

# UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY FACULTY OF ARTS SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS DNCE 433 - CREATIVE PROCESS IV: CHOREOGRAPHY Fall 2022

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Day(s),time(s) and location of Class	Tuesdays & Fridays, 14.00-15.50 KN 163			
Learning resources: required readings, textbooks and materials	Selected readings will be posted on D2L throughout the term.			
Learning Technologies and Requirements	There is a D2L site for this course which contains required readings and other relevant class resources and materials (see d2L.ucalgary.ca).			
Prerequisites	DNCE 431 and consent of the Division Lead, Dance			
Course description	Further study in creating choreographic structures with an emphasis on group forms.			
Course learning outcomes	By the completion of this course, successful students will be able to:  1.) Have an understanding of the choreographic possibilities offered by working in group form  2.) Create and manipulate movement to develop a movement vocabulary at an intermediate level  3.) Identify and articulate content that they wish to relate to in their choreographic work  4.) Set up relationship between bodies and ideas to create meaning  5.) Recognise and implement basic structural forms  6.) Guide a rehearsal room - direct peer dancers clearly, responsibly, and respectfully, including planning and scheduling rehearsals  7.) Understand the expectations of a choreographer, performer, and director in a compositional process at a basic level  8.) Understand and explore at a basic level how to enhance a choreographic work with music, props, alternative spaces and/or text  9.) Receive, articulate and apply constructive feedback at an intermediate level  10.) Have a basic understanding of the theatrical needs to support a choreographed work  11.) Begin to build an understanding of their individual choreographic aesthetic			

#### Course schedule

This course focuses on the why and how of building choreographed group structures. The class will include improvisation and compositional exercises in the classroom, as well as live classroom showings of work generated outside of class. Students are expected to book studio time for the entire semester to work on projects for this class. Students are also expected to select and schedule peer dancers for these creative projects. Studies developed out of class and presented in class will be revised based on peer and instructor feedback. One of these studies will be selected to progress through a thorough revision process and brought into performance state. Projects during the term will focus on small group forms and all prepared students will present their final projects in a formal theatre showing (Dance@Noon). Dance@Noon will take place December 5-7 / 2022.

An essential part of the compositional process involves feedback from your peers and dialogue about the work you create. Classroom discussions are a vital part of this course. Students are expected to watch their classmates' work closely and articulate beneficial critical responses to what they see. Readings that address both creation and appropriate ways of giving feedback will be posted on D2L during the term and students are expected to study the readings fully. Please be mindful of the respect due to one another during this process in order to foster the best work possible from the class as a whole.

# Assessment components

#### 1.) 45% Compositional Projects

**Description:** First three compositional assignments prepared for presentation in class, assessed based on the student's application to the initial development of the work as well as ability to revise the work.

**Deadlines:** Project 1: FORM

In progress Showing: September 16 (5%) Final Showing: September 23 (10%)

Project 2: SOUND

In progress Showing: October 7 (5%) Final Showing: October 14 (10%)

Project 3: INTEGRATED SIGNIFIER / TEXT

In progress Showing: October 28 (5%) Final Showing: November 4 (10%)

#### 2. 10% Quality of Student Engagement

**Description:** Due to the experiential nature of this course, a significant part of the grade will be based on student engagement. In addition to participation in compositional assignments, students are expected to read any distributed articles outside of class and be prepared to discuss them in class (5%). They are expected to provide constructive criticism during feedback sessions of their peers' work (5%). Students are also required to act as a performer in one of their peer's compositional projects over the course of the term. Students are also expected to attend one performance work over the course of the semester, details of which will be handed out in the first week of classes.

**Deadline:** Ongoing

#### 3.5% Glossary

**Description:** Student-developed glossary of terms. This assignment will be discussed in class and posted on D2L.

Deadline: Draft due October 21, Final due November 29 / 2022

#### 4. 30% Final Choreographic Project – Dance@Noon

**Description:** Preparation and presentation of a final project, which develops out of one composition project (selected by the student and instructor in consultation). The student must demonstrate that their piece is ready for performance, meaning that they will have deeply explored, fleshed out, and prepared the work for performance, as informed by peer feedback and through choreographic revision.

#### **Deadlines:**

First Draft: November 18 (5%) Second Draft: November 25 (5%) Final: December 2 (15%) Performances: December 5-7

#### 5. 10% Reflection of knowledge acquired through process and performance work description

**Description:** Students will reflect on their creation process as well as the performance work itself, in a 1000-word reflexive written work. Students will focus on insight gained throughout their process, as well as giving a brief performance description. Choreographic questions of each student will be made clear.

Deadline: December 9

#### **Two important notes:**

- 1) Students will be assessed on an ongoing basis in class and will be expected to videotape their own work for the revisions process.
- 2) By enrolling in this class, you are engaging in the course requirements listed above. Please keep up with the outline requirements so that you are not caught in a bind at the end of the quarter.

# Assessment expectations

#### Guidelines for Submitting Assignments:

Assignments should be submitted via the appropriate D2L Dropbox

# Missed or Late Assignments:

Late assignments will be subject to a 10% penalty per day past deadline.

#### **Attendance and Participation Expectations:**

A significant part of your grade is based on participation. Participation means not only showing up for class, but also attending to the material at hand with effort and engagement.

With regard to participation, classes are considered equivalent to assignments. Thus, more than 2 absences per term will have an adverse effect on your final grade. If you miss more than one week of classes, your final grade will begin to drop by as much as 10% per missed class.

