

# 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.



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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.





## **Model MFA in Dance Curriculum SHSU**

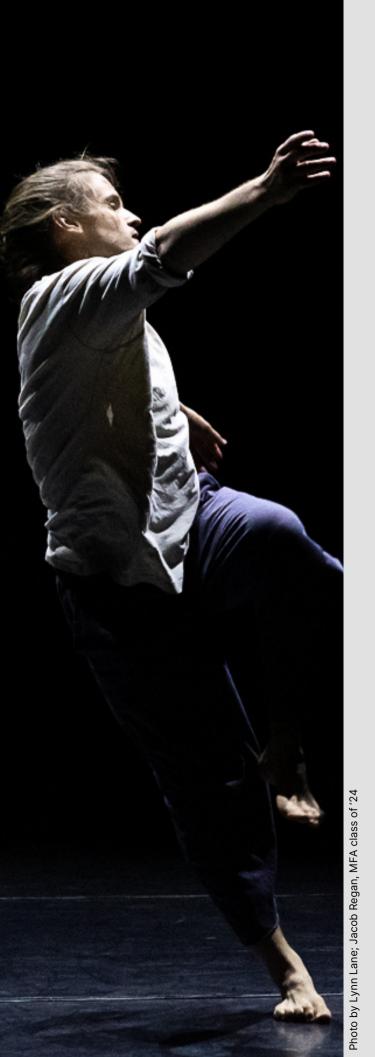
## Fall Start – ODD Year

Dance Graduate Courses		
5333 Advanced Skills in Dance (5) 5360 Production Methods 5371 Theory of Dance 5376 Dance Composition I 5378 Dance Composition II 5380 Dance Composition III 5384 Dance Pedagogy in Higher Ed	5385 Research Methods in Dance 5388 Dance and Integrated Tech 5389 Professional Issues in Dance 5092 Special Topics (2) 5093 Independent Study (2) 6398 Thesis I 6399 Thesis II	

Year 1	
<u>Semester 1 (Fall – 2023) – 12 credits</u>	Semester 2 (Spring - 2024) – 12 credits
5333 Advanced Skills in Dance	5333 Advanced Skills in Dance
5371 Theory of Dance	5092 Special Topics – Somatic Principles
5389 Professional Issues in Dance	5388 Dance and Integrated Technologies
5376 Dance Composition I	5378 Dance Composition II
Year 2	
Semester 3 (Fall– 2024) – 9 credits	Semester 4 (Spring – 2025) – 9 credits
5380 Dance Composition III	5333 Advanced Skills in Dance
5092 Special Topics - Collaboration	5384 Dance Pedagogy in Higher Ed
5385 Research Methods in Dance	5360 Production Methods
Year 3	
Semester 5 (Fall - 2025) – 9 credits	Semester 6 (Spring – 2026) – 9 credits
5333 Advanced Skills in Dance	5333 Advanced Skills in Dance
5093 Independent Study	5093 Independent Study
6398 Thesis I	6399 Thesis II

The graduate faculty in Dance will entertain petitions from the candidate to take courses from other disciplines pending appropriate justification within the overall course of study designed by the candidate in consultation with the graduate advisor.





# MFAIN DANCE @ SAM

# **MFA Auditions** 2023-2024

Friday, October 20, 2023 I 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Friday, March 1, 2024 I 8:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Audition process includes technique audition in Ballet and Modern Dance Technique, interview with faculty, on-site writing sample, and presentation of a solo choreographed by candidate.



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