The Dance Program at Sam Houston State University (SHSU) proudly presents a joint program allowing students to complete the Associate in Arts degree and utilize the majority of courses to complete the Baccalaureate degree in Art/Dance (BA) or the Baccalaureate Degree in Fine Arts/Dance at SHSU. Students are encouraged to seek advice from Academic Advisors to ensure maximum transferability of courses between institutions. Students interested in pursuing a four-year degree in dance are encouraged to take as many dance classes as possible at the college level in addition to their core classes.

Admission to the Dance Program at SHSU requires an audition. The BA requires a minimum of 36 hours of dance, 42 hours of core classes, and 14 hours of foreign language. The BFA Degree in Dance at SHSU is selective and requires an audition from all applicants. Auditions are held each semester. The BFA includes a minimum of 61 hours of dance and 42 hours of core classes. A foreign language and academic minor are not required.

In addition to the BA or BFA, a Secondary Teaching Certification is available at SHSU. It requires an additional 24 hours of Student Teaching Preparation and successful completion of the appropriate certification exams (ExCET, TOPT, or TexES). A recommendation for Secondary Teaching Certification comes from the Sam Houston Center for Professional Development and Education Partnerships for the State Board for Educator Certification.

All dance majors must repeat DANC 1101 (DNC 110) (crew) for 2 semesters. Bachelor of Arts Candidates must complete one semester each of DANC 3333, 3334, and 4330. Candidates for the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree must be registered in both ballet and modern dance technique each semester after the freshman year. They must also complete at least two semesters each of DANC 4330, 4333, and 4334. DANC 3333, 3334, 4330, 4333, and 4334 are open only by audition or permission of the instructor. The BFA does not require a minor.

All dance majors require PHYS 1305/1105 (PHY 135/115) and BIOL 2401 (BIO 245) or their transfer credit equivalents. Applicants to the Dance Program are encouraged to contact the department office for advising (936-294-1875). We recognize direct mappings of Dance course numbers between institutions are not always possible. Flexibility will be exercised to maximize transfer credit. Students seeking credit for courses not specifically mapped below should contact an SHSU advisor to verify transfer compatibility prior to registration at other institutions.

TCCN Table inserted here.

The Core Curriculum (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/) at Sam Houston State University (to be used by all incoming students as of fall 2014) contains 42 semester credit hours, encompassing nine component areas. Each component area has a minimum credit hour requirement and a selection of specific courses that may be used to satisfy the requirement. The Core Curriculum (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/) details Sam Houston State University courses and their Texas Common Course Number (TCCN) equivalents for college transfer students which comprise SHSU’s core curriculum.

Many SHSU disciplines including the sciences, business, and education require specific courses from the SHSU core as degree specific graduation requirements. To minimize cost and time to complete degree requirements always select SHSU/transfer core courses specified as degree requirements in your intended major. If you have not decided on a major, select core courses supporting your intended area of academic concentration.

Prior to enrolling in core classes, students are encouraged to review specific degree requirements for their major. Selection of major-specified core courses reduces the total number of hours required for graduation.

If you do not see a Texas Common Course Number (TCCN) mapping a specific core course to your transfer institution, please go to Transfer Course Equivalency Guide (https://ww2.shsu.edu/regr27wp/) and select your institution from the drop-down menu. The result will list all currently mapped transfer courses from your institution to SHSU courses.