

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY FACULTY OF ARTS SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS DNCE 309.07: Special Topics: History of Urban Dance

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Day(s), time(s) and location of Class	M/W/F, 10-11:30, July 22 – Aug 12, 2020 (no class on Monday, August 3, 2020) Classes hosted on ZOOM
Learning resources: required readings, textbooks and materials	The following are required for the course and are available online through the University of Calgary library. Steps to access this through your UofC credentials will be posted on D2L: Hip Hop Matters by S Craig Watkins The Hip Hop Wars by Tricia Rose The Hippest Trip in America by Nelson George Fight the Power – Chuck D.
Prerequisites	None
Course description	Study of the History of Urban Dance
Course learning outcomes	Students will research and discuss the History of Hip Hop and Streetdance – what we have come to know of as Urban Dance. We will explore the history from a cultural perspective, a movement perspective and a political perspective as we seek to understand what is Urban Dance and where do we go from here.
	In the spirit of inquiry-based learning, we will connect, reflect/wonder, create, investigate and construct thoughts in order to activate research.
	By the completion of this course, successful students will be able to:
	1.Read, identify arguments, and engage in discussions of theory-based dance scholarship at an elementary level
	2. Delineate a collection of major themes that have influenced the development of Streetdance and Hip Hop in the past century
	3.Identify how major world events, political theory, dance creation and music innovation can interrelate
	4. Discuss the catalysts for emerging social dance forms
	5. Identify how theories of the body emerge from and influence Streetdance, Hip Hop and Urban Dance.

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	 6. Engage in scholarly research at an elementary level 7. Delineate the necessary steps of a research process including the choice of topic, creation of operational question, argument-based thesis statement, written outline, and exact citations
	8. Write well-informed introductory level research papers on a chosen topic that addresses dance theory and global dance forms
Course schedule	Classes will be held on Zoom. Please ensure you have a good Wi-Fi connection, camera and microphone
	Students will be responsible for doing the class preparations for the day (these will be provided on D2L)
	 Preparations will include one or more of the following: Watching videos or movies Readings
	 Answering a written series of questions (Doing your own research and presenting it/discussing it in class)
	Please ensure you have updated Zoom prior to day one.
Assessment components	There will be 2 take home quizzes worth 20% each – details TBA
	Final Assignment: 60%
	 Students will write a 1500-word, 1-inch margin, double-spaced essay due August 14, 2020.
	 Topics for this essay will be due July 27 (can be earlier) 5%
	 An essay outline will be due Aug 7 (can be earlier) 15%
	Students have the option to submit a rough draft for feedback by Aug 10
	Please note: Students must complete all assessment components with a passing grade in order to pass the course.

Assessment expectations

<u>Guidelines for Submitting Assignments:</u> Please submit assignment on time. LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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.

Guidelines for Formatting Assignments

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

Grading scale

For the course as a whole, letter grades should be understood as follows, as outlined in the section F.1.1 Undergraduate Grading System of the Undergraduate Calendar for 2020-2021 OR as outlined in the section H.1 Distribution of Grades of the Graduate Calendar for 2020-2021:

Grading scale

Α+

Α

F

4.00

4.00

0.00

The following numerical rubric will be applied:

Α+	97.6-100	Α	92.6-97.5	A-	90-92.5
B+	87.6-89.9	В	82.6-87.5	B-	80-82.5
C+	77.6- 79.9	C	72.6-77.5	C-	70-72.
D+	67.6-69.9	D	62.6-67.5	F	0-62.5

Grade Grade Point Value Description

Outstanding performance

Excellent performance

A-	3.70	Approaching excellent performance
B+	3.30	Exceeding good performance
В	3.00	Good performance
B-	2.70	Approaching good performance
C+	2.30	Exceeding satisfactory performance
С	2.00	Satisfactory performance
C-	1.70	Approaching satisfactory performance.
*D+	1.30	Marginal pass. Insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same
subjec	t	
*D	1.00	Minimal Pass. Insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same
subjec	t.	

Several Faculties utilize an F grade that does not carry weight in calculating the grade point average. This will be noted in the calendar description as "Not Included in GPA" where applicable.

Failure. Did not meet course requirements.

**I 0.00 Incomplete. Sufficient work has not been submitted for evaluation, unable to adequately assess. May also be used when a final exam is not submitted.

	CR Completed Requirements. Carries no weight in calculating the grade point average. This will be noted in the calendar description as "Not Included in GPA" where applicable Notes: A grade of "C-" or below may not be sufficient for promotion or graduation, see specific faculty regulations. The number of "D" and "D+" grades acceptable for credit is subject to specific undergraduate faculty promotional policy.
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