Dance (DNCE)

Courses

DNCE A061 Elementary Ballet 1 Credit
Introduction to classical ballet for the student with little or no background in dance. Simple exercises and combinations introduce fundamental ballet positions and terminology. Correct anatomical alignment and injury prevention stressed.

Special Note: May be repeated three times for credit.

DNCE A071 Elementary Modern Dance 1 Credit
Introduction to elementary modern techniques for the avocational student with little or no background in modern dance. Simple exercises and combinations introduce fundamental modern dance positions, movements, and terminology. Correct alignment stressed in basic exercises and elementary locomotor combinations.

Special Note: May be repeated three times for credit.

DNCE A081 Elementary Jazz 1 Credit
Introductory course in the fundamentals of jazz for the student with little or no dance background. Exercises and movement combinations introduce principles of jazz rhythm and style. Correct anatomical alignment and injury prevention stressed.

Special Note: May be repeated three times for credit.

DNCE A101 Fundamentals of Ballet I 2 Credits
Beginning ballet technique introduced through barre and center floor work. Emphasis on correct anatomical alignment and injury prevention.

Special Note: May be repeated three times for credit.

DNCE A121 Contemporary Modern I 2 Credits
Introduces basic skills of contemporary modern dance through movement exercises, movement phrases and creative movement inquiry. Designed for students with little to no experience who wish to explore dance as aesthetic practice.

Special Note: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.

DNCE A124 Dance for Musical Theatre I 2 Credits
Introduces the vocabulary, variety of movement styles and performance techniques inherent in American musical theatre, including the ability to vocalize correctly during movement. Covers a range of time periods from the 1920s to the present.

Special Note: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.

DNCE A131 Fundamentals of Music-Based Jazz I 2 Credits
Basic jazz dance technique rooted in the complexity, variety, and spontaneity of jazz music. Includes the concepts of rhythmic manipulation and swing with an introduction to musical movement qualities, improvisation, and jazz history. Warm-up exercises and movement combinations develop jazz skills and promote strength and flexibility. Correct alignment and injury prevention stressed throughout class.

Special Note: May be repeated three times for credit.

DNCE A145 Dances of the West African Diaspora I 2 Credits
Beginning course in dances of the West African Diaspora including those of the Caribbean such as Haiti and Cuba. Movement fundamentals of these dance forms are developed through warm-up exercises and through execution of the dances themselves. Three to five dances will be learned each semester. History and cultural context of the dances will be stressed throughout the class.

Special Note: May be repeated three times for credit.

DNCE A146 Introduction to Alaska Native Dance 1-2 Credits
Beginning course in Alaska Native dance techniques involving movement, sounds/vocal, music, and storytelling. Historical, cultural, and aesthetic context of dance stressed throughout class.

Special Note: May be repeated for up to 8 credits.

Crosslisted With: AKNS A146.

DNCE A147 Popular American Social Dance 2 Credits
Theory and practice of partnership social dance in the contemporary United States. Designed for learners who wish to expand their skills in social partnership dance or for overall development of movement skills. Specific dances will be examined in their historical and cultural contexts in order to find a closer connection to their movement forms.

Special Note: May be repeated three times for credit.

DNCE A148 Hip Hop and Street Dance Styles I 2 Credits
Introduces hip hop and street dance techniques and styles through a variety of movement exercises. Introduces hip hop culture and history. Designed for the student with little or no prior experience in dance.

Special Note: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.

DNCE A151 Fundamentals of Tap I 1 Credit
Beginning tap dance techniques. Introduces basic tap dance skills through warm-up exercises and movement combinations. Rhythmic improvisation explored. Correct anatomical alignment and injury prevention stressed.

Special Note: May be repeated three times for credit.

DNCE A170 Dance Appreciation 3 Credits
Develops an appreciation of dance for observers and participants through readings, lectures, videos, writing exercises, live performances, and movement and discussion sessions. Explores dance in social and cultural contexts as an aesthetic and kinesthetic experience. Examines dance across various cultures along with its development as an art form in Europe and America. A lecture course with four to seven dance studio movement sessions per semester.

Attributes: UAA Fine Arts GER.

DNCE A223 Contemporary Modern II 2 Credits
Expands contemporary modern dance skills and movement vocabulary through longer warm-ups and movement combinations. Explores contemporary modern dance history. Designed for students with previous dance experience.

Special Note: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.

