



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS - DANCE
DNCE 311 – Elementary Jazz Dance I/
DNCE 411 – Intermediate Jazz Dance I
Fall 2015

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Office Hours	By appointment
Day(s),Time(s) and Location of Class	MWF 10 am –11:50 am KNA 163 (Dance Studio)
Out of Class Activities	Attendance at (2) community jazz events is required. This may be a concert, a social dance event or jazz music event.
Learning Resources: Required Readings, Textbooks and Materials	Text Book – <i>Jazz Dance: Roots and Branches</i> edited by Guarino & Oliver (In Bookstore) Tickets to a performance and event required. Jazz shoes required – soft jazz shoes or jazz sneaker
Prerequisites	DNCE 311: Dance 211 or equivalent and audition. DNCE 411: Grade of "B" or better in Dance 313 or equivalent, or audition. As of Fall 2015, the Division of Dance will require all students to complete a course audition for senior-level dance technique courses for the fall semester. See the SCPA Auditions website for further details.
Supplementary Fees	This course requires a supplementary fee of \$117.00 per student to be paid at registration.
Course Description	DNCE 311: Elementary study of the techniques of jazz dance. DNCE 411: Intermediate study of the techniques of jazz dance.
Course Overview	Students will be asked to harness and synthesize all physical and creative resources in order to engage with the material and create a personal and dynamic studio experience. <i>Dancing from the inside out!</i> Authentic and modern-jazz, Latin-jazz and Afro-jazz will be explored as well as other contemporary urban jazz dance styles. Due to the mixed level of this class, studio work will require some collaborative learning; in this way students will need to be self-motivated and willing to engage in occasions that require some self-teaching or peer-teaching, all the while exercising both patience and generosity. As per your registration you will be expected to meet the development level of either 300 (Elementary) or 400 (Intermediate) work. It should be noted that skill acquisition moves beyond traditional understandings of <i>technique</i> , moving beyond imitation to include performative/expressive essences, rhythmic sophistication, bold improvisation and creation. Expressivity and making the music visible will be central for the spectrum of jazz styles we will explore- from authentic to contemporary. Development of an understanding of the historical context related to jazz and its development over time will be emphasized. This somatic historicity will be explored through music studies, skill development and improvisation; these are central to the jazz experience and will be emphasized. Jazz dance is especially varied and detailed –without a single syllabus/approach it has many expressions evident curiosity and work ethic are central. It is highly

	<p>recommended that you find a book, a selection of music, a website, or a radio show to bring the topic of jazz dance into greater focus. In this way you will make your growing knowledge of the topic evident in your studio work and contribute to in-studio discussions with greater confidence by referencing these resources. Do take class body, mind and spirit and demonstrate systematic growth. Elements such as; ability to focus, stay concentrated, robust and dynamic physical shaping, “groundedness” and relationship to floor as in pliant feet and hunkered stance, rhythmic sophistication and ability to demonstrate subdivision of time and swing, rugged individuality and dynamic flashes of the spirit must be present. Preparation is vital and an ability to track and internalize class corrections and generally engage in reflection and refinement is important.</p>
<p>Course Learning Outcomes</p>	<p>By the completion of this course, successful students will be able:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To express a dynamic connection to jazz music while dancing 2. To develop an understanding and appreciation of dance in general and its function for the human spirit and community life 3. To display an understanding of the nature of daily practice as a dancer and the teacher within themselves by demonstrating curiosity, leadership, self -motivation and commitment to the moment. Growth and development will be evident 4. To demonstrate the style of movement distinctive and indicative of jazz dance by embodying the rich history and tradition of jazz dance, and music through the performance of set vocabulary with evident style and accuracy 5. To demonstrate an improved strength of body, coordination and ability to execute all parts of class such as warm-up, centre practice, across the floor combinations and longer historical dances, choreographies and improvisation structures 6. To develop an appreciation of the complex, intricate and unique connection between jazz dance and jazz music. 7. To reveal embodied personal expression through improvisation and to understand its importance in jazz dance and music. 8. To Identify different types of jazz music, song structures, music terminology, phrase counting, creating new rhythms and subdivision of time 9. To memorize and perform set movement vocabulary 10. To demonstrate an understanding of jazz dance as an art form and social dance activity, exploring a range of movement styles within jazz. 11. To demonstrate an improved technical base, rhythmic sophistication, physical strength and stamina, flexibility and coordination. The discipline of centre practice AND improvisation will be emphasized. Emphasis will be on music/rhythm-based work and will emphasize footwork and the distinctive whole-body accentuations indicative of jazz dance 12. To engage in cooperative learning and self-teaching in order to identify and understand their own learning styles
<p>Course Schedule:</p>	<p>Weekly embodied research into the nature of jazz. No classes Thanksgiving Monday October 13 and during Reading Week Fall 2015, Wednesday, November 11</p>
<p>Assessment Components</p>	<p>Students will be assessed on an ongoing basis in each and every class and will also be videotaped periodically for the purposes of assessing skill development.</p> <p>1. Assignment: Self-evaluation/peer evaluation Value: 10% of final grade Due Date: week of October 19 Description: Students will be required to complete a self-evaluation/peer evaluation of physical work. An assessment form will be provided in-class.</p>

2. Assignment: Midterm research project –(oral presentation)

Value: 20% of final grade

Due Date: Proposal due: September 28/Presentation: Monday, October 26 and Wednesday October 28

Type: Group mid-term history and nature of jazz research presentation. Focus on eras, luminaries and style elements.

Description: Mid-term research project, undertaken with the use of the textbook, as oral group presentation on the history and nature of jazz music and dance. Create group presentations. These should be ten minutes for a group of two –add 5 minutes for each additional person.

