arts degree in dance. The master of fine arts degree program launched in 2015.



NEWCOMB DANCE PROGRAM

400

Each semester approximately **400** students enroll in dance classes through the Newcomb Dance Program in Tulane's Department of Theatre and Dance.



SALLY ASHER

143

Dance program faculty have a collective **143** years of teaching experience at Tulane.

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Eight genres of dance are taught: classical ballet, modern dance, jazz, hip-hop, musical theatre, African, Brazilian and tap.



PAULA BURCH CELENTANO

1995

Eleonora Perrilliat McWilliams, former Newcomb Dance Club President of 1944, donated the anchor grant for construction of **McWilliams Hall** in 1995. McWilliams Hall includes four dance studios on the uptown campus.



NEWCOMB DANCE PROGRAM

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The Newcomb Dance Company, formed in 1984, celebrates its **35th** anniversary with a concert in spring 2019.



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