



## SHSU KATFACTS

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COLLEGES  
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**MONEY**

OVER  
**EIGHTY**  
UNDERGRADUATE  
DEGREES & COUNTING

FACULTY  
--- TO ---  
STUDENT  
RATIO  
**1:25**

 MORE THAN  
**230**  
STUDENT  
ORGANIZATIONS

**COMMUNITY ENGAGED**  
UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate admission to the BFA in dance requires an audition. Additionally, each student will be assessed by faculty in conjunction with their Choreography II course to determine their progress and potential for completion of the BFA.

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## DANCE

Bachelor of Fine Arts



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## POSSIBLE CAREERS FOR DANCE MAJORS

- Choreographer
- Dance Teacher
- Studio Owner
- Performing Artist
- Artistic Director of Dance Company

## BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN DANCE

The Bachelor of Fine Arts in 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. Intensive study in concert dance techniques, abundant performance opportunities, concerts to showcase student choreography, guest artist residencies, and a solid academic foundation: this is the dance experience at SHSU.

Graduates of the Dance Program at SHSU perform with professional dance companies, including Pilobolus, The Houston Met, and Blue Lapis Light. Others have gone into commercial entertainment dancing for theme parks, cruise lines, and musicals. Our alumni are successful choreographers, company directors, and studio dance teachers. SHSU dancers are also well represented as dance teachers in high schools throughout Texas.

## REQUIREMENTS

Dance majors are required to meet with dance faculty for advisement prior to each semester. The curriculum includes four increasingly challenging levels of ballet, modern dance, and choreography. Only grades of "C" or higher in dance courses will apply toward the BFA.

**Minor:** The BFA in Dance does not require a minor. Many of our majors, however, choose to pursue a second area of study to broaden their education, either as a second major or as a minor. Depending on a student's career goals, pursuit of a minor in business, secondary teaching, biology, or another academic discipline will be appropriate.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Once accepted, students may apply for relevant scholarships by completing the Scholarships4Kats online application. Transfer scholarships are available for students who would like to continue their academic career at Sam Houston State University.

## HIGHLIGHTS

The Dance Program is housed in the beautiful James and Nancy Gaertner Performing Arts Center. Dance majors enjoy use of four spacious studios with sprung floors, a 160-seat dance theater, dressing rooms with showers and lockers, a costume shop, a Mac lab, and a fully-equipped Pilates conditioning studio.