

## UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY FACULTY OF ARTS

# SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS - DANCE DNCE 247 Introduction to Creative Process: Vocabulary and Analysis

Session: Fall 2015

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Office Hours	By appointment
Day(s),Time(s) and	KN A117 Auxiliary Gym
Location of Class	Tuesdays and Thursdays 14:00-15:50
Out of Class	Attendance to a Fluid Festival performance to be determined and discussed in class is
Activities	required, as a descriptive writing assignment will be based on the performance. The
	student is responsible for obtaining a ticket, keeping the stub to annex to their paper
	and attending the performance. Festival dates: October 14-26
	http://springboardperformance.com/fluidfest/
Learning Resources:	Peggy Hackney. Making Connections.
Required Readings,	Liz Lerman. Critical Response Process.
Textbooks and	Twyla Tharp. The Creative Habit
Materials	
Prerequisites	Admission to the Dance major or consent of the Division Chair, Dance.
Supplementary Fees	None
<b>Course Description</b>	Fundamental vocabulary of dance creation and choreographic analysis.
<b>Course Overview</b>	This is a creation-based course in basic movement analysis and creative process. It will
	introduce the student to composition as well as to a range of systems and methods of
	looking at and talking about dance, leading to a deeper understanding of the ways in
	which movement makes meaning. The course will promote a new awareness of the
	student's own individual movement preferences.
Course Learning	By the completion of this course, successful students will be able to:
Outcomes	1. Communicate with and recognize a basic vocabulary of terms common to dance
	creation, movement analysis and dance composition.
	2. Utilize basic observation skills specific to viewing dances and the ability to articulate
	what they are seeing.
	3. Apply acquired tools towards a creative process.
	4. Identify and describe their own movement preferences, and understand how these
	preferences developed in the course of their dance training.
	5. Situate given choreographic works within a broad perspective on theatrical dance.
Course Schedule:	This course will include individual movement exploration and short studies, group
	improvisational and compositional activities, observation of both live and video
	compositions followed by discussion or writing using critical response and movement
	analysis, as well as reflective writing.
	The Laban/Bartenieff system of movement analysis will serve as a base to identify and
	create new movement patterns for observation.
	The Liz Lerman's critical response process will guide the work on perspective.
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### Assessment Components

taking and journaling purposes.

#### 1. Assignments 60% (6 assignments: 10% each)

Assignments and deadlines will be posted on D2L under ASSIGNMENTS.

Assignments will be due roughly every two weeks during the term and include:

- movement studies (30%);\*
- movement analysis through descriptive writing (30%)
- \*Time will be allotted in class to work on and respond to part of these assignments.

#### 2. Mid-term vocabulary exam 25%

EXAM DATE- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

#### 3. Ongoing class work 15%

Presence in class alone does not satisfy the requirement that you participate in and commit to class work. Through your active participation, spoken and written observations and assignments, you will have the opportunity to grow in your understanding of the course content. Your progress in this course, and with this material, will depend very much on the amount of effort and the quality of the contribution that you make. Focus, concentration and attention to all aspects of the work will be considered in assessing your class work.

#### Assessment Expectations

#### **Expectations for Writing:**

Writing skills are essential to a successful career in dance—whether it is to compose a press release, a grant application or an email to prospective employers—and/or to develop and maintain a healthy career in any other field. Therefore it is important to develop these skills early and in parallel to physical, artistic and analytical training. Additionally to content, clarity, concision and articulation will be taken into consideration when assessing the student's 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:**

Due to the experiential nature of the course, assignments are often built-into classes. Therefore, classes missed will be detrimental to the final grade.

Missing more than 2 classes will have an adverse effect on your final grade. In addition, if you show up late for class twice (or choose to sit out during 2 classes), this will be counted as an absence.

An injury or illness lasting 2 or more weeks that prevents you from participating in class may require a medical withdrawal from the course.

Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.3 Attendance for details.

#### **Guidelines for Formatting Assignments**

Given the assignments' varying nature for this course, guidelines for formatting will be discussed in class and posted on the D2L.

