Stephen F. Austin State University  
Department of Kinesiology and Health Science/Dance Program  
DAN 104L – Modern I- SPRING 2016

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Course Time & Location: MWF 9:00  
HPE 201  
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Prerequisites: none

I. Course Description: Fundamental techniques and principle of modern dance.

II. Intended Learning Outcomes:
These goals support and reflect the College of Education’s Vision, Mission, and Core Values in that they equip those candidates seeking “to achieve professional excellence” with the knowledge, skills, and disposition that “prepare competent, successful, caring, and enthusiastic professionals dedicated to responsible service, leadership, and continued professional and intellectual development”. This course supports the Dance Program Mission Statement related to achieving a high level of creative potential.

Program Learning Outcomes:
1. Dance Technique: The student will be able to execute intermediate/advanced level ballet, modern dance and jazz dance techniques. (Active)

2. Dance Production: The student will be able to Identify and apply production values necessary for concert dance, including lighting, sound, costuming, and publicity. (Active)

3. Choreography: The student will be able to identify, distinguish and apply the variety of choreographic devices, structures and forms used in contemporary concert dance. (Active)

4. Dance Kinesiology: The student will be able to apply concepts of dance kinesiology to performance and analysis of dance movement. (Active)

5. Rhythmic Analysis: The student will be able to identify variations in rhythmic patterns and elements of music such as accents, beats, and phrasing as applied to dance movement. (Active)

6. Dance History: The student will Identify and discuss seminal works in the development of Western theatrical dance. (Active)
Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Explore & execute a variety of modern dance styles including Humphrey, Bartenieff, partnering skills, and various others by learning combinations, while developing proper alignment, and spatial awareness as it relates to modern technique. (PLO 1)

2. Articulate & demonstrate improved knowledge of proper dance terminology.

3. Utilize both class and self-observations and corrections as a tool for enhancing the execution of technique and performance. Enhanced confidence in executing proper technique while continuing to increase strength, flexibility, motor coordination, agility and memory. (PLO 4)

4. Demonstrate expanded performance versatility and quality while continuing to develop awareness of rhythm, dynamics, tempo and musicality. (PLO 5)

5. Ability to demonstrate a sense of self while dancing, through confidence in movement and greater awareness of the body.

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Participation: Active and committed participation throughout each class is expected. Students are expected to practice combinations between class sessions. This equates to 2 hours per week outside of class per credit hour. Each student’s active participation, including both effort and improvement will be assessed based on their individual levels. Dancers with less experience will not be compared with those who have more experience.

It is recommended that any student who is ill should attempt to attend class unless they are contagious or confined to a bed. Any student who opts to observe and not participate will receive partial credit for that class. Class observation gives students a good learning opportunity to listen to explanations and corrections the instructor has given out. Lack of participation for any sustained period of time due to illness, injury, or University sponsored events may result in needing to the drop the course entirely.

Daily Participation Grading: Daily participation means committing to the class and is worth a considerable amount of the student’s final grade. For each class, the student has the opportunity to earn a total of 3.5 points by being on time, wearing the proper attire, showing a positive attitude, and giving 100% effort. Students will lose points for being late, or leaving early, not wearing proper dance attire, slacking off, having a bad attitude, or being rude or disrespectful. As stated before, a student who observes class will only earn partial points. No points can be earned if the student is absent for any reason.

Attendance: Each student is allowed to miss 2 individual classes for any reason, i.e., sick, tired, skipping, sleeping, sports, traveling. Each additional absence, after the initial 2, will drop the student’s final grade by 1 full letter grade, assuming each student begins the semester with an A. For example: 3 absences = B, 4 absences = C, 5 absences = D. Any student who has 6 absences or more will result in an automatic failing grade and will not pass the class. An absence will
be excused if the student notifies the instructor via email immediately, and presents a doctor’s note the very next class period that he/she is approved to return to class. Doctor’s notes will not be accepted at the end of the week, month, or semester if the student has already returned to class and forgot to bring the doctor’s note. The same consideration will be given for funerals and University sponsored events. Points will be deducted for students who leave class prior to dismissal. If the student is tardy (more than 10 minutes late), they will be counted absent! Attendance will be strictly enforced. It is the responsibility of the student to keep track of their number of absences.

