

DEPARTMENT OF PERFORMANCE STUDIES

In the Department of Performance Studies at Texas A&M University, students use performance to understand and change the world. Performance Studies is an inquiry-based humanities field that examines relationships between performance and culture. We study performance on an expanded field. Performance Studies investigates traditional art forms such as music, theatre, and dance as well as a range of cultural expressions such as ritual, festivals, games and sports, parades, storytelling, dress, social arts, and mass media. Performance studies is a research discipline in which performance is at once the object we research, a frame we use to see the world, and a unique set of art practices we use to generate new answers to fundamental questions facing humankind.

Our programs provide flexible and interdisciplinary approaches to the study and practice of performance. The Department's vibrant faculty works on varied performances in a wide range of cultural contexts. We bring our expertise to bear on the study of music and sound, theater, performance art, politics, dance and movement, gender and sexuality, technology, race, and religion.

Students in the Department study art making, theory, and history, and use performance as a method of inquiry. Through performance, students engage creatively with the world around them in an on-going process of investigation and meaning-making. In the course of their work in the Performance Studies BA, students will develop a perspective on artistic practice that crosses genres; the ability to think independently, work collaboratively, and solve problems creatively; and a commitment to the performing arts as socially engaged practice.

The BA in Performance Studies provides a foundation for careers that combine skills and knowledge gained in the study, practice, and critical analysis of performance. In the 21st century, this describes many paths a Performance Studies graduate may take. In performance studies our goal is to make scholars and artists with a keen sense of how to use performance to advance their goals and solve problems. To this end, we train our students to be creative leaders in whatever field they choose.

A background in Performance Studies provides an unparalleled foundation for those looking to make their way as artists and performers; for those seeking careers in business, public service, law, medicine, advocacy, journalism, and so on; and for those who plan to continue on to graduate study in the humanities.

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Minors

- Performance Studies Minor (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/performance-studies/minor/>)