



Dear Prospective Sensation:

We are pleased to learn of your interest in the University of Miami Sensations Dance Team. Below is some basic information about the team. The Sensations Dance Team is the official dance team of the Miami Hurricanes and consist of a maximum of 20 members. This talented group of dancers performs on the sidelines at all home football and basketball games and is featured in timeouts and half-time performances for football, men's and women's basketball, and select soccer and baseball games. The main role of a UM Sensation is to promote the Hurricane athletic programs and lead the crowd at games. The Sensations also represent the University of Miami at UDA Nationals in Orlando, FL, competing in Jazz and Hip-hop. They also compete in the ACC Conference Championships against all of the other schools in our conference.

Responsibilities

The commitment to the dance team is from early August until late March. The following will be required of all dancers:

- Dance at home football, basketball games throughout the year.
- Travel to selected away football game and basketball tournaments (10-12 selected dancers).
- Maximum of 20 dancers will compete in either Jazz, Hip-hop, or both at UDA College Nationals.
- Practice at least three times per week during the school year (All practices are mandatory).
- Participate in various promotional or community service events throughout the year.
- Adhere to all team rules and regulations.

Requirements

Individuals who audition for the dance team at the University must meet the following qualifications:

- Enrolled as a full-time student (Fall and Spring) at the University of Miami or accepted for the Fall semester.
- Dance Experience (i.e. Hip Hop, Pom, Jazz and Contemporary)
- Technical Skills (i.e. pirouettes, leaps, a la seconde turns, kicks, head springs, kip ups, aerials, etc.)
- Must maintain a 2.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale).
- Enthusiasm and school spirit.

Audition Information

Audition dates are posted on the website www.miamihurricanes.com/spiritsquad when announced each year. Auditions are held in a form of a two-day evaluation and cuts are made throughout the selection process until the final team is selected. University of Miami Dancers come from a variety of dance backgrounds and skill levels. All team members are expected to be great crowd leaders and be able to project the image of a collegiate athlete, while representing the University of Miami. Because of these responsibilities, we are looking for skilled and talented dancers, as well as well-rounded students, who embrace the ability to be coached. Under special circumstances video auditions are accepted. Please contact smas@miami.edu for more information.

Member Privileges

As a member of the SunSations Dance Team, you will be afforded many privileges. Listed below are some of those:

- Stipend Money
- Travel (all expenses paid)
 - o Select football games
 - o Post season football games (i.e. ACC Championship, Bowl Game)
 - o Post season basketball tournaments (i.e. ACC Tournament, NCAA

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- Student Athlete Status:
 - o Early registration for classes (after your first semester)
 - o Supervised Athletic Trainer & Training Room access
 - o Access to Athletics Academic Support (tutoring)
 - o Supervised access to Athletics Weight Room
- All necessary equipment provided:
 - o Multiple Uniforms
 - o Official Adidas University of Miami Equipment (i.e. warm ups, shoes, luggage, practice apparel, etc.)

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the SunSations Dance Team, please email me. The coaches are part time employees of the University and do not have offices on campus. However, please contact us so you may stop by one of our practices held between September and March. GO CANES!

Sincerely,
Stephanie Mas | Spirit Coordinator | smas@miami.edu