

# Ashley Atkinson

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## Education

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS IN DANCE, *summa cum laude*, with honors

Sam Houston State University | Huntsville, TX

**2022 - 2026**

*Curriculum:*

Daily technique classes in Ballet, Modern, Jazz, and Improv and Partnering; Dance History; Dance and Technology; Pilates; Choreography; Dance Anatomy; World Dance; Dance Workshop.

*Faculty:*

Francisco Graciano; Travis Lake; Andrew Noble; Dionne Noble; Adele Nickle; Tyler Orcutt; Jacob Regan; Jennifer Pontius; Colette Kerwick; Lauren Serrano; Andrew Smith

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## Performance

*Et Noir Rouge*

Spectrum | Gaertner Performing Arts Center | **12/25** (Premier)  
Choreographer | Andrew Robert Smith

*O Effort, I Shall Repay*

Spectrum | Gaertner Performing Arts Center | **12/24** (Premier)  
Choreographer | Jacob Regan

*Senescence*

Dances @8 | Gaertner Performing Arts Center | **10/24** (Premier)  
Choreographer | Lacy Passmore

*New Song*

Senior Studio | Gaertner Performing Arts Center | **4/24** (Premier)  
Choreographer | Anastasia Crimmins

*No Regrets*

Senior Studio | Gaertner Performing Arts Center | **4/24** (Premier)  
Choreographer | Tendai Mukuka

*Hexe*

Masters of Dance | Gaertner Performing Arts Center | **2/24** (Premier)  
Choreographer | Estefania Valle Cruz

*With[in]*

Senior Studio | Gaertner Performing Arts Center | **4/23** (Premier)  
Choreographer | Tiffany Moore

*Contentment & Curiosity*

Senior Studio | Gaertner Performing Arts Center | **11/23** (Premier)  
Choreographer | Victoria Johnson

*Duality*

Senior Studio | Gaertner Performing Arts Center | **11/23** (Premier)  
Choreographer | Camila Maldonado

*The Hat Must Go On*

Masters of Dance | Gaertner Performing Arts Center | **9/22** (Premier)  
Choreographer | Natasha Wakim

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## Festivals

MIND THE GAP

Houston, TX | Jesus at a Gay Bar | Madeline Isch | **2025**

OKLAHOMA DANCE FESTIVAL

Oklahoma City, OKL | VEIN | Grace Regan | **2024**

ARTISTS FOR HOPE

Houston, TX | NOBLEMOTION2 | Jaiquan Lawrence | **2022**

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## Teaching

TEXAS GALAXY CHEER AND DANCE

Dance Teacher | **2023-Present**

Taught and substitute taught ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary, leaps and turns, and strengthening and stretching classes to students ages 3 to 16

Designed and delivered lesson plans that emphasized alignment, terminology, and proper dance technique

Led and organized summer dance camps in ballet, jazz, and contemporary for students aged 3 to 16 with a focus on alignment, terminology, and proper dance technique

Assisted with summer acrobatic camps.

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## Choreography

*The Weight of Existence*

Senior Studio | Gaertner Performing Arts Center | **11/25** (Premier)

6 min contemporary dance for senior capstone project

Music: Untitled #9 – Smaskifa 1

*Connection*

Dances @8 | Gaertner Performing Arts Center | **3/24** (Premier)

3 min contemporary dance for undergraduate dance concert

Music: Falling in Love – Daniel Blumberg

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## Training

NMD SUMMER INTENSIVE

The Woodlands, TX | **2024**

NMD WINTER INTENSIVE

The Woodlands, TX | **2023**

NOBLEMOTION2

Company Member | **2022 - 2023**

DANCE ITALIA

Lucca, Italy | **2022**

AMERICAN CLASSICAL BALLET ACADEMY

Dance Student | **2012 - 2022**

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## Awards

HONORS UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP  
Elliot T. Bowers Honors College | **2024 - 2026**

DANCE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Sam Houston State University Dance Department | **2025**

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

Sam Houston State University Dance Department | **2025**

JESSE & MARY JONES SCHOLARSHIP

Sam Houston State University | **2024 - 2025**

E & O Carroll Scholarship

Sam Houston State University | **2023 - 2024**

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## Organization

CHI TAU EPSILON | SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY CHAPTER  
Vice President | **2024 - 2026**

Secretary | **2024**

Sophomore Representative | **2023**

New Member | **2022**