Opened in 2007, the Brighton Dance Studios (BDS) are a state of the art dance facility located at 2115 Commonwealth Avenue on Boston College’s Brighton Campus, less than a ten-minute walk from the Robsham Theater Arts Center. The primary objective of the Brighton Dance Studios is to serve the growing need for appropriate dance rehearsal space for student dance troupes, performance clubs and other dance-related organizations overseen by Student Affairs. This rehearsal facility was designed to improve the quality of student life and enhance the rehearsal process by providing a safe, suitable environment for dance and movement training.

The Brighton Dance Studios also supports Boston College’s Theater Department, hosting academic dance classes, dance rehearsals and movement-related programs.

The Brighton Dance Studios are a dedicated resource for the benefit of enrolled Boston College student to be used strictly for rehearsals, workshops, and classes. The Brighton Dance Studios are typically not available as a meeting space or public performance venue. If you have a question about the Brighton Dance Studios, including how to reserve the space, please email rtac.operations@bc.edu.

**SPACE**

- The capacity of the Brighton Dance Studios is limited to 100 occupants maximum in the building at one time. A violation of this policy will jeopardize the future use of this space for the Boston College community.

- The Brighton Dance Studios are composed of three rooms dedicated to dance, the largest which is a basketball court-sized dance space equipped with mirrors, a sound system, ballet barres and a coat room. Groups are encouraged to supply their own a) audio playing device and b) 1/8th inch (aka headphone cable) to RCA cable to use Brighton Dance Studio’s in-house audio system to play music.

- During the academic calendar year, the BDS is typically open Monday-Friday from 6am until 10pm and Saturdays/Sundays from 9am until 10pm.

**RESERVING THE BRIGHTON DANCE STUDIOS**

**Scheduling Procedures**

- At the beginning of the academic year the Department of Theater will submit their requests for class space.

- At the beginning of the academic year registered Office of Student Involvement-registered dance groups will submit their requests for space with Karl Bell to schedule times. These slots will be for the entire year.

- For all other instances, to request a reservation in the Brighton Dance Studios, please email rtac.operations@bc.edu.

- The space will be reserved with the following schedule:
  - Mon-Thurs 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Theater department classes will be prearranged each semester and time slots booked for dance and movement classes.
  - Mon-Friday 6:00 PM-midnight Reserved for Office of Student Involvement-registered dance organizations.
  - Sat-Sun Noon-midnight Reserved for Office of Student Involvement-registered dance organizations.
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**Scheduling Policies**

- The Brighton Dance Studio (BDS) is designed for dance and thus, will be used exclusively by groups, classes, or workshops, which REQUIRE a proper dance studio and its characteristics for the activity. The space is not to be used for meetings, lectures, or classes that will not make use of the studio’s resources – dance appropriate floors, mirrors, and/or stereo system.
- Under no circumstances will this space be used for athletic activities or other non-dance activities.
- If a user group has booked the BDS they agree to be responsible for the space. Reallocation of the space to another group and/or trading of time slots is not permitted, after slots have been assigned, unless approved in writing by Robsham Theater Arts Center (RTAC) Management.
- Only Boston College students and faculty/staff are permitted to use the space within the confines of official Boston College activities.
- If Boston College closes due to a snow/weather emergency, the Robsham Theater Arts Center venues will also be closed and any rehearsals/events will be cancelled or rescheduled (if possible).
- Please email rtac.operations@bc.edu with any questions regarding the Brighton Dance Studios.

