DANC - Dance

DANCE Courses

DANC 152R. Acting One. 3 Credits.
An introduction to the physical and vocal principles of performance coupled with an opportunity to increase awareness of the constructed nature of social interactions. Students will explore confident self-expression through the physical, vocal, emotional and technical aspects of acting, as an art form and a daily experience, in a format that encourages freedom of imagination and personal growth. Emphasis is on the fundamental communication skills of presence, body language, imagination, and social communication.

DANC 185A. Dance and Its Audience. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to acquaint students with the components of theatrical dance performance, its historical and ethnic origins, its role as a creative expression of peoples and societies and its relationship to other art forms. Through films, videos, live performances, guest speakers, readings and discussions, students consider philosophical approaches to language, communication, aesthetics and style of choreography.

DANC 195. Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.
A study of selected topics designed for nonmajors, or for elective credit within a major.

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DANC 201. Ballet Technique 1. 2 Credits.
Introduction to classical ballet technique.

DANC 211. Modern Dance Technique 1. 2 Credits.
Introduction to modern dance technique.

DANC 231. Ballroom Dance 1. 1 Credit.
This class introduces students to basic American and Latin ballroom dance. Basic steps of the foxtrot, waltz, swing, tango, cha cha and rumba will be covered. Focus on rhythm, technique, leading and following is also included. This class is open to single students and couples.

DANC 232. Ballroom Dance 2. 1 Credit.
This class is a continuation of basic American and Latin ballroom dance. Basic steps of the foxtrot, waltz, swing, tango, cha cha and rumba will be covered. Focus is on rhythm, technique, leading and following. The class is open to single students and couples.

DANC 233. Ballroom Dance 3. 1 Credit.
This class is a continuation of American and Latin ballroom dance 2. Basic steps of the foxtrot, waltz, swing, tango, cha cha and rumba are covered. Focus is on rhythm, technique, leading and following. This class is open to single students and couples. Prerequisites: DANC 231 or DANC 232 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 234. Ballroom Dance 4. 1 Credit.
This class is a continuation of American and Latin ballroom dance 3. Basic steps of the foxtrot, waltz, swing, tango, cha cha and rumba are covered. Focus is on rhythm, technique, leading and following. This class is open to single students and couples. Prerequisites: DANC 231, DANC 232 or DANC 233 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 235. Yoga 1. 2 Credits.
An introduction to yoga postures, breathing exercises, and relaxation techniques that promote health, alleviate stress, improve skeletal alignment, and increase muscualr strength and flexibility. Students are also introduced to the history and philosophy of yoga.

DANC 236. Yoga 2. 2 Credits.
A continuation of the study of yoga postures, breathing exercises, and relaxation techniques that promote health, alleviate stress, improve skeletal alignment, and increase muscualr strength and flexibility. Students also continue the study of the history and philosophy of yoga. Prerequisites: DANC 235 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 241. Pilates Mat Class I. 1 Credit.
The Pilates method of body conditioning is an exercise system focused on improving flexibility and strength for the total body without building bulk. It is a series of controlled movements engaging the body and mind supervised by an extensively trained teacher. It promotes physical harmony and balance while providing a refreshing and energizing workout. Currently the Pilates method is used internationally by individuals at all levels of fitness as well as by dance companies, sports teams, fitness enthusiasts and physical therapists.

DANC 242. Pilates Mat Class 2. 1 Credit.
The Pilates method of body conditioning is an exercise system focused on improving flexibility and strength for the total body without building bulk. It is a series of controlled movements engaging the body and mind supervised by an extensively trained teacher. It promotes physical harmony and balance while providing a refreshing and energizing workout. Currently the Pilates Method is used internationally by individuals at all levels of fitness as well as by dance companies, sports teams, fitness enthusiasts and physical therapists. This course continues the concepts introduced in Pilates Mat Class 1. Prerequisites: DANC 241 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 251. Tap Dance I. 1 Credit.
Introduction to tap dance styles including classic, hoof and rhythm. Fundamental movements such as time steps, grab-offs, riffs, etc. are incorporated using counterpoint rhythms and challenges. Students gain an understanding of tap dance as an American art form.

DANC 252. Tap Dance II. 1 Credit.
Continuation of tap dance styles including classic, hoof and rhythm. Fundamental movements such as time steps, grab-offs, riffs, etc. will be incorporated and developed using counterpoint rhythms and challenges. Students gain an understanding of tap dance as an American art form. Prerequisites: DANC 251 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 260. Introduction to Dance Technique. 1 Credit.
This serves as an elective course for students interested in beginning their dance training in the spring semester. The class focuses on basic universal dance vocabulary and prepares students both physically and mentally to enter Ballet I, Modern Dance 1 or Jazz Dance 1 in the fall semester.

DANC 261. Hip Hop. 1 Credit.
This course will introduce students to the technical foundations of hip hop dancing and the experience of freestyling.