Written assignments should be formatted with 1-inch margins, 12-point font, double-spaced, using Times New Roman font.

#### **Guidelines for Submitting Assignments**

Written assignments are to be submitted in hard copy at the beginning of class on a

given deadline. Dance composition assignments are to be ready for showing at the beginning of class on a given deadline.

#### **Late Assignments**

Late written assignments will be penalized by 10% per day past a given deadline. Penalty for late composition assignments will be discussed with the course instructor on a case-by-case basis.

#### **Criteria That Must Be Met To Pass**

To reach the passing grade, the student must complete all class assignments, and 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.

#### **Grading Scale**

The following numerical equivalencies will apply:

A+ 97.6-100 A 92.6-97.5 A- 90-92.5 B+ 87.6-89.9 B 82.6-87.5 B- 80-82.5 C+ 77.6-79.9 C 72.6-77.5 C- 70-72.5 D+ 67.6-69.9 D 62.6-67.5 D- 60-62.5

Pass 60% and above Fail 59.9% and below

For the course as a whole, letter grades should be understood as follows, as outlined in the section F.2 of the Undergraduate Calendar for 2015-2016:

Grade	GPA	Description
A+	4.00	Outstanding.
Α	4.00	Excellent-superior performance, showing comprehensive
		understanding of subject matter.
A-	3.70	
B+	3.30	
В	3.00	Good - clearly above average performance with knowledge
		of subject matter generally complete.
B-	2.70	
C+	2.30	
С	2.00	Satisfactory - basic understanding of the subject matter.
C-	1.70	Receipt of a grade point average of 1.70 may not be
		sufficient for promotion or graduation. (See individual
		undergraduate faculty regulations.)
D+	1.30	
D	1.00	Minimal pass - marginal performance; generally insufficient
		preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject.
F	0	Fail - unsatisfactory performance or failure to meet course
		requirements.

# MIDTERM AND FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULING

Final examinations may be scheduled at any time during the examination period (11-22 December for Fall 2015 term; 16-27 April for Winter 2016 term); students should therefore avoid making prior travel, employment, or other commitments for this period. If a student is unable to write an exam through no fault of his or her own for medical or other valid reasons, documentation must be provided and an opportunity to write the missed exam **may** be given. Students are encouraged to review all examination policies and procedures: ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred\_final

### DEFERRALS OF EXAMS/TERM WORK

It is possible to request a deferral of term work or final examinations for reasons of illness, accident, family or domestic affliction, or religious obligations. Please check with your advisor if any of these issues make it impossible for you to sit an exam or finish term work by stated deadlines. ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred final

	ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-6.html
	ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-7.html
INTERNET AND	elearn.ucalgary.ca/category/d2l/
ELECTRONIC	ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/emergency-instructions/uc-emergency-app
COMMUNCATION	The in-class use of computers may be approved by your Instructor. Cell phones and other
DEVICE	electronic communication devices should be silenced or turned off upon entering the
	classroom. If you violate the Instructor's policy regarding the use of electronic communication
	devices in the classroom, you may be asked to leave the classroom; repeated abuse may result
	in a charge of misconduct. No audio or video recording of any kind is allowed in class without
	explicit permission of the Instructor.
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY,	The University of Calgary is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and
PLAGIARISM	honesty. Students are expected to be familiar with these standards regarding academic
	honesty and to uphold the policies of the University in this respect. Students are referred to the
	section on plagiarism in the University Calendar ( <u>ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2.html</u> )
	and are reminded that plagiarism Using any source whatsoever without clearly documenting
	it—is an extremely serious academic offence. Consequences include failure on the assignment,
	failure in the course and possibly suspension or expulsion from the university. You must
	document not only direct quotations but also paraphrases and ideas where they appear in your
	text. A reference list at the end is insufficient by itself. Readers must be able to tell exactly
	where your words and ideas end and other people's words and ideas begin. This includes
	assignments submitted in non-traditional formats such as Web pages or visual media, and
	material taken from such sources. Please consult your instructor or the Student Success Centre
	(TFDL 3rd Floor) if you have any questions regarding how to document sources.
COPYRIGHT	It is the responsibility of students and professors to ensure that materials they post or
	distribute to others comply with the Copyright Act and the University's Fair Dealing Guidance
	for Students. Further copyright information for students is available on the Copyright Office
	web page (library.ucalgary.ca/copyright).
ACADEMIC	Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact
ACCOMMODATION	Student Accessibility Services (SAS); SAS will process the request and issue letters of
	accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and
	accommodations for students with disabilities, visit <a href="www.ucalgary.ca/access/">www.ucalgary.ca/access/</a> . Students who
	require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other
	than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.
	The full policy on Student Accommodations is available
	at <a href="http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy">http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy</a> 0.pdf .
FOIP	ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy
STUDENT	ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html
MISCONDUCT	
ACADEMIC STANDING	ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f.html
SAFEWALK	220-5333 anytime. <u>ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk</u>
CAMPUS SECURITY	220-5333. Help phones: located throughout campus, parking lots, and elevators. They connect
	directly to Campus Security; in case of emergency, press the red button.
EMERGENCY	Assembly points for emergencies have been identified across campus. The primary assembly
EVACUATION	point for Craigie Hall is the Professional Faculties Food Court. For more information, see the
	University of Calgary's Emergency Management website:
	<u>ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints</u>
<b>FACULTY OF ARTS</b>	• For academic advising, visit the Arts Students' Centre (ASC) for answers about course
PROGRAM ADVISING	registration, graduation checks, and the 'big picture' on programs and majors. Drop in at
AND STUDENT	SS102, email us at ascarts@ucalgary.ca or call us at 403-220-3580. You can also visit the
INFORMATION	Faculty of Arts website at <u>arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate</u> which has detailed information on
RESOURCES	common academic concerns.
	• For academic success support, such as writing support, peer support, success seminars, and
	learning support, visit the Student Success Centre on the third floor of the Taylor Family
	Digital Library (TFDL), email them at <a href="mailto:success@ucalgary.ca">success@ucalgary.ca</a> or visit their website at
	ucalgary.ca/ssc/ for more information or to book an appointment.
	• For enrolment assistance, including registration (add/drop/swap) changes, paying fees, and

	navigating your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625], by
	email at <a href="mailto:futurestudents@ucalgary.ca">futurestudents@ucalgary.ca</a> or visit them at the MacKimmie Block 117.
COURSE OUTLINES FOR	It is possible that you will be asked for copies of this outline for credit transfers to other
TRANSFER CREDIT	institutions or for proof of work done. It is the student's responsibility to keep these outlines
	and provide them to employers or other universities when requested. Please ensure that
	outlines of all the courses you take are kept in a safe place for your future reference.
	Departments/Programs do not guarantee that they will provide copies.
LETTER OF PERMISSION	If you wish to study at another institution while registered at the U of C, you must have a letter
	of permission. You can submit your request through your Student Centre at MyUofC. Students
	must have the Letter of Permission before they take the course at another school. Failure to
	prepare may result in no credit awarded and could result in suspension from the faculty.
STUDENT UNION	Student Union: <a href="mailto:su.ucalgary.ca/about/who-we-are/elected-officials/">su.ucalgary.ca/about/who-we-are/elected-officials/</a>
CONTACT	Faculty of Arts reps: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca; arts2@su.ucalgary.ca; arts3@su.ucalgary.ca;
STUDENT	arts4@su.ucalgary.ca
OMBUDSPERSON	Graduate Student's Association: gsa.ucalgary.ca/executive
	Student Ombudsman: <a href="mailto:su.ucalgary.ca/page/quality-education/academic-services/student-rights">su.ucalgary.ca/page/quality-education/academic-services/student-rights</a>
UNDERGRADUATE	DUS: Drama Undergraduate Society, CHC 005 <u>uofcdus@gmail.com</u>
ASSOCIATIONS	MUS: Music Undergraduate Society, CHF 219 undmusic@ucalgary.ca