



Explore Your Future In Dance

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The Department of Dance at Sam Houston State University delivers a dynamic, challenging experience that integrates creativity, performance, and scholarly pursuits designed to prepare each student for a 21st century career in dance. With exceptional facilities and a highly dedicated dance faculty that bring the expertise of their professional performing careers and choreographic portfolios to the classroom and studio, SHSU Dance is committed to guiding the next generation of dance artists towards excellence.



Department of Dance
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Department of Dance Degree Plans

BFA in Dance
MFA in Dance
Minor in Dance

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Department of Dance

The **Bachelor in Fine Arts in Dance** intensive study in modern, ballet, and jazz techniques and coursework ranging from history to pedagogy to technology. Students have opportunities in performance and choreographic exploration, including the integration of media into the creative process, as well as opportunities to work with exciting guest artists and choreographers. The **Master of Fine Arts in Dance** is a dynamic, challenging education that integrates creativity, performance, and scholarly pursuits. In addition to an intensive studio experience with substantive choreographic and performance opportunities, this program offers exposure to pedagogical, theoretical, and research orientations to dance as an art form. The **Minor in Dance** includes 18–21 credit hours and can be tailored to the student’s interests.

Highlights

The Department of Dance offers access to multiple rehearsal studios, a fully equipped conditioning studio, a dance technology lab, a full costume shop, and a state-of-the-art dance theater. The department has been consistently recognized for outstanding choreography and performance by the National Dance Festival at The Kennedy Center, and many alumni are working regionally, nationally, and internationally as successful performers, choreographers, artistic directors, dance technology practitioners, teachers, and administrators.

Requirements

Admission to the BFA and MFA is by audition only with multiple audition times scheduled throughout the year. There is no audition for the Minor in Dance.

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Careers

Professional Dancer
Dance Educator
Choreographer
Dance Administrator
Dance Researcher
Dance Historian
Artistic Director
Dance Studio Owner
Health-related Practitioner
Dance Technology Practitioner

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Focus 2 application, to explore
occupations and make informed
career decisions.*



Sam Houston State University

Department of Dance Model Undergraduate Curriculum

Freshman

Fall

Modern 2	DANC 2334
Ballet 2	DANC 2333
Crew	DANC 1101

9 credits of core

Spring

Modern 2	DANC 2334
Ballet 2	DANC 2333
Crew	DANC 1101

9 credits of core

16 hours

16 hours

Sophomore

Fall

Ballet 3	DANC 3333
Pilates	DANC 1201
Choreography 1	DANC 2376
Crew	DANC 1101

6 credits of core

Spring

Jazz 3	DANC 3335
Modern 3	DANC 3334
Choreography 2	DANC 3376
Crew	DANC 1101

6 credits of core

15 hours

16 hours

Junior

Fall

Improv & Partnering	DANC 3336
Modern 3	DANC 3334
Dance & Tech	DANC 4388
Principles of Dance Tech	DANC 3374

3 credits of core

Spring

Modern 3 or 4	DANC 4334/4334
Ballet 3 or 4	DANC 3333/4333
Choreography 3	DANC 4376
Dance History	DANC 2372

3 credits of core

15 hours

15 hours

Senior

Fall

Modern 4	DANC 4334
Ballet 4	DANC 4333
Senior Studio	DANC 4377
Pedagogy	DANC 4384

3 credit of core

Spring

Modern 3 or 4	DANC 4334/4334 or Rep 4330
Ballet 3 or 4	DANC 3333/4333 or Rep 4330
Career Resources	DANC 4389
World Dance	DANC 4092

3 credit of core

15 hours

15 hours

Elective options for Transfer students: Repertory (DANC 4330), Special Topics (DANC 4092), Independent Study (DANC 4093)

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SHSU DANCE PROMO VIDEO



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BFA IN DANCE @ SAM

Dance Auditions 2023 - 2024

Friday, November 3, 2023 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Friday, February 23, 2024 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Friday, April 12, 2024 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Includes Jazz, Modern, Ballet
and Improvisation. Dancers must
audition for acceptance into the
BFA program.



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