

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY FACULTY OF ARTS

SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS DNCE 209 ELEMENTARY CONTEMPORARY DANCE II

Winter 2020 – Revised (includes new on-line content)

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Day(s), time(s) and location of class	Tuesday & Thursdays 10.00-11.50 KNA AUX, January 14 – March 12; ON-LINE March 17 – April 14
Learning resources: required readings, viewings, textbooks and materials	On-line viewing & reading links posted on D2L
Supplementary fees	This course requires a mandatory supplementary fee of \$78 payable upon registration
Prerequisites	Dance 207. Audition required if Dance 207 was not completed in the previous term. See the SCPA Auditions website for further details: https://arts.ucalgary.ca/schools/creative-performing-arts/dance/current-students
Course description	Further elementary study of the techniques of contemporary dance.
Out of class activities	1. Students are required to attend or view on-line 5 performances during the session: 2 contemporary dance performances, 1 drama performance, 1 music performance and 1 art event. On-line links will be made available to the students given the changes circumstances of live performance possibilities.
	2. Rehearsal for final assignment as needed.
Course overview	This is an elementary level technique class, aiming at building the dancers physical awareness as a starting place to building a strong technical foundation. The class starts with understanding natural human movement patterns, and focuses on the ability to co-ordinate and conversely deconstruct the body's natural co-ordination. The exercises and combinations are created to trigger the connection between mind and body and to understand the different muscle tensions possible within our dance. The relation of the body to the space in which we move plays a crucial role. Anchored in contemporary dance technique there is focus on weight and momentum, curving and twisting the spine, finding a balance between release and stability. We will progress through a series of simple floor and standing exercises through more complex combinations that move in, out and across of the floor. The musicality of the dancing body is brought strongly to focus. Breath and somatic

	awareness play an integral role, and the dancers are encouraged to listen to the dance they and their fellow dancers create. The classwork will aim to awaken our senses, enlivening both internal and external awareness. It will allow us to explore, through movement and discussion, the idea of technique as something which connects to our imagination, as well as physicality and spatial presence.	
Course learning outcomes	 Through completion of the course, successful students will have: 1. continued building a foundation in their study of contemporary dance; 2. refined their understanding of the human body in motion; 3. furthered their understanding of how their own bodies can function in a useful and healthy way, moving from simple to more complex technical material; 4. learned to self-reference movement as they nurture somatic awareness; 5. furthered their abilities to co-ordinate and conversely deconstruct the body's natural co-ordination; 6. built a base understanding of balance between tension and release; 7. experimented with their application of phrasing and musicality; 8. interacted and worked cooperatively with peers, in a spirit of play, to push physical and artistic boundaries. 9. deepened their appreciation of the role dance can play within a functioning society. 10. Demonstrated self-motivation with regards to their dance practice. 	
Course schedule	Faculty will make continuous in-studio and on-line assessment throughout the course to ascertain that the student is developing the movement patterns and artistry befitting a dancer in progression through the elementary level.	
Assessment components	40% Skill – ongoing* – Technical Proficiency, Clarity, Artistry, Presentation	
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interacting with the on-line opportunities for learning. Effort shows and we will be sure to take note of those fully engaged in the class and with the on-line learning opportunities. If for some reason you are feeling unwell during class time, a substitute form of participation may be arranged; however, do not expect to obtain this privilege more than once.

10% Performance Attendance / On-Line Viewing & Performance Review – submission deadline: April 9th, 2020

- All students must attend and/or view online (from the list provided on D2L): 2
 contemporary dance performances, as well as 1 drama performance, 1 music
 performance and 1 art event. Students must submit to D2L drop box a list of the
 performances they have attended and/or viewed online. Include a photograph
 of the ticket stub/electronic evidence for the live performances attended and a
 screen shot of the video screen for the online performances viewed.
- For the 2 contemporary dance performances attended/viewed (see above), all students will write a short (500 word) response to each of the works. Response should include why you selected this performance, why you consider it to be a contemporary dance performance and should attempt to place the work in relation to today's society. Responses should be uploaded to the D2L drop box.

10% Final Movement Assignment & Presentation - April 14, 2020

Students will reflect upon the course outcomes and their experience of their evolving dance practice in these changing times. Assignment and presentations options will be posted on D2L.

Assessment expectations

Guidelines for Submitting Assignments

Participation is equal to assignments in this class. The instructor will make note of the quality of your individual engagement at the end of each class.

Criteria That Must Be Met to Pass

To reach the passing grade, the student must participate in all class activities with respect for their peers, instructor, and own practice. This involves making an effort to keep an open mind, and demonstrating satisfactory progress in their understanding and application of the course's material over the length of the term.

Expectations for Writing

Writing skills are important to academic study across all disciplines. Consequently, instructors may use their assessment of writing quality as a factor in the evaluation of student work. Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.2 Writing Across the Curriculum policy for details.

Expectations for Attendance and Participation

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Written assignments will be posted on D2L. Performance assignments must be completed in class.

Division of Dance Attendance Policy

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missed classes will result in failure to pass the course. Non-participation through any part of class can be assessed as 1/2 an absence (this includes late arrivals or early departures); i.e. 2 such classes are equivalent to a full absence.

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Students will be assessed on their technical development in class on an ongoing basis.

*Note: Effective teaching of dance skills is informed by a variety of theoretical frameworks, strategies, and individual styles. Both instructors look forward to shaking up the model that attaches the student to the instructor rather than emphasizing the exploration of their own body through the concepts and content presented.

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4. 5% Performance Review

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5. 5% Final Movement Assignment

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