



WHO WE ARE

The ISTD is one of the world's leading dance examinations boards with the widest range of dance genres available. We are a registered educational charity, supporting and training our members through a wide variety of courses, teaching syllabi and techniques. Our examinations and teaching qualifications are recognised around the world.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Education and training is central to the ISTD's ambitions for high quality dance teaching and learning. In addition to a suite of progressive teaching qualifications for new and experienced teachers, individual ISTD faculties provide regular syllabus enhancements and a comprehensive programme of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities.

Faculty committees revise their syllabus vocabulary and artistic requirements from time to time to ensure they remain current and relevant for teachers and their students. Courses are provided for teachers to refresh their syllabus knowledge and learn about significant syllabus changes. In addition to syllabus courses, the ISTD offers CPD activities including opportunities to observe master classes and guest teachers; training for examiners and tutors delivering DDI and DDE qualifications; and courses in topics such as emergency first aid.

UK and international summer schools and seasonal programmes are held for students and teachers, and a range of congresses and other events provide opportunities for teachers to experience the work of different ISTD faculties; to meet each other and socialise. They often include opportunities to observe or participate in classes taken by the syllabus choreographer or guest teachers who are experts in their particular genres.

The London studios (ISTD2) is the base for our central training programmes. There are also 20 regional representatives across the UK and international representatives and organisers in different countries across the world.

To locate your nearest contact and find news of future courses please visit: www.istd.org/courses-and-training/courses, or turn to the DANCE EXTRA pages of DANCE magazine.

TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS

The ISTD's portfolio of teaching and higher level qualifications are up-to-date, relevant to the latest developments within the sector, recognised nationally and internationally, and valuable to teachers and potential teachers wherever they are in their career or in the world.

ISTD offers:

- Three levels of regulated teaching qualifications in dance theatre that can lead to BA and MA degrees through Middlesex University

Classical Greek Dance
Imperial Classical Ballet
Tap Dance
Cecchetti Classical Ballet
Modern Theatre
Classical Indian Dance
Latin American
Disco, Freestyle & Rock 'n' Roll
National Dance
Club Dance
Modern Ballroom
Sequence Dance

- The International Diploma in Dance Teaching, based on the regulated teaching qualifications and designed to be delivered outside the UK/EU
- Internationally recognised Associate, Licentiate and Fellowship qualifications in dance theatre and dancesport, which enable members to enter students for examinations, stand for election to faculty committees and apply to become an examiner and/or competition adjudicator.

Teachers with prior experience and additional qualifications may apply to the Education & Training department for accreditation of prior learning.

For more information visit www.istd.org/courses-and-training or telephone **+44 (0)20 7377 1577**.

EXAMS

The examination structure of the ISTD is designed to cater equally for those who wish to progress to making dance their profession, either as a performer or dance teacher, and for those pursuing dance purely as a leisure activity.

The teaching qualifications are structured to give the new teacher the best possible foundation from which to work, with a particular emphasis on safe dance practice and the needs of the growing child.

Grade Examinations may be taken in Classical Ballet (Cecchetti and Imperial methods), Modern Theatre, Tap Dance, National Dance, Classical Greek, Classical Indian Dance, Modern Ballroom, Latin American, Disco Freestyle and Classical Sequence. Grades 1–6 are accredited by Ofqual, but some faculties have additional grades prior to Grade 1, that is, Pre-Primary and Primary.

Class Examinations may be taken in Classical Ballet (Cecchetti and Imperial methods), Classical Greek, Tap Dance (Pre-Primary and Primary) and Modern Theatre (Primary).

Medal Tests may be taken in Modern Ballroom, Latin American, Sequence, Disco Freestyle, Rock 'n' Roll, Country & Western, Classical Greek and National. The levels progress from Under 6, Under 8, Social Dance Test, Pre-Bronze Dance Test, to Bronze, Silver, Gold, Gold Star and higher awards for dancesport medals. Not all levels are applicable to all genres, please contact dance faculty for further details.

The Vocational Grades are regulated by Ofqual and include Intermediate Foundation, Intermediate, Advanced 1 and Advanced 2. These examinations form a cohesive bridge between the work covered in the grades and the work of the professional examinations.

Syllabus outlines are free to download from the ISTD website. Further technical detail in the form of examination specifications, syllabus notes and teaching resources such as DVDs, CDs, music manuscripts and course books for the DDI and DDE can be purchased at our online shop. Visit www.shop.istd.org or telephone **+44 (0)20 7377 1577**.



61 countries globally **7,500** members **12** dance faculties

MEMBERSHIP

The ISTD is dedicated to meeting the needs of our 7,500 members around the world. We offer our members discounts on insurance, advertising and events such as congresses and courses; access to competitions and awards; use of the ISTD logo; a website dedicated to promoting ISTD teachers globally; advice and information; and DANCE, the ISTD's popular quarterly magazine.

ISTD membership is recognition of the professional status of a dance teacher and reassures the public of a teacher's training and expertise. Different levels of membership are available once the appropriate qualifications have been achieved. Full Teaching and Provisional Membership are the levels which enable members to enter candidates for ISTD examinations.

To find out more and join, please visit www.istd.org/membership alternatively telephone us on **+44 (0)20 7377 1577**.

STAYING IN TOUCH

The website is the easiest and quickest way to keep up-to-date with the ISTD and our members around the world. The website is fully searchable and includes news, events, updates on syllabi, resources and procedures and a promotional DVD illustrating all 12 ISTD faculties.

Contact details for faculties, departments, UK regional and international organisers and representatives can also be found on the website and are also published in the Directory section of DANCE magazine.

Keep up to date with the latest dance news, jobs and opportunities by ensuring you are registered for regular email updates. You do not need to be a member to receive our emails. To sign up, telephone us on **+44 (0)20 7377 1577**.

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