DANC 271. Introduction to Filmmaking. 3 Credits.
This course will introduce the beginning student to making movies. Students will learn the basics of working with cameras, lights, sound recording, video editing and post production. This is a hands-on production course.

DANC 295. Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.
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DANC 296. Topics in Dance. 1-4 Credits.
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DANC 302. Ballet Technique 2. 2 Credits.
Continuation of classical ballet technique. Prerequisites: DANC 201 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 303. Ballet Technique 3. 1-4 Credits.
Continuation of ballet technique at an intermediate level. Prerequisites: DANC 302 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 312. Modern Dance Technique 2. 2 Credits.
Continuation of modern dance technique. Prerequisites: DANC 211 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 313. Modern Dance Technique 3. 1-4 Credits.
Continuation of modern dance technique at an intermediate level. Prerequisites: DANC 312 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 321. Jazz Dance I. 1 Credit.
Introduction to jazz dance technique. Prerequisites: DANC 201 or DANC 211 or DANC 260 or permission of instructor.
DANC 322. Jazz Dance 2. 1 Credit.
Continuation of jazz dance technique. Prerequisites: DANC 321 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 330. Extreme Moves (Conditioning for Dancers). 2 Credits.
This course explores the extended physical technique known as Extreme Moves. The Extreme Moves training method focuses on the body’s alignment with regard to how forces are present, how they act upon it, and how to build strength to resist or collaborate with these forces. Students will work with props such as large physio balls, elastic bands, mats and the wall in order to improve their core strength, balance, upper and lower body strength and alignments. Through physical practice, readings and videos, students will learn the conceptual framework for Extreme Moves. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.

DANC 360. Rhythmic Analysis. 1 Credit.
A study of basic music theory specifically designed for the dancer. Emphasis is on score reading, accompaniment for dance, note values and rhythms as they directly relate to choreography in a classroom as well as in the rehearsal studio. Students perform movement studies based on rhythmic structures. Prerequisites: DANC 201 or DANC 211 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 367. Cooperative Education. 1-3 Credits.
Student participation for credit based on the academic relevance of the work experience, criteria and evaluative procedures as formally determined by the department and Career Development Services prior to the semester in which the work experience takes place. Available for pass/fail grading only. Prerequisites: Approval of the department and Career Development Services.

DANC 368. Internship. 1-3 Credits.
A structured work experience with or without remuneration; a paper, a log and portfolio of work time plus satisfactory evaluations by supervisor and cooperating faculty member are required. Available for pass/fail grading only. Prerequisites: Approval of department chair and Career Development Services.

DANC 369. Practicum. 1-3 Credits.
Field experience in dance. Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor.

DANC 370. Dance Composition 1. 2 Credits.
Designed for dance majors or minors, this course is a study of the elements and craft of choreography through practical and written experience. Time, space and dynamics are explored through assigned movement studies. Projects are designed for the creative development of personal movement repertoire and compositional skills for the dancer, choreographer and dance educator. Prerequisites: DANC 211 and DANC 390 or equivalent (DANC 312, DANC 313, DANC 414, DANC 415, DANC 416).

DANC 373. Production/Performance Lab. 1 Credit.
This course provides students opportunities to participate in productions in Theatre, Dance or Film. These positions provide hands-on experience in the discipline. Cross-listed with THEA 373. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.

DANC 374. Production/Performance Lab. 1 Credit.
This course provides students opportunities to participate in productions in Theatre, Dance or Film. These positions provide hands-on experience in the discipline. Cross-listed with THEA 374. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.

DANC 389W. Dance History from 1900 until the Present. 3 Credits.
Designed for dance majors or minors, this course focuses on the lives and contributions of dance artists who have most influenced the history of dance as art since the turn of the 20th century. The class explores the many facets of dance and its relationship to other art forms. Also included is a major research project and presentation focusing on a specific dance history topic. This is a writing intensive course. Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in ENGL 211C or equivalent.

DANC 390. Improvisation. 3 Credits.
An exploration of creativity through structured exercises, games and problems. Students participate in experiential studies that explore improvisational approaches, devices and elements to gain skills in the art of improvisation. This course also includes group discussions of reading assignments and feedback sessions following the improvisations performed in class. Through readings, journal writings, and in-class exercises, students develop the skills to articulate what they see, feel and respond to as artists, performers, and observers. Cross-listed with THEA 390. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.

DANC 391. African-American Perspectives in Dance. 3 Credits.
Focuses on the contributions of African-Americans to the world of American dance and concert dance. The influence of African dance and dances of the Caribbean Islands will also be explored. Prerequisites: DANC 185A or permission of the instructor.

