

PROPOSAL FOR DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION OF AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM

7/23/25

Date: _____

School/College: Franklin College

Department/Division: Dance

Program (Major and Degree): Major: Dance Degree: B.F.A.

Which campus(es) offer this program? Athens campus

Deactivation or Termination? Termination

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2025

Last date students will be admitted to this program: No new students have been admitted since the last graduate.

Last date students will graduate from this program: Last student to graduate from this program was summer 2022.

Note: There may be no enrollment in the program as of the termination effective date.

Program Abstract:

Provide a brief summary of the program being proposed for deactivation or termination.

The Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Dance is grounded in studio courses in dance technique, with requirements in ballet, contemporary dance, jazz dance, performance company, and a wide range of additional courses which employ dance as a vehicle for study of the human body, the creative process, musical form, the history of world cultures, the dance sciences, dance education theory and practice, and technical design for the stage and multimedia formats. The curriculum enables dancers to explore the scientific, philosophical, and historical foundations of dance, consider the relationship of dance to other art forms, and understand and appreciate that dance is an art form that is a core curriculum subject area in K-12 education. The degree has a strong focus on technical proficiency/artistry, performance training, and choreographic skills for the pursuit of professional dance and dance-related careers.

For Deactivated or Terminated Programs:

1. State the reasons for deactivating or terminating the program and provide copies of any relevant documents.

Reasons for termination: After having two degrees for a period (B.F.A. and A.B.), we were informed that we could no longer continue with both degrees because we were not conferring the minimum required in either degree. Thus, after considering many factors, we decided to deactivate and now terminate the B.F.A. We have moved to a recruitment model of advocating for students to do both our A.B. degree and another degree, minor, or certificate, to take advantage of all that UGA has to offer. We have now built our branding and identity on that pursuit and numbers of majors are steadily increasing.

2. What will be done to minimize the impact of the deactivation or termination of the program upon the personal and professional lives of the faculty and staff involved? Include specific information on: a) how faculty and staff will be notified of the deactivation or termination, and b) how faculty and staff will be reallocated.

No faculty were or will be negatively impacted with this change as our current AB program includes most all the same courses but in a very different proportion (much less dance technique and performance requirements), and we added more theory-based courses which current faculty are qualified to teach.

The faculty have already voted in favor of termination of the degree. Again, no faculty need to be reallocated because of this change.

3. What will be done to ensure that deactivation or termination of the program does not weaken other programs (graduate, undergraduate, or professional) for which the department may be responsible?

No students are currently enrolled. This program has been deactivated since Fall 2023.

The program was deactivated due to its competition with our A.B. degree (we were not conferring enough degrees in either program, so we were required to cut one). We currently have no graduate degree offerings.

For Deactivated Programs:

4. State the plans for allowing students currently enrolled in the program to complete degree requirements, including specific information on: a) how students will be notified of the program deactivation, and b) how students will be advised on completing the program.

There are no students currently enrolled in the B.F.A.

5. What plans, if any, are there for subsequent reactivation of the deactivated program? N/A

Approvals:



Department Head

Dean of School/College

Dean of Graduate School