3. Assignment: Jazz Dance Performance/Reflection paper

Due Date: one week after event.

Value: This assignment is not graded, but failure to complete the assignment will affect your final grade.

Description: Attend 2 Jazz performances (Jazz music or/and dance performance/event) and submit a reflection paper with a ticket or program.

Choose 2 of the following:

- i) DJD: professional jazz dance company fall concert *Gravity Player* Nov 12 at Theatre Junction Grand -student group rate for dress rehearsal \$15
- ii) Toe Tappin' Swing's Friday night social dance event called *A-Train* at Mount Pleasant Community Centre \$7 entrance fee
- iii) U of C SCPA Monday Night Jazz Music Series-November
(Any other event will need to be proposed Professor Moss.)

Submit ticket and a short 500 word, double-spaced, traditionally formatted academic reflection paper one week after the show discussing your experience of the event/work and revealing your growing understanding of jazz music and dance.

Criticism in the arts is not only a way to describe what you have seen: it is also a road to insight. The critical act, the task of trying to articulate what is before us, is also a way of discovering what is there. – Eliot Eisner

4. Assignment: Final project

Value: 10% of final grade

Date: December 4

Length of project 3-5 minutes

Details: Create a jazz choreography that reflects your taste, new understandings and creative powers in a solo, duet or group work. The work should contain some reference to class material and an element of improvisation.

5. Embodiment of class material-mid-term/final-progress and development (panel)

Value: 40% of final grade

6. Daily class participation and attendance

Value: 20% of final grade

The *Desire2learn* system will be used for general communication, some discussion, class announcements and project information.

Taking class is not a passive process. It is highly recommended that you keep a class journal and bring to weekly class and optional midterm interview.

Do refer to your journal when reflecting on new insights and research questions, as

	<p>well this document could assist with the self-evaluation process. A class journal can be used to document exercises, music selections, and musing related to the quality of your work/progress and development</p>
<p>Assessment Expectations</p>	<p><u>Expectations for Writing:</u> Please attend to elements of style and composition, grammar, spelling and clarity of ideas. Consider an editor or reader. This could be a peer helper or member of the Student Success Centre- online or in a one-on-one consultation. Asher Ghaffar, Coordinator, Writing Support Services (TFDL 368D) asher.ghaffar@ucalgary.ca, 403-210-7963 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.</p> <p><u>Expectations for Attendance and Participation:</u> It is expected that students attend all classes. As the course is embodied and experiential in style and the content is cumulative thus missing more than 3 classes will have an adverse effect on your final grade. Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.3 Attendance for details.</p> <p><u>Guidelines for Formatting Assignments</u> Use a style of your choosing- something like APA. Type your paper on a computer and print it out on standard white 8.5 x 11 –inch paper with a title page. Double-space the entire paper and use a legible font, something like Times New Roman in 11 pt. font. Leave only one space after periods or other punctuation marks, set the margins of your document to 1 inch on all sides and indent the first line of a paragraph one half-inch (five spaces or press Tab once) from the left margin.</p> <p><u>Guidelines for Submitting Assignments</u> Reflection papers will be submitted during class time in hard copy.</p> <p><u>Late Assignments</u> Late assignments are unacceptable</p> <p><u>Criteria That Must Be Met To Pass</u> Attendance is imperative for an experiential/embodied/practical course. A state of engagement should be evident and progress and development apparent. Daily class requires students to participate in all discussions and to assume responsibility for physical and mental commitment to the material presented in class, and to achieve levels of development beyond mere attendance. Taking class is an active process. A = superior performance Excellent attendance and participation, indeed perfect- 100% effort and consistency. Clear application and integration of class/studio feedback. Fearless exploration of physicality and expression. High level of concentration. Outstanding self-awareness. Ability to change/great improvements. STUDENT STRIVES FOR NEW INSIGHTS, GROWTH AND NEW WAYS OF UNDERSTANDING. B = Good Excellent attendance and participation Displays initiative, applies class feedback. Strives to be fearless in explorations. Integrates and demonstrates commitment to class material. Demonstrates improvement of abilities. Good self- awareness.</p>

	<p>C = Good attendance and good effort but possibly inconsistent effort. Inconsistent application of feedback. Limited or tentative in explorations and improvement of abilities. Weak self-awareness.</p> <p>D = Poor or inconsistent attendance or work effort. Incomplete or unfulfilled class work. Late assignments, lack of commitment or self-initiative.</p>																																																			
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INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE	<p>elearn.ucalgary.ca/category/d2l/ ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/emergency-instructions/uc-emergency-app</p> <p>The in-class use of computers may be approved by your Instructor. Cell phones and other 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</p>																																																			

	explicit permission of the Instructor.
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY, PLAGIARISM	The University of Calgary is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and 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 (ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2.html) 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).
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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 EVACUATION	Assembly points for emergencies have been identified across campus. The primary assembly point for Craigie Hall is the Professional Faculties Food Court. For more information, see the University of Calgary’s Emergency Management website: ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints
FACULTY OF ARTS PROGRAM ADVISING AND STUDENT INFORMATION RESOURCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For academic advising, visit the Arts Students’ Centre (ASC) for answers about course registration, graduation checks, and the ‘big picture’ on programs and majors. Drop in at SS102, email us at ascarts@ucalgary.ca or call us at 403-220-3580. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate which has detailed information on 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 success@ucalgary.ca 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 futurestudents@ucalgary.ca or visit them at the MacKimmie Block 117.
COURSE OUTLINES FOR TRANSFER CREDIT	It is possible that you will be asked for copies of this outline for credit transfers to other 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.
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