Prerequisites: DNCE A121 with a minimum grade of C.
DNCE A224 Dance for Musical Theatre II 2 Credits
Continuation of Dance for Musical Theatre I, building on the foundation of vocabulary, movement styles, vocalizing, and performance techniques. Techniques in improving audition skills and perfecting performance ability. Encompasses a range of time periods, from the 1920s to the present.
Special Note: May be repeated three times for credit.
Crosslisted With: THR A224.
Prerequisites: DNCE A124 with a minimum grade of C or THR A124 with a minimum grade of C.

DNCE A262 Theory and Improvisation 3 Credits
Development of improvised movement material. Elements of time, space and dynamics studied through assignments that focus on movement analysis and performance. Students apply improvisational techniques that are expected to be employed as part of the compositional and choreographic process.
Registration Restrictions: Instructor permission required.
Prerequisites: DNCE A121 with a minimum grade of C or THR A221 with a minimum grade of C.

DNCE A290 Selected Topics in Dance 1-3 Credits
Introduction to current topics in dance performance and theory. Topics will depend on special demands of the dance season or faculty expertise.
Special Note: May be repeated for credit.
Registration Restrictions: Prerequisites vary according to topic.

DNCE A321 Intermediate Contemporary Modern I 2 Credits
Increases the student's skill level and movement vocabulary in contemporary modern technique. Structured technical exercises and complex movement combinations increase strength, flexibility and quality of movement with exploration of performance aesthetics.
Special Note: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.
Prerequisites: DNCE A223 with a minimum grade of C.

DNCE A322 Intermediate Contemporary Modern II 2 Credits
Special Note: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.
Registration Restrictions: Instructor permission
Prerequisites: DNCE A321 with a minimum grade of C.

DNCE A361 Approaches to Dance Composition 3 Credits
Introduction to the process of creating movement studies as a foundation for larger works of dance. Universal elements of composition and the creative process are explored from multiple perspectives. Final movement study project will be required.
Special Note: May be repeated twice for credit.
Registration Restrictions: Instructor permission
Prerequisites: DNCE A223 with a minimum grade of C and DNCE A262 with a minimum grade of C.

DNCE A365 Dance Repertory and Performance I 3 Credits
 Designed to address key concepts of dance making with a focus on improvisation, composition and choreographic process. Classwork focuses on learning and refining works of choreography while also examining the social, political or cultural forces that influence performance works.
Special Note: May be repeated three times for credit.
Registration Restrictions: Audition required.
Prerequisites: DNCE A223 with a minimum grade of C or DNCE A224 with a minimum grade of C or THR A224 with a minimum grade of C.

DNCE A370 Interdisciplinary Dance Studies: Issues and Methods 3 Credits
Explores how dance scholars use methods drawn from a variety of disciplines to consider dance as movement, culture, artifact, language, and art. Applies and integrates these methods in relation to video materials and live dance events. Case studies will vary according to student interest and opportunities for viewing dance locally.
Registration Restrictions: Completion of GER Tier 1 (basic college-level skills) courses and junior standing.
Prerequisites: DNCE A170 with a minimum grade of C and (WRTG A211 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A212 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A213 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A214 with a minimum grade of C).
Attributes: UAA Integrative Capstone GER.

DNCE A395 Advanced Practicum: Performance 1-3 Credits
Performance practicum for juniors and seniors. Advanced participation in dance production as a dancer, performance artist or choreographer.
Special Note: May be repeated for up to 12 total credits.
Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing. Audition and faculty permission.

DNCE A465 Advanced Performance and Choreography Workshop 3 Credits
Designed for the advanced student with a focus on multiple skills to assist in the growth of the movement artist as performer and creator. Advanced exploration of the spatial and qualitative aspects of dance technique with the refinement of complex patterning skills and attention to details of dramatic or emotional content. Techniques of improvisation, abstraction, and choreography applied to movement studies as an ongoing class activity. Explorations into the theoretical foundations of designing and structuring the dance class along with the aesthetics and history of contemporary dance technique.
Special Note: May be repeated three times for credit.
Registration Restrictions: Instructor permission by audition required.
Prerequisites: DNCE A322 with a minimum grade of C.

DNCE A475 Dance Repertory and Performance II 3 Credits
Advanced exploration of the spatial and qualitative aspects of dance technique. Refinement of complex patterning skills and attention to details of dramatic or emotional content. Skills related to the creation and performance of choreography further developed. Examination of performance theory and the social, cultural and political forces that influence and shape significant performance works.
Special Note: May be repeated three times for credit.
Prerequisites: DNCE A365 with a minimum grade of C.
DNCE A490 Selected Topics in Dance 1-3 Credits
Current topics in dance performance and theory resulting from special
demands of the dance season or special faculty expertise.
Special Note: May be repeated for a maximum 12 credits with change
of topic. Additional fees may apply depending on topic.
Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing.