



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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Sam Houston State University Department of Dance

Minor in Dance Curriculum

Requirements include 18-21 credit hours

Section 1. 6-9 hours, a minimum of 3 dance technique courses, selected from:

DANC 1201 Pilates-based Cond for Dance	2
DANC 1206 Theatre Dance Forms	2
DANC 1221 Intro to Ballet Dance Technique	2
DANC 1222 Intro to Modern Dance Technique	2
DANC 1223 Jazz Dance Technique I	2
DANC 1228 Tap Dance Technique I	2
DANC 1229 Hip Hop Dance Technique	2
DANC 2223 Jazz Dance Technique II	2
DANC 2228 Tap Dance Technique II	2
<i>The following technique courses require a placement audition & departmental approval:</i>	
DANC 1333 Ballet Dance Technique I	3
DANC 1334 Modern Dance Technique I	3
DANC 2333 Ballet Dance Technique II	3
DANC 2334 Modern Dance Technique II	3
DANC 3333 Ballet Dance Technique III	3
DANC 3334 Modern Dance Technique III	3
DANC 3335 Jazz Dance Technique III	3
DANC 3336 Improvisation and Partnering	3
DANC 4333 Ballet Dance Technique IV	3
DANC 4335 Modern Dance Technique IV	3
DANC 4335 Jazz Dance Technique IV	3

Section II. 3 hours

DANC 1372 Dance and Popular Culture	3
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Section III. 3 hours, choose between:

DANC 2373 World Dance: Exploring Cultures	3
DANC 2376 Choreography I	3

Section IV. 6 advanced hours, choose two from the following:

DANC 3372 Dance History	3
DANC 3376 Choreography II*	3
DANC 4384 Dance Pedagogy	3
DANC 4388 Dance and Technology	3

*DANC 2376 is a pre-requisite for DANC 3376

MINOR IN DANCE @ SHSU



Photo by Lynn Lane; "Fading Pearl" by Francisco Graciano

MINOR OVERVIEW

The **Minor in Dance** is for anyone who loves to move and is curious about the world of dance. The Minor requirements include 18-21 credit hours and can be designed to the student's interests. Students take 3-4 technique courses of any style, as well as courses that provide creative, historical, and cultural perspectives on dance as an art form. A total of six advanced credit hours in dance is included. Dance Minors can also audition for performance opportunities and submit work to be shown in the undergraduate choreographic dance concert series Dances @ 8 hosted by Chi Tau Epsilon, SHSU's Dance Honor Society.

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