



Dance Audition REQUIREMENTS

James Madison University School of Theatre and Dance is excited to exclusively host virtual auditions for the 2020/2021 season. We wish we could meet everyone in person; however, the health and safety of you and the members of the JMU community are our first priority. There are many benefits of connecting virtually and we are excited by the possibilities.



What to Do?

1. Apply to JMU

2. Register for a Virtual Audition

3. Apply to School of Theatre and Dance on Slideroom

SLIDEROOM

Dance Major applications to the School of Theatre and Dance will be submitted through SlideRoom along with the following materials:

- **Photo of yourself**
- **Resume** – including any relevant artistic experience. For instance, we are interested in where you have studied dance, what types of dance you have trained in, musicals and dance competitions you have been involved in, teaching experiences, and any other artistic experiences you have had (acting, visual art, lighting design, stage managing, costume design).
- **Unofficial Transcript** – from high school or, in the case of transfer students, college.
- **Two Letters of Recommendation** – from choreographers or teachers familiar with your work in dance.
- **Personal Statement** – describing what it is about dance that makes you want to continue to pursue it at JMU! You can think back to a particularly meaningful dance experience in the past or write about how you see using an education in dance in the world moving forward. Help us to understand through your writing who you are, your life experience, and how it may relate to your interest in Dance. Responses between 500 – 1000 words.
- **Dance Video** – showcasing your dancing in the areas of ballet and contemporary technique. Dance audition combinations will be emailed to you for you to learn once you register for the virtual dance audition day. You will need to record and submit the video electronically through SlideRoom. We want to see how well you embody the combinations and your level of technique. Submit dance videos no later than **10-days** before the audition day. Please upload one video for each discipline, or you can edit all the phrases into one video.

***Please submit your [SLIDEROOM APPLICATION](#) at least 10-days prior to your audition.**

AUDITION DAY

We will hold a two and a half hour long Zoom meeting on the virtual audition day, followed by a 15-minute, one-on-one interview with a dance professor.

- **9:00-9:30:** We invite you to view videos of JMU Dance performances at your leisure.
- **9:30-10:15:** Dance workshop led by multiple dance faculty. Dance faculty will teach different phrases for you to learn in order to get a taste of what we offer.
- **10:15-10:25:** Ten-minute break for you to hydrate and prepare for the informational sessions that follow.
- **10:25-12:00:** Information session with dance faculty followed by JMU Student Dance Q&A.
- **One-on-one interview:** Be prepared to discuss your past experience in dance with one of the dance faculty members. Schedule a 15-minute interview in advance. Interviews will be held between 12:15-4:00pm.