

**Sam Houston State University  
Department of Theatre and Dance  
Dance Program—Spring 2008 Semester**

**Course Syllabus  
DNC 493: Undergraduate Independent Studies  
3 hours credit**

**Classroom: TBA**  
**Time: TBA**  
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**Course Description**

This course is adaptable to the needs and interests of the individual student. Students with specific interests are provided the opportunity to investigate and make application in theoretical, creative or field experience approaches to their area of concentration.

**Course Objectives**

- student will complete a contracted project that will further their development in a designated aspect of choreography, research, or other area relevant to their studies in dance
- student will gain experience in self direction

**Grading**

Individual contracts will specify the expectations for each project. Contracts are signed by the student, the instructor of record, and by any other faculty member involved in the project. In addition to assessment of the student's process, the student will make a presentation of their project in a public forum, typically in the dance majors' workshop on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, or as a presentation within a relevant dance class. Alternatively, the student will produce a substantial document for assessment. Final grade for the course will be assessed as follows:

- A—Exemplary work in terms of both process and product
- B—Above average process and/or product
- C—Average work
- D—Project has deficiencies
- F—Unacceptable work