**Make-Up Policy:**

Written assignments will be accepted late, however 1 letter grade will be deducted for each day the assignment is late. If the student is in good standing with the course, the instructor may allow absences to be made up by other assignments, or attending another technique class of the same level or higher that the student is NOT currently enrolled in with the instructor’s permission. Proof of the make-up class will be submitted within 2 days of taking the approved class.

**Exams:** Movement Exams over the materials are required as given. These will be videotaped for assessment & self-assessment. **NO make-up exams will be given unless the absence was previously excused.** You will reflect and comment on your performance of the combinations chosen through D2L. These will be turned in within one week of viewing. The Final exam will be 2 parts. There will be a juried examination done in class for a professional panel of judges. This will determine your technique placement for the following semester. The second part of the final exam is to be an informal performance in the dance studio on **Wednesday, May 4th from 4pm-6:30pm.**

**Concert:** Attend an approved Dance Concert and write a 400-word critique. Critiques are due one week after you see the performance. Be sure to include a picture of the program and ticket stub within the file you submit on D2L. **Rubric will be given online. Critiques will be submitted through D2L in either Word or PDF format ONLY.**

**Journal/Reflection:** You will be asked to view selections through the online portal, and then reflect on these styles, as well as comment on your own progress and preferences.

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REQUIRED TEXT/S
None. Optional text: Introduction to Modern Dance Techniques by Joshua Legg
Any readings will be assigned through the online portal & through the use of the library.

GRADING POLICY AND PROCEDURES
1. Active Participation/Attendance. 34% (100pts)
2. Journal & reflection 16% (50pts)
3. Exams 43% (130pts)
4. Dance Concert Critique. 7% (20pts)

Grading Scale
A 100-90
B 89-80
C 79-70
D 69-60
F 59 or lower

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
Week 1-2: Introduction to Modern warm-up
Weeks 3-4: Exploration of Body halves & spirals,
Week 5: Test 1
Week 6: Exploration of Fall & Recovery, Swings
Weeks 7-9: Exploration of concepts: space, time, energy
Week 9: Mid-Term
Week 10: Improvisation
Weeks 11-12: Introduction to Action drives
Week 13: Exploration of Tempo, rhythms, styles
Weeks 14: Exploration of Performance
Week 15: Juried Final Exam (5/2/16) & Informal Performance (5/4/16 @ 4-6:30pm)

Classroom Etiquette
1. Be ON TIME to class. It is considered disrespectful to walk into a dance class late. If the student is tardy, he/she should first ask the instructor for permission to join class. If the warm-up is missed, the student may stay and observe the rest of the class.
2. NO TEXTING & Silence all cell phones.
3. Always come prepared to work both mentally and physically.
4. Do not give corrections to other students unless they ask for your help or if you are asked to provide observations by the instructor.
5. Do not speak while instruction or correction by the instructor is occurring.
6. Be respectful of others. This is a place of learning and once you step into the studio, you are all on the same level. Be positive with yourself and with others. This should be a safe place for you to grow as a dancer and to feel comfortable with yourself.
Dance Studio Rules

1. **No street shoes.** All street shoes must be removed before walking on the dance floor.
2. **No gum chewing, eating or drinking.** Water with secured lid is permitted. Please pick up after yourself and throw away any trash you might bring into the dance space.
3. No wet umbrellas, etc. Please shake off & store any wet items before entering the studio.
4. **All cell phones must be silenced in the dance studio.**

Dance Attire:

Exams will be done in Uniform with BARE FEET. NO EXCEPTIONS. If you come to class in something other than the required uniform, you will not be allowed to take the exam.

**UNIFORM:** Women: Black Leotard, Black dance pants/leggings. NO SHORTS of any kind. Hair must be pulled back securely.
Men: Form fitting black t-shirt, Black dance pants/leggings, and a dance belt.

*No baggy clothing! Lines need to be seen, tight, form-fitting clothing is necessary!*
Warm-ups and socks are allowed for the beginning of class. Hair must be pulled up and away from the face. No dangling jewelry.