**Customer Feedback:**

- We encourage all groups using this space to complete an optional RTAC Customer Satisfaction Survey. As our goal is to provide our clients with the best service possible with their events in the facility, your feedback is important to us. The RTAC Customer Satisfaction Survey can be found here: [https://fs8.formsite.com/RTAC/RTACSatisfactionSurvey/index.html](https://fs8.formsite.com/RTAC/RTACSatisfactionSurvey/index.html)

**Safety & Security: Guidelines for Students Traveling to the Brighton Dance Studios**

- All individuals traveling to the Brighton Campus are encouraged to use BC shuttle buses (see list below) when possible. Eagle Transport vans and Eagle Escort walking services should be contacted when safety is an issue. Students can contact Eagle Transport at 617.552.8888 from 7:00 PM until 3:00 AM. A campus phone is also available inside the front entrance of the studio.
- Walking is also an option as it’s only a 10-minute walk from Boston College’s main campus. Please see the map at the end of this packet for reference. Students are encouraged to walk in groups, especially when leaving the facility after dark. If it’s after dark, stay on lighted roadways or walkways and keep your cell phone handy.
- Personal safety is extremely important to Boston College. If individuals feel threatened either in, or outside of, the Brighton Dance Studios, they should contact Boston College Police Department (BCPD) immediately. There is a call box outside of the studio, a landline phone in the vestibule, or individuals may use their own cell phone. BCPD emergency # is 617–552–4444.

**BC Shuttle Buses Available**

**Brighton Campus Shuttle:**
This shuttle runs past the dance studio and makes stops at St. Ignatius, Conte Forum, College Road, and More Hall. It runs Monday through Friday, twice each hour from 8:45 AM to 5:45 PM (see schedule for details: [http://www.bc.edu/offices/transportation/bus/employee.html](http://www.bc.edu/offices/transportation/bus/employee.html)).

**Boston/Commonwealth Avenue Shuttle**
The closest stop is #12 Greycliff.
[http://www.bc.edu/offices/transportation/bus/boston/boston_route.html](http://www.bc.edu/offices/transportation/bus/boston/boston_route.html)
OTHER VENUE POLICIES

• While the Brighton Dance Studios doors lock at 10pm, all rehearsals must be finished and the building must be empty by midnight.
• Only Boston College students and faculty/staff are permitted to use the space within the confines of official Boston College activities.
• Users of the space may not engage in sporting activities while using the space (basketball, volleyball, or any other athletic activity) as to protect the AV equipment and other dancers in the space.
• All doors to the facility must remain closed while in use. If doors are propped open, BCPD will automatically be notified.
• The Brighton Dance Studio has storage closets for OSI registered student groups. These closets are located in the Brighton Dance Studios coatroom and can be requested by contacting Shep Barnett, Associate Director of the Robsham Theater Arts Center at sheppard.barnett@bc.edu.
• No furniture, mirrors, or barres may be removed from the facility without the permission of the Director of the Robsham Theater Arts Center (RTAC) Management.
• If a group wants to mark spots on the dance floors, they can only do so with vinyl plastic tape (or spike tape). Similarly, it needs to be removed by the end of their rehearsal. At no point should “duct tape” be used.
• Construction/painting of props, banners or scenery pieces is not allowed in the venue.
• Groups using the facility must obey all BC parking policies on the Brighton Campus.
• Groups are to not decorate the Brighton Dance Studios in any way. No balloons (latex or Mylar) are allowed at any time.
• No eating or drink of any kind (except water) can be consumed in the dance space.
• The Brighton Dance Studios are a smoke free building.
• The use of illegal drugs and any alcohol is strictly forbidden in the BDS.
• All groups using the Brighton Dance Studios must observe the following polices in addition to the Boston College Code of Conduct as well as local, state and federal law.
• Violations of any of these policies may result in the group being denied the privilege of using Robsham Theater Arts Center venues, including the Brighton Dance Studios, in the future.
• User groups are responsible for any damage to the facility or to the equipment. Please respect the facility and leave it the way it was found. If there are any problems, questions or maintenance issues, please email RTAC Management at rtacoperations@bc.edu.

Ownership
The Brighton Dance Studio (BDS) @ 2115 Commonwealth Avenue will be overseen by the Robsham Theater Arts Center (RTAC), reporting to the VP for Student Affairs.
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