

## UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY FACULTY OF ARTS SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS – DANCE

## Course Number and Title: Creative Process IV: Choreography Session: Winter 2017

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Day(s),Time(s) and	TTH 10-12, Craigie Hall E011 (2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term times will be T 10-12, F 12-2)
Location of Class	
Learning Resources:	None required. Readings will be given out periodically during the term.
Required Readings,	
Textbooks and	
Materials	
Prerequisites	Dance 431 or equivalent and consent of the Division Chair, Dance
Course Description	Further study in creating choreographic structures with an emphasis on group forms.
Course Overview	Continued study of dance composition introducing such elements as music, text, physical theatre, the use of props, and/or alternative spaces.  In particular, the course focuses on progressing from duet to group forms.
Course Learning Outcomes	By the completion of this course, successful students will be able to:  1. Develop varied movement vocabulary at an advanced level  2. Identity compositional themes and arcs in their own and others' creations, and will be able to articulate these ideas at an intermediate level  3. Identify basic structural forms in multiple artistic disciplines  4. Develop varied compositional arcs, manipulate compositional rhythms, and design varied spatial structures to support a primary theme  5. Understand and explore at a basic level how to supplement a choreographic work with music, props, alternative spaces, and/or text  6. Delineate and implement responsible direction of peer dancers at a basic level  7. Understand the expectations of a choreographer, performer, and director in a compositional process  8. Articulate at an intermediate/advanced level relevant feedback and evaluation of peer works for editing and improvement purposes  9. Articulate a basic understanding of the theatrical needs to support a choreographic work
Course activities	This course includes advanced improvisation and composition exercises in class, as well as 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. Studies developed out of class and presented in class will benefit from feedback from students and instructors; these studies are expected to progress through the revisions process. Projects during the term will focus on group forms and all prepared students will present their final projects in an informal theatre showing.  An essential part of the compositional process involves getting feedback from your peers. Thus, classroom discussions are a vital part of this course. Students in this

class are expected to watch their classmates' work closely and articulate beneficial critical responses to their classmates work in order to facilitate the revisions process. Readings that address appropriate ways of giving feedback will be handed out during the term. 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) The majority of your grade (40%) will be based on your first three compositional assignments prepared for presentation in class. Each of these assignments will be expected to undergo a thoughtful revisions process with multiple presentations of the work. I will be assessing your application to the initial development of the work as well as your ability to revise the work. The deadlines for these projects will be as follows:

Project One - first showing, January 17<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> (5%),

final showing, January 24<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> (5%)

Project Two - first showing, January 31st or February 2nd (5%),

final showing, February 7<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> (10%)

Project Three - first showing, February 14<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> (5%),

final showing, February 28th or March 2nd/3rd (10%)

- 2) Due to the experiential nature of this course, part of your grade (15%) will be based on participation. In addition to participation in improvisational and compositional assignments during class, students are expected to provide detailed feedback during discussion sessions of your peers' projects. Students are also **required** to act as a performer in one of their peer's compositional projects over the course of the term. For the final part of the participation requirement, students are also required to attend two performances, including Mainstage and **one** approved, off-campus performance for discussion purposes in class. Students will need to bring me the ticket stub from these performances.
- 3) The course also includes a developed glossary of terms (worth 10% of your grade). A first draft of these terms will be due on February  $16^{th}$  and a final draft will be due on March  $30^{th}$ . We will discuss this assignment in class.
- 4) The final portion of your grade (35%) will be dedicated to the preparation and presentation of a final project, which will be presented in the Reeve Theatre from April 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. This project will involve a group work (3-4 dancers max) of an 8-10 minute work. At the end of the semester, you must demonstrate to me that these pieces are ready for performance. That means that they have been deeply explored, fleshed out, and polished for performance. They will have gone through a full development, a thorough revisions process, and a thoughtful direction of dancers. The deadlines for this project are as follows:

March 10<sup>th</sup>, First Draft due (5%)

March 21<sup>st</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup>, Second Draft due (10%)

March 28<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup>, Final Draft due (Final Draft and Performance - 20%)

We will be in the theatre from March 28<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>, so be prepared for multiple rehearsals as well as tech and dress rehearsals during this week.