Tactile Teaching
It is understood that the study of dance involves tactile teaching. The instructor may appropriately position the student’s body for better understanding of dance technique. In this class, students may come into physical contact with other students. If this is unacceptable to you, please inform the instructor ASAP. All such correspondence will be kept confidential.

LiveText Statement:
This course uses the LiveText data management system to collect critical assessments for students who are Perkins College of Education majors (undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral) or majors in other colleges seeking educator certification through the Perkins College of Education. Students who do not have an existing LiveText account will receive an access code via the SFA email system within the first week of class. You will be required to register your LiveText account, and you will be notified how to do this via email. If you forward your SFA e-mail to another account and do not receive an e-mail concerning LiveText registration, please be sure to check your junk mail folder and your spam filter for these e-mails.

If you have questions about obtaining or registering your LiveText account, call ext. 1267 or e-mail SFALiveText@sfasu.edu. Once LiveText is activated, if you have technical questions, call ext. 7050 or e-maillivetext@sfasu.edu. Failure to activate the account and/or submit the required assignment(s) within the LiveText system may result in course failure.

(With the new roll out of mySFA and the email process, titan mail is changing to ____@jacks.sfasu.edu.)
VII. Course Evaluations:

Near the conclusion of each semester, students in the Perkins College of Education electronically evaluate courses taken within the PCOE. Evaluation data is used for a variety of important purposes including:

1. Course and program improvement, planning, and accreditation;
2. Instruction evaluation purposes; and
3. Making decisions on faculty tenure, promotion, pay, and retention.

As you evaluate this course, please be thoughtful, thorough, and accurate in completing the evaluation. Please know that the PCOE faculty is committed to excellence in teaching and continued improvement. Therefore, your response is critical!

In the Perkins College of Education, the course evaluation process has been simplified and is completed electronically through MySFA. Although the instructor will be able to view the names of students who complete the survey, all ratings and comments are confidential and anonymous, and will not be available to the instructor until after final grades are posted.

VIII. Student Ethics and Other Policy Information: Found at https://www.sfasu.edu/policies

Class Attendance and Excused Absence: Policy 6.7

Regular, punctual attendance, documented participation, and, if indicated in the syllabus, submission of completed assignments are expected at all classes, laboratories, and other activities for which the student is registered. Based on university policy, failure of students to adhere to these requirements shall influence the course grade, financial assistance, and/or enrollment status. The instructor shall maintain an accurate record of each student’s attendance and participation as well as note this information in required reports and in determining final grades. Students may be excused from attendance for reasons such as health, family emergencies, or student participation in approved university-sponsored events. However, students are responsible for notifying their instructors in advance, when possible, for excusable absences. Whether absences are excused or unexcused, a student is still responsible for all course content and assignments. Students with accepted excuses may be permitted to make up work for up to three weeks of absences during a semester or one week of a summer term, depending on the nature of the missed work. Make-up work must be completed as soon as possible after returning from an absence.

Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities: Policy 6.1 and 6.6

To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 936-468-3004 as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilities/.

Student Academic Dishonesty: Policy 4.1
Abiding by university policy on academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students.

**Definition of Academic Dishonesty**
Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:
- using or attempting to use unauthorized materials on any class assignment or exam;
- falsifying or inventing of any information, including citations, on an assignment; and/or;
- helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism.

Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were one's own. Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:
- submitting an assignment as one's own work when it is at least partly the work of another person;
- submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from the Internet or another source; and/or,
- incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper or presentation without giving the author credit.

**Penalties for Academic Dishonesty**
Penalties may include, but are not limited to reprimand, no credit for the assignment or exam, re-submission of the work, make-up exam, failure of the course, or expulsion from the university.

**Student Appeals**
A student who wishes to appeal decisions related to academic dishonesty should follow procedures outlined in Academic Appeals by Students (6.3).

___ **Withheld Grades: Policy 5.5**

At the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic unit head, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F, except as allowed through policy [i.e., Active Military Service (6.14)]. If students register for the same course in future semesters, the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

___ **Student Code of Conduct: Policy 10.4**

Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor's ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program. Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic or other penalties. This policy applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The
instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the iCare: Early Alert Program at SFA. Information regarding the iCare program is found at https://www.sfasu.edu/judicial/earlyalert.asp or call the office at 936-468-2703.