

# Career Planning Strategies

## FRESHMAN

<b>Inquiry and Awareness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enroll in courses with help of academic advisors.</li> <li>Enroll in COUN 191.</li> <li>Enroll in University 100.</li> <li>Visit Career Development Center explore major and/or career interests.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schedule an appointment with career counselor.</li> <li>Attend Job Fair.</li> <li>Attend a CDC workshop on deciding on a major.</li> <li>Register in BeachLINK.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Become familiar with CSULB Catalog and Schedule of Classes.</li> <li>Visit the CDC website for information on services and special events.</li> </ul>
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<b>SUMMER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain employment and develop skills.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend CDC workshops.</li> <li>Develop a resume.</li> <li>Upload resume on BeachLINK.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit the Career Resource Library in the CDC.</li> </ul>
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## SOPHOMORE

<b>Assess: Interests, Skills and Values.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with department and academic advisor.</li> <li>Discuss education and career interests with career counselor, peers, faculty and family.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend internship and job fairs.</li> <li>Talk to people in various careers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Join organizations in your interest area(s).</li> <li>Schedule an appointment with a career counselor to discuss interests and other assessments.</li> </ul>
<b>Explore Career Interests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore internship possibilities; visit CDC.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access BeachLINK.</li> </ul>	

<b>SUMMER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain employment and develop skills.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with career counselor to discuss career options.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the Career Resource Library to research career options.</li> </ul>
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## JUNIOR

<b>Targeting Career Decisions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take classes in your major.</li> <li>Attend internship and job fairs.</li> <li>Attend workshop on resumes, interviewing, and job search.</li> <li>Obtain career-related experience.</li> <li>Enroll in COUN 360I.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Narrow career options through further research.</li> <li>Assess interests, skills and values.</li> <li>Is graduate school in your future?</li> <li>Attend workshops on applying to graduate school.</li> <li>Access BeachLINK.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend graduate and professional school fair.</li> <li>Take electives in other areas to enhance your qualifications.</li> <li>Build a network (contacts).</li> <li>Develop/update a resume.</li> <li>Visit CDC website.</li> </ul>
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<b>SUMMER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain a summer internship/related experience.</li> <li>Compile inventory of interests, skills and qualifications.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with career counselor.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend workshop on resumes, interviews, and job search techniques.</li> <li>Revise resume.</li> </ul>
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## SENIOR

<b>Job Search Campaign</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete the course requirements in your major.</li> <li>Continue networking.</li> <li>Identify and utilize multiple resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend Job Fair.</li> <li>Attend workshop on resumes, interviews, and job search techniques.</li> <li>Update resume.</li> <li>Access BeachLINK.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in On-Campus Recruitment.</li> <li>Attend employer information sessions.</li> </ul>
<b>Graduate School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify graduate programs.</li> <li>Review application process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take entrance exams.</li> <li>Research financing graduate school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend graduate and professional school fairs.</li> </ul>

**To develop an individualized career plan, schedule an appointment with a career counselor.**

Call **(562) 985-4151** or visit **Brotman Hall, Room 250** to schedule an appointment.

<http://careers.csulb.edu>

# Dance



## Major/Career Profile

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### General Description

Dance is the study of rhythmic movement of the body used as a means of creative expression. Careers in dance range from performance to production, teaching to dance therapy. Professional dancers may perform in ballet, modern dance companies, film or television. Other careers include dance direction and choreography.

A dancer must be prepared for a very strenuous physical life of training; practice never ends. Dancing demands excellent health, physical stamina, and the ability to be graceful along with an intense desire to succeed. Self-discipline, dedication, perseverance, and initiative are necessary for auditions for competitive entry jobs. Rehearsals and performances occur nights, weekends, and on holidays

### Career Options

Graduates with this major have found work as a: Dancer, Choreographer, Dance/Aerobic Instructor, Teacher, Dance Company Manager, Dance Therapist, Booking Agent, Critic, Movement Notator, and Performing Arts Administrator. Teaching (K-12) requires a bachelor's degree and state credentials. College and university level teaching requires a master's or doctorate and/or equivalent professional experience. Various entry-level trainee positions in business and industry are available for graduates regardless of academic discipline.

### Typical Employers

Colleges and universities, private and public schools, dance studios and conservatories, professional dance companies, motion picture studios, theater and television, community recreation departments, sports clubs and health spas, hospitals and clinics, and youth organizations.

### Salary and Employment Outlook

Salaries will vary by size and type of employer, geographic location, and related experience. Entry-level pay is from \$1,925 to \$2,400 per month, with experienced dancers earning from \$1,950 to \$3,250. Top pay may range from \$3,500 to \$5,600. Consult the Career Development Center for current information.

Faster than average growth is projected through 2005 for dancers and choreographers. Keen competition and irregular employment continue to characterize the outlook. The best outlook is for those who have in depth or extensive training, or experience in choreography, or teaching experience at all levels.

Some major dance companies and television/film agencies have unions negotiate collective bargaining agreements. Various dance companies belong to the American Guild of Musical Artists; dancers on television belong to the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists; those who perform in films belong to the Screen Actors Guild or the Screen Extras Guild; and those in stage musicals belong to Actors Equity Association.

### For further information, contact:

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