

Dance Careers

What can I do with this degree?



Is dance your favorite way to express yourself? As a dance major, prepare not only to develop your physical skills, but also to explore the history, theory, and science of your art. Get ready for a tough schedule of technique and choreography classes, long evenings in rehearsal, and academic classes. Dance majors challenge their bodies and their minds in this demanding art form. The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) prepares students for careers as dancers and choreographers. The B.A. also prepares students for careers in dance education, administration, and therapy.

Skills

- Spend a lot of time practicing and rehearsing
- Tune your instrument -- learn about good nutrition, positive body image, and ways to prevent injury
- Retrain your body to meet the demands of new techniques, from tap to African
- Help produce dance concerts, working with lights, costumes, and sound
- Creative and self-discipline
- Able to manage your time well

Areas of Specialization

- Different types of Dance
- Education
- Choreography

Degrees Offered at Texas State

- BFA in Dance with emphasis in Dance Studies
- BFA in Dance with emphasis in Performance and Choreography
- BFA in Dance with emphasis in Pedagogy (single field)
- BFA in Dance with an emphasis in Pedagogy (dual field)

Career Paths

(Some of the occupations outlined in this brochure may require additional education or training)

Careers in the Arts

Sample Job Titles

- Dancer
- Model
- Composer
- Music Arranger/Orchestrator
- Music Director

Possible Work Settings

- Dance studio
- Theater
- Nightclub
- TV or movie studio
- Set in showroom
- Department store
- Custom salon
- Specialty shop

Careers in Education

Sample Job Titles

- Dance Instructor

Possible Work Settings

- Rehearsal or dance studio
- Classroom

Careers in Exercise

Sample Job Titles

- Fitness Trainer
- Aerobic Instructor

Possible Work Settings

- Fitness Center
- Health Club
- Training Facilities
- Classrooms

Careers in Non Profit

Sample Job Titles

- Development Officer

Possible Work Settings

- School
- College/University
- Hospital
- Medical Center
- Human service agency
- Museum
- Religious institution
- Theater
- Zoo
- Public TV

Careers in Sales

Sample Job Titles

- Sales Representative
- Manufacturer's Agent

Possible Work Settings

- Assigned territories
- Could be outdoors selling
- Office processing orders
- Traveling from territory to territory

Resources

Student Organizations

- Orchesis Dance Company
- Alpha Psi Omega

Professional Organizations

- American Alliance for Health Physical Education recreation and Dance
- American Association of Active Lifestyles and Fitness
- American Association for Health, Phys Ed, Recreation & Dance - AAHPERD
- American College Dance Festival Association
- The American Dance Guild
- American Dance Therapy Association
- American Guild of Musical Artists
- American Musicological Society
- Association of Fundraising Professionals
- Association of Theatre Movement Educators
- Balanchine Foundation
- Cecchetti Council of America
- Center for Performance Research
- Congress on Research in Dance - CORD
- Council for Dance Education and Training
- Cross-Cultural Dance Resources
- Dance Educators of America
- Dance Critics Association
- Dance Films Association
- Dance Heritage Coalition
- Dance Notation Bureau Dance/USA
- Dolmetsch Historical Dance Society
- Folk Dance Association



Professional Organizations (continued)

- Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing
- Institute of Historical Dance
- International Association for Creative Dance
- International Association for Dance Medicine and Science
- International Association of Libraries and Museums of the Performing Arts
- International Dance Alliance
- International DanceSport Federation
- International Fitness Professionals Association
- The International Guild of Musicians in Dance
- International Association for Dance Medicine and Science
- International Tap Association
- International Theatre Institute of UNESCO
- The Manufacturer's Agent's Association
- Music Publishers Association of the United States
- National Association of Dance and Affiliated Artists, Inc.
- National Association of Sales Professionals
- National Association of Schools of Dance
- National Athletic Training Association
- National Dance Association
- National Dance Council of America
- National Dance Education Organization
- National Gym Association
- National Strength and Condition Association
- Performing Arts Medicine Association
- Sales & Marketing Professional Organization
- Sacred Dance Guild
- Society of Composers
- Society of Dance History Scholars
- Society of Stage Directors & Choreographers
- Stage Directors and Choreographers Foundation
- United Square Dancers of America
- United Professional Sales Association

Job Search Sites

- Searching for existing companies/dance sites will yield best results as jobs and internships may not normally be posted on job boards.

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