

USBI Admissions/Program Information/Housing/Transportation/Facilities

Qualifications and Process for admission into USBI trainee program:

Dancers must be 18 years old. Applicants must be able to perform classical ballet and contemporary choreography at a professional level. Applicants must have letters of character and skill references from major reputable ballet institutions. Applicants must submit an application, video, photo, and letter of reference to apply.

Applicants must have completed a minimum of a high school education with a 3.0 GPA or higher (or the equivalent for international applicants).

The second tier of application will be open only to select applicants only. Admission is highly competitive.

In the second phase of the application process, a written exam, basic math assessment, and oral interview is required. Good oral and written communication skills are required in English. Good fundamental mathematics is a requirement.

Email usinternationalballet@gmail.com with CV, photo, and video to request and official application form.

Housing:

Trainee is solely responsible for all housing and transportation. ILM is the international airport in Wilmington. USBI recommends applicants obtain a student apartment in the area of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. The public transit runs from the University Area to the studios. The registrar at USBI is available for assistance in finding the most suitable apartment and for pairing trainees for living arrangements.

If housing is required on a tour, USBI will provide all required tour housing.

Transportation:

Trainee is solely responsible for all daily transportation to lectures and rotations at the studio facility. USBI will provide all transportation to lectures and rotations at off site locations (Theaters, lecture halls, rotational project locations). USBI will provide all transportation to all tour locations.

Facilities:

Primary daily facilities are USBI studios. This studio is shared by Wilmington School of Ballet. Lectures and rotations also take place at the following facilities: Minnie Evans Performing Arts Center, Thalian Hall, Wilson Center, and Hannah Block Community Arts Center in Wilmington. Rotations and tours also take place in Leland Cultural Arts Center and Odelle Williamson in Brunswick County. Small group lectures also occur at Landfall Executive Suites.

Daily Schedule

Below is an example of a weekly schedule. Actual Schedule varies by rotation and trimester.

Monday

9:00-11:30 Lecture

12:00-1:30 Lecture

2:00-5:00 Practicum Rotation

Tuesday - Friday

9:00-11:00 Ballet Class

11:30-2:00 Rehearsal

3:00-5:00 Practicum Rotation

Saturday:

2:00-3:30 Lecture

3:30-5:00 Lecture

5:30-7:00 Ballet Class

7:00-8:30 Rehearsal