

# BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS, MAJOR IN DANCE

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Code	Title	Hours
<b>Bachelor of Fine Arts, Major in Dance</b>		
<b>Core Curriculum (<a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/</a>)</b>		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) <sup>1</sup>		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science)		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture)		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts)		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History)		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences)		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option)		4
<b>Major: Foundation</b>		
DANC 1101	Dance Workshop (4 semesters)	4
DANC 1201	Pilates-Based Conditioning for Dance	2
Two semesters of:		6
DANC 1333	Ballet Dance Technique I	
or DANC 2333	Ballet Dance Technique II	
or DANC 2373	World Dance: Exploring Cultures	
Two semesters of:		6
DANC 1334	Modern Dance Technique I	
or DANC 2334	Modern Dance Technique II	
or DANC 2373	World Dance: Exploring Cultures	
Four semesters of:		12
DANC 3333	Ballet Dance Technique III	
or DANC 4330	Repertory	
or DANC 4333	Ballet Dance Technique IV	
Four semesters of:		12
DANC 3334	Modern Dance Technique III	
or DANC 4330	Repertory	
or DANC 4334	Modern Dance Technique IV	
DANC 2376	Choreography I	3
DANC 3335	Jazz Dance Technique III	3
DANC 3336	Improvisation & Partnering	3
DANC 3372	Dance History	3
DANC 3374	Principles Of Dance Technique	3
DANC 3376	Choreography II	3
DANC 4372	Dance Criticism & Analysis	3
DANC 4376	Choreography III	3
DANC 4377	Senior Studio	3
DANC 4384	Dance Pedagogy	3
DANC 4388	Dance and Technology	3
DANC 4389	Career Resources in Dance	3
<b>Minor: Not Required</b> <sup>2,3</sup>		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

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Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
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Component Area II ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii</a> ) <sup>1</sup>		3 Component Area IX ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix</a> )	4
Component Area V ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav</a> )		3 DANC 1101	1
DANC 1101		1 DANC 1333, 2333, or 2373	3
DANC 1333, 2333, or 2373		3 DANC 1334, 2334, or 2373	3
DANC 1334, 2334, or 2373		3	
	<b>16</b>		<b>14</b>

**Second Year**

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Component Area III ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii</a> )		4 Component Area VI ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareavi">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareavi</a> )	3
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DANC 1101		1 DANC 1101		1
DANC 1201		2 DANC 3333, 4330, or 4333		3
DANC 2376		3 DANC 3335		3
DANC 3334, 4330, or 4334		3 DANC 3376		3
		<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>Third Year</b>				
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>		<b>Hours</b>
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DANC 3334, 4330, or 4334		3 DANC 3333, 4330, or 4333		3
DANC 3336		3 DANC 3372		3
DANC 3374		3 DANC 4376		3
DANC 4388		3		
		<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>Fourth Year</b>				
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>		<b>Hours</b>
Component Area IV ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiiv">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiiv</a> )		3 Component Area VIII ( <a href="https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii">https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii</a> )		3
DANC 3333, 4330, or 4333		3 DANC 3333, 4330, or 4333		3
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DANC 4377		3 DANC 4372		3
DANC 4384		3 DANC 4389		3
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The BFA in Dance is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Teach ballet, modern, jazz, and other dance techniques.
- Choreography skills for creating dance works appropriate for a wide range of venues and dancers.
- Critical and analytical writing skills.
- Work effectively in different roles within an organization: as a leader or director, as a responsible member of a team, and independently.
- Creative problem-solving skills.
- Time management skills.
- Embodied experience with process that must result in a product (rehearsals for a public concert).