

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Theatre and Dance is located in the beautiful **L.E. and Thelma Stephens Performing Arts Center**, completed in 2005. The Theatre and Dance Office is in the “West Wing” of the complex, right off Sam Nixon Drive on **Bartz Way**.

The Department currently has six tenure track **faculty**, four full-time lecturers, numerous adjunct instructors and several graduate teaching assistants. You may find the biographies of most of these professors on our **THEATRE/DANCE ISU** website.

Offices and studios for the Dance program are located in the **Red Hill** Building near the center of campus.

MISSION STATEMENT: THEATRE PROGRAM

The goal of the ISU Theatre and Dance department is to help all students obtain a level of achievement appropriate to entry-level professionals in their specialty areas, or to use the confidence, expressiveness, and cooperative skills gained through their theatre and dance studies at ISU to succeed in a diverse range of non-performance related careers.

MISSION STATEMENT: THEATRE PROGRAM (Continued)

Students selecting a performance emphasis will focus on their own physical, vocal, and intellectual abilities as well as, gain an aesthetic, analytical, social and cultural understanding of theatre and dance. Students focusing on technical theatre may further specialize in costume, lighting, and scenic design. Students pursuing an Education major with Theatre teaching certification or a dance education emphasis should emerge confident in their abilities with all general aspects of theatre and dance. Internships with professional theatre and/or dance companies are strongly encouraged. In addition to specific knowledge and skills, all ISU theatre and dance students should acquire the communication and interpersonal skills to work collaboratively within an ensemble art.

MISSION STATEMENT: DANCE PROGRAM

The Dance Program at ISU provides a liberal arts based approach to the study of the theatrical art of dance as a unique discipline within a collaborative, interconnected setting. Critical to a liberal arts education are creative and critical thinking skills, communication skills, collaborative working skills, interdisciplinary connections and cross cultural explorations.

Guided by the conviction that the arts are essential to a healthy community the dance program at ISU provides students with the basic tools that are necessary to follow an avocational/vocational calling in the field of dance and other related arts. At ISU, we foster a learning environment where students are encouraged to explore the unfamiliar and to take risks without fear of failure.