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# Practical Selection Day advice

## Dance BA (Hons)

### Why do we ask you to participate in a Practical Selection Day

Dance requires specialist skills and an ability to collaborate effectively with other students. The Practical Selection Day gives us an opportunity to meet you in person and get an understanding of your personality and individuality as a dance artist. You will take part in a warm up workshop, present your solo and then have a one-to-one conversation with a member of the Dance course team. Seeing your solo performance gives us an idea of your performance skills. Speaking with you helps us understand if studying Dance at DMU will be the most enjoyable choice for you.

### What are we looking for?

A passion for the subject, an ability to think critically and move confidently. In the performance of your solo, we will be looking for your potential to:

- Demonstrate co-ordination, technique and use of space
- Create and confidently perform inventive solo choreography

In your discussion with a member of the dance team, we will be looking for your potential to:

- Talk about your interest in dance
- Discuss your experience of dance
- Be curious about other dance and creative practices

### What can you do to prepare?

Prepare a short solo performance (maximum one to two minutes) this can be choreographed by you or you and a teacher. This solo can be a combination of styles/practices that feature on the course (Contemporary, Ballet for Contemporary, Africanist Principles/Jazz, Hip Hop/Street).

- Think about why you want to study this course and what appeals to you
- Read your application form and remind yourself of what you have said
- Watch some contemporary dance performances, and discuss them with us
- Try and relax – we want you to have an enjoyable experience

### Relaxed Practical Selection Day

Remember, you are coming to experience what it is like to study Dance at DMU, it is important to use that you have an enjoyable time and feel relaxed and supported. If you have any questions, worries or learning needs that you would like to discuss, then please get in contact with the Dance course team or the Applicant Events Team, via the contact details below.

## Wednesday Practical Selection Day schedule:

- 10.15am: Check-in and refreshments, Vijay Patel Building, Design Wing, Floor 4  
10.45am: Welcome presentation by programme lead in Clephan Building  
11.45am–1.15pm: One-hour warm-up class then each candidate shows a two to three minutes solo, PACE 3 and 4  
1.15 – 1.45pm: Lunch voucher will be provided  
1.45 – 2.15pm: Q&A with member of the Dance course team, Clephan Building  
2.15 - 3.15pm: 10-minute one-to-one discussion with a member of the Dance team  
3.15pm onwards: Dance facilities and accommodation tours will be offered.

## Saturday Practical Selection Day schedule:

- 9am - 10.15am: Check-in and refreshments, Hugh Aston Building  
10.45: - 11.45am Subject talk and performance, PACE Building Studio 1  
11.45am–12.45pm: Practical workshop, PACE Building Studio 3  
12.45 – 1.15pm: Each candidate shows a two to three minutes solo, PACE Building Studio 4  
1.15 – 2pm: Lunch voucher will be provided  
2 - 3pm: 10-minute one-to-one discussion with a member of the Dance team  
3pm onwards: Dance facilities and accommodation tours will be offered.

## Next steps

### UK / EU applicants

- Once you have applied, if you meet our minimum entry requirements, you will be invited to attend a Practical Selection Day.

### International applicants (living outside of the UK)

- Once you have applied, if you meet our minimum entry requirements you will be asked to submit your performance work digitally:
  - Please use .mp4, .MOV or .AVI format for videos
  - All performance work needs to be saved in one folder and labelled with your name, student reference number and the name of the course you have applied for
  - Files need to be compressed or zipped and not exceed 1GB in size
  - Submitted via <http://www.mailbigle.com/dmuac>

## Contact

We aim to make all of our events completely accessible. If you are unable to attend a Practical Selection Day you will be invited to an MS Teams audition review where you will be asked to share your digital audition video. Please contact the Applicant Events Team [applicantevents@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:applicantevents@dmu.ac.uk) who will be happy to help.

