

# MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN DANCE

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**Web Site:** <https://twu.edu/dance/graduate-dance-programs/master-of-fine-arts-mfa/>

## Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/theccb-60x30-strategic-plan/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

1. Acquire sophisticated analysis and improvisation skills by applying advanced research methods, bodywork techniques, movement analysis, and creative process models, to develop, synthesize and understand complex content, creatively problem solve, manage details, make decisions about abstract information when a problem asks for it.
2. Obtain project management skills by developing, planning, managing, and evaluating professional projects that fall within a mission of an organization by using artistic, community, and pedagogical dance models and leading independent dance events, dance companies, and/or arts organizations.
3. Cultivate ethical teamwork and cooperative learning skills by applying collaborative dance making models to develop the appropriate personal and professional values and an ability to make sound judgments based on work-related situations in groups.
4. Develop interpersonal skills by using movement analysis theories, personal management, and collaborative dance-making models when working with performance groups and producing creative products with teams.