## 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	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.
	Guidelines for Submitting Assignments  Any assignments that are emailed instead of provided in hard copy on the due date will not be handed back with comments; you must see me to obtain your letter grade.
	Late Assignments Late assignments will have 10% points deducted per late day.
	<ul> <li>FOR GRADED DANCE STUDIO COURSES</li> <li>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.</li> <li>With regard to participation, classes are considered equivalent to assignments. Thus, more than 3 absences per term will have an adverse effect on your final grade.</li> <li>If you miss more than one week of classes, your final grade will begin to drop by as much as 10% per missed class.</li> <li>If you miss more than two weeks of classes, you have the potential to fail the course.</li> <li>If you show up late for or leave early from class, this will be counted as half an absence.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Students are responsible for any and all material missed during an absence.</li> <li>If you sustain a significant injury during the term that will impact your participation for longer than a week's worth of classes and if this injury is verified by a medical practitioner's note, your case will be submitted to the Dance Division Committee to address your situation.</li> </ul>
Grading Scale	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 2016-2017:  Grade GPA Description

	A   4.00   O total line
	A+ 4.00 Outstanding.
	A 4.00 Excellent-superior performance, showing
	comprehensive understanding of subject matter.
	A- 3.70
	B+ 3.30
	B 3.00 Good - clearly above average performance with
	knowledge of subject matter generally complete.
	B- 2.70
	C+ 2.30
	C 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.
Academic	Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should
accommodation	contact 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 <u>ucalgary.ca/access/</u> . 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 ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy 0.pdf.
Academic integrity,	The University of Calgary is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity
plagiarism	and honesty. Students are expected to be familiar with these standards regarding
FS	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.
Student misconduct	ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html
FOIP	ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy
Emergency evacuation	Assembly points for emergencies have been identified across campus. THE PRIMARY
Emergency evacuation	ASSEMBLY 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>
Internet and electronic	elearn.ucalgary.ca/category/d2l/
communication device	ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/emergency-instructions/uc-emergency-app
communication device	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
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	kind is allowed in class without explicit permission of the Instructor.
Safewalk	220-5333 anytime. ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk
Students' union and	Student Union: su.ucalgary.ca/about/who-we-are/elected-officials/
ombudsperson contacts	Faculty of Arts reps: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca; arts2@su.ucalgary.ca; arts3@su.ucalgary.ca;
ome wasperson contacts	arts4@su.ucalgary.ca
	Graduate Student's Association: ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/grad/current/graduate-
	students-association-gsa-grad.html
	Student Ombudsman: ucalgary.ca/ombuds/contact
Midterm and final	Final examinations may be scheduled at any time during the examination period (12-22
examination scheduling	December for Fall 2016 term; 15-26 April for Winter 2017 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: <u>ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred_final</u>
Deferrals of exams/term	It is possible to request a deferral of term work or final examinations for reasons of
work	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
SCPA Claim Your Seat	1. The Claim Your Seat (CYS) program, funded by the Students' Union Quality
Program: Student	Money, allows all University of Calgary students to attend on-campus School of
Guidelines	Creative and Performing Arts (Dance, Drama and Music) events free of charge.
	2. Depending on the performance, there is a limited number of seats available for CYS.
	There is not a guarantee that tickets will be available for all CYS patrons for every
	performance, based on audience size, demand, etc.
	3. CYS tickets are a privilege. If a student receives a ticket to attend a performance, it is
	expected that they will respect the value of the admission and attend the
	performance.
	4. Process for students: On the date of the performance, from 45 minutes prior to 15
	minutes prior to the performance start time, they arrive to the CYS table next to the
	Box Office and show their Unicard. If students arrive after 15 minutes prior to the
	performance start time, they can go to the Box Office and purchase a ticket at the
	student rate. Students should not go to the Box Office unless they are purchasing a
	ticket.
	5. If students have a course requirement to attend a performance for a specific date,
	access to the tickets will be communicated by the instructor to University Theatre
	Services prior to the event. The best guarantee for a free ticket is to arrive early, up
	to 45 minutes prior to the performance start time.
	6. Respect for the Front of House and theatre staff, performers and fellow patrons is an
	absolute requirement. Failure to comply with this will lead to being asked to leave
	the venue and could result in the revoking of CYS privileges.
Academic standing	ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f.html
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.
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 ( <u>library.ucalgary.ca/copyright</u> ).
Faculty of Arts program	For academic advising, visit the Arts Students' Centre (ASC) for answers about course
advising and student	registration, graduation checks, and the 'big picture' on programs and majors. Drop in at
information resources	SS102, email at <u>ascarts@ucalgary.ca</u> or call at 403-220-3580. You can also visit the

	Faculty of Arts website at <a href="mailto:arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate">arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate</a> 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 <a href="mailto:success@ucalgary.ca">success@ucalgary.ca</a> or visit their website at <a href="mailto:ucalgary.ca/ssc/">ucalgary.ca/ssc/</a> 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 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
Letter of permission	reference. Departments/Programs do not guarantee that they will provide copies.  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.
Undergraduate associations	DUS: Drama Undergraduate Society, CHC 005 <u>uofcdus@gmail.com</u> MUS: Music Undergraduate Society, CHF 219 <u>undmusic@ucalgary.ca</u>