If you miss more than two weeks of classes, you have the potential to fail the course. If you show up late for or leave early from class, this will be counted as half an absence.

If for some reason you are feeling unwell during class time, a substitute form of participation may be arranged; however, you may not obtain this privilege more than once and you will receive half an absence.

For studio courses, if you opt out of full participation and choose to sit for a portion of the class, this will be counted as non-participation and will be marked as half an absence.

Students are responsible for any and all material missed during an absence. If you sustain a significant injury during the term that will impact your participation for longer than a week's worth of classes, your case will be submitted to the Dance Division Committee to address your situation.

#### 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 Submitting

# Grading scale

#### The following numerical rubric will be applied:

A+	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	С	72.6-77.5	C-	70-72.5
D+	67.6-69.9	D	62.6-67.5	F	0-62.5

# **Undergraduate:** <a href="https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f-1-1.html">https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f-1-1.html</a>

- 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.

# **Graduate:** <a href="https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f-1-2.html">https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f-1-2.html</a>

 All grades of "C+" or lower are indicative of failure at the graduate level and cannot be counted toward Faculty of Graduate Studies course requirements. Individual programs may require a higher passing grade.

#### Guidelines for Zoom Sessions

Zoom is a video conferencing program that will allow us to meet at specific times for a "live" video conference, so that we can have the opportunity to meet each other virtually and discuss relevant course topics as a learning community.

To help ensure Zoom sessions are private, do not share the Zoom link or password with others, or on any social media platforms. Zoom links and passwords are only intended for students registered in the course. Zoom recordings and materials presented in Zoom, including any teaching materials, must not be shared, distributed or published without the instructor's permission.

The use of video conferencing programs relies on participants to act ethically, honestly and with integrity; and in accordance with the principles of fairness, good faith, and respect (as per the <a href="Code of Conduct">Code of Conduct</a>). When entering Zoom or other video conferencing sessions (such as MS Teams), you play a role in helping create an effective, safe and respectful learning environment. Please be mindful of how your behaviour in these sessions may affect others. Participants are required to use names officially associated with their UCID (legal or preferred names listed in the Student Centre) when engaging in these activities. Instructors/moderators can remove those whose names do not appear on class rosters. Non-compliance may be investigated under relevant University of Calgary conduct policies (e.g <a href="Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy">Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy</a>). If participants have difficulties complying with this requirement, they should email the instructor of the class explaining why, so the instructor may consider whether to grant an exception, and on what terms. For more information on how to get the most out of your zoom sessions visit: <a href="https://elearn.ucalgary.ca/guidelines-for-zoom/">https://elearn.ucalgary.ca/guidelines-for-zoom/</a>.

If you are unable to attend a Zoom session, please contact your instructor to arrange an alternative activity for the missed session (e.g., to review a recorded session). Please be prepared, as best as you are able, to join class in a quiet space that will allow you to be fully present and engaged in Zoom sessions. Students will be advised by their instructor when they are expected to turn on their webcam (for group work, presentations, etc.).

The instructor may record online Zoom class sessions for the purposes of supporting student learning in this class – such as making the recording available for review of the session or for students who miss a session. Students will be advised before the instructor initiates a recording of a Zoom session. These recordings will be used to support student learning only and will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

### Academic Accommodation

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The Student Accommodations policy is available at <a href="https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations">https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations</a>.

Students needing an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities (<a href="https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-">https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-</a>

 $\underline{services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf)}.$ 

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfill requirements for a graduate degree, based on a Protected Ground other than Disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

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="https://www.ucalgary.ca/access/">www.ucalgary.ca/access/</a>.

Academic integrity, plagiarism	Academic Misconduct refers to student behavior which compromises proper assessment of a student's academic activities and includes: cheating; fabrication; falsification; plagiarism; unauthorized assistance; failure to comply with an instructor's expectations regarding conduct required of students completing academic assessments in their courses; and failure to comply with exam regulations applied by the Registrar.  For information on the Student Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedure please visit: <a href="https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Academic-Misconduct-Procedure.pdf">https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Academic-Misconduct-Procedure.pdf</a> . Additional information is available on the Academic Integrity Website at <a href="https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity">https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity</a> .		
Internet and electronic communication device	The use of laptop and mobile devices is acceptable when used in a manner appropriate to the course and classroom activities. Please refrain from accessing websites and resources that may be distracting to you or for other learners during class time. Students are responsible for being aware of the University's Internet and email use policy, which can be found at <a href="https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Acceptable-Use-of-Electronic-Resources-and-Information-Policy.pdf">https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Acceptable-Use-of-Electronic-Resources-and-Information-Policy.pdf</a> .		
Intellectual Property	Course materials created by instructors (including presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the instructor. These materials may NOT be reproduced, redistributed or copied without the explicit consent of the instructor. The posting of course materials to third party websites such as note-sharing sites without permission is prohibited. Sharing of extracts of these course materials with other students enrolled in the course at the same time may be allowed under fair dealing.		
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Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy			
Student Support	Please visit this link for important information on UCalgary's student wellness and safety resources: <a href="https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines">https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines</a>		
Arts Students' Centre Program Advising:	Have a question but not sure where to start? The Arts Students' Centre is your information resource for everything in the Faculty of Arts. Call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at <a href="mailto:ascarts@ucalgary.ca">ascarts@ucalgary.ca</a> .  You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <a href="http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate">http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate</a> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.		
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