Required dance wear for Drake Musical Theatre Majors. Please note, you will not need all of it right away. Depends on when you are taking dance classes and what shows you are cast in.

**Women:**

- Character Shoes - Black or Tan- T-strap 2 ½ to 3 inch heel- make sure there are rubber grips on the bottom
- Jazz shoes/Jazz Sneakers
- Ballet shoes
- Character Taps - Black or Tan- T-strap 2 ½ to 3 inch heel- make sure there are rubber grips on the bottom- no jingle taps
- You might also want some flat tap shoes but must also have character taps
- Must have leotards for auditions
- Rehearsal skirt- at least calf length, wide circle skirt that accommodates a lot of movement
- Knee pads
- Suggest paws or half sole sandal for modern, but not required
  [http://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_H03.html?&pid=3037&Shop=Style&SID=502685622](http://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_H03.html?&pid=3037&Shop=Style&SID=502685622)
- Strongly suggest dance skirt, but not required

**Men:**

- Black Jazz shoes (oxfords not slip-ons, can have slip –ons too, but oxfords are required)
- Black characters shoes
- Ballet shoes
- Tap shoes- make sure there are rubber grips on the bottom- no jingle taps
- Jazz pants
- Dance belts are required
- Knee pads
- Strongly suggest leotards for men, but not required
Suggestions for purchasing dance wear:

- Discount dance wear has everything you will ever need for a good price. [http://www.discountdance.com](http://www.discountdance.com)
- If you have the money or want to ask for a really nice gift, the best character shoes and tap shoes are LaDuca’s. But they are very expensive. [http://www.laducashoes.com/#!shop](http://www.laducashoes.com/#!shop)

As a musical theater major you will not be spending thousands of dollars on textbooks as other majors will however, you have to spend the money on dance shoes, dance clothes, audition clothing and to pay your accompanist for voice lessons.