## DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE

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Lamar University's Department of Theatre & Dance offers a Bachelor of Science in Theatre and Dance which gives students a well-rounded education in theatre and dance courses in the interdisciplinary professional program. Students will take core classes, courses in the professional program and specialized courses in one emphasis (Acting, Dance or Tech/Design)

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The Department of Theatre & Dance at Lamar University is a cohesive and dynamic program in which the faculty and staff provide personalized instruction and mentorship for student growth. We develop imaginative, well-rounded students with critical thinking skills, creativity, and a passion for life-long learning. With diverse, process-oriented opportunities, including practical experience, students develop competitive and marketable skills in theatre and dance performance, production, and pedagogy. We encourage interdisciplinary collaboration, foster professionalism and artistic integrity while serving as a cultural resource for the university, the community, the state, and beyond.

This department provides a unique, one-of-a-kind, well-balanced curriculum in both theatre and dance and prepares students to enter professional careers, teaching professions, or other fields. Our Bachelor of Science in Theatre and Dance gives students a well-rounded foundation in theatre and dance courses in the professional program. Based on his or her interests and talent, each student also chooses an emphasis area in Acting, Dance or Technical Theatre. Courses in the emphasis of the student's choice concentrate on developing the student's skills, knowledge and capacities. Lamar University's three stages serve as laboratories for training - in a traditional proscenium theatre, a black box theatre and an informal, open studio stage. Students participate in all phases of performance and production, including a wide range of theatrical works and dance concerts on the Lamar campus, throughout the state and nation. Theatre & Dance majors frequently benefit from nationally renowned guest artists who are brought to the Lamar University campus to present workshops, choreography, design and share their experiences and knowledge with our students. A variety of departmental and college endowed scholarships, as well as assistantships, are available to majors.

## **Programs**

- Dance Minor (https://catalog.lamar.edu/college-fine-artscommunication/theatre-dance/dance-minor/)
- Theatre and Dance (B.S.) Acting Emphasis (https://catalog.lamar.edu/college-fine-arts-communication/theatre-dance/theatre-dance-bs-acting-emphasis/)
- Theatre and Dance (B.S.) Dance Emphasis (https:// catalog.lamar.edu/college-fine-arts-communication/theatre-dance/ theatre-dance-bs-dance-emphasis/)
- Theatre and Dance (B.S.) Design and Tech Emphasis (https://catalog.lamar.edu/college-fine-arts-communication/theatre-dance/theatre-dance-bs-design-tech-emphasis/)

Theatre Minor (https://catalog.lamar.edu/college-fine-arts-communication/theatre-dance/theatre-minor/)