DANC 393. Anatomy and Kinesiology for Dance. 3 Credits.
Designed for dance majors or minors, this course is an analysis of human motion through a study of anatomy and principles of kinesiology in relation to dance techniques. Prerequisites: DANC 201 and DANC 211 or permission of the instructor and concurrent enrollment in a dance technique class.

DANC 395. Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.
A study of selected topics designed for nonmajors, or for elective credit within a major. These courses appear in the course schedule, and are more fully described in a booklet distributed to academic advisors. Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor.

DANC 396. Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.
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DANC 404. Ballet Technique 4. 1-4 Credits.
Continuation of ballet technique at an intermediate level. Prerequisites: DANC 303 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 405. Ballet Technique 5. 1-4 Credits.
Continuation of ballet technique at an advanced level. Prerequisites: DANC 404 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 406. Ballet Technique 6. 1-4 Credits.
Continuation of ballet technique at an advanced level. Prerequisites: DANC 405 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 414. Modern Dance Technique 4. 1-4 Credits.
Continuation of modern dance technique at an intermediate level. Prerequisites: DANC 313 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 415. Modern Dance Technique 5. 1-4 Credits.
Continuation of modern dance technique at an advanced level. Prerequisites: DANC 414 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 416. Modern Dance Technique 6. 1-4 Credits.
Continuation of modern dance technique at an advanced level. Prerequisites: DANC 415 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 423. Jazz Dance 3. 1 Credit.
Continuation of jazz dance technique at an intermediate/advanced level. Prerequisites: DANC 322 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 424. Jazz Dance 4. 1 Credit.
Continuation of jazz dance technique at an intermediate/advanced level. Prerequisites: DANC 423 or permission of the instructor.

DANC 470. Dance Composition 2. 2 Credits.
This course builds on the skills developed in Dance Composition 1, including the exploration of time, space and dynamics, with a focus on constructing fully realized group and solo dance compositions. Prerequisites: DANC 370 and permission of the instructor.

DANC 473. Production/Performance Lab. 1 Credit.
This course provides students opportunities to participate in productions in Theatre, Dance or Film. These positions provide hands-on experience in the discipline. Cross-listed with THEA 473. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.
DANC 474. Production/Performance Lab. 1 Credit.  
This course provides students opportunities to participate in productions in Theatre, Dance or Film. These positions provide hands-on experience in the discipline. Cross-listed with THEA 474. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of the instructor.

DANC 489. Principles of Teaching Dance. 2 Credits.  
This course covers basic methods of movement education as applied to the teaching of ballet, modern dance, jazz, and movement for children. An understanding of anatomical structure and mechanics is utilized in the analysis of student performance in dance class. Specific objectives for dance exercises are explored. Practical experiences in the planning, organization and structure of technique classes of various styles are designed to prepare students as dance educators. Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor.

DANC 490. Pedagogy for Dance Educators. 3 Credits.  
Methods and instructional theories and strategies of movement education as applied to the teaching of ballet, modern dance, jazz, and movement for children. Practical experience in the structure, organization and assessment of dance arts programs for the K-12 public school setting. Prerequisites: A passing score on the Praxis I or equivalent instrument and admittance into the Teacher Education program.

DANC 495/595. Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.  
The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest which, due to their specialized nature, may not be offered regularly. These courses appear in the course schedule, and are more fully described in a booklet distributed to academic advisors. Prerequisites: Appropriate survey course or permission of the instructor.

DANC 496/596. Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.  
The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest which, due to their specialized nature, may not be offered regularly. These courses appear in the course schedule, and are more fully described in a booklet distributed to academic advisors. Prerequisites: Appropriate survey course or permission of the instructor.

DANC 497/597. Tutorial Work in Special Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.  
Independent reading and study on a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate. Prerequisites: Senior standing and approval of the department chair.

DANC 498/598. Tutorial Work in Special Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.  
Independent reading and study on a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate. Prerequisites: Senior standing and approval of the department chair.

DANC 499. Senior Project. 1 Credit.  
Completion of a major research project during one's senior year on a topic of particular interest to the student. Topics to be selected under the direction of an instructor with conferences as appropriate. (Qualifies as a CAP experience.) Prerequisites: Senior standing and approval of the department chair.

DANC 595. Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.  
The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest which, due to their specialized nature, may not be offered regularly. These courses appear in the course schedule, and are more fully described in a booklet distributed to academic advisors. Prerequisites: Appropriate survey course or permission of the instructor.

DANC 596. Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.  
The advanced study of selected topics designed to permit small groups of qualified students to work on subjects of mutual interest which, due to their specialized nature, may not be offered regularly. These courses appear in the course schedule, and are more fully described in a booklet distributed to all academic advisors. Prerequisites: Appropriate survey course or permission of the instructor.

DANC 597. Tutorial Work in Special Topics in Dance. 1-3 Credits.  
Independent reading and study on a topic to be selected under the direction of an instructor. Conferences and papers as appropriate. Prerequisites: Graduate standing and approval of the department chair.