



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS - DANCE
Course Title: DNCE 531: Senior Project:
Performance Emphasis
Session: Fall 2014

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Class Location and Time: M 2-5:20 pm in CH E011 or CH C002

Texts: *The Creative Habit: Learn it and Use it for Life* by Twyla Tharp

Art and Fear: Observations on the Perils (and Rewards) of Artmaking by David Bayles and Ted Orland

And Then, You Act: Making Art in an Unpredictable World by Bogart, Anne

These books are all available as ebooks through the U of C library; also on reserve at the TDFLibrary

“Visual Art vs. Contemporary Performance” by Andy Horowitz (2011)

available at : www.culturebot.org/2011/11/11663/visual-art-performance-vs-contemporary-performance/

Theatre, Dance and Performance Training, “From training to artisanal practice: rethinking choreographic relationships in modern dance” by Sally May Gardner (2011)

Available at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/19443927.2011.603593>

Other selected readings posted on D2L

Course Description: Senior choreographic and/or performance project.

This course allows students to delve more deeply into dance performance. It serves as the capstone course for Choreography and Performance students invested in contemporary models of dance performance. In this course, students are required to perform in three works: one created on the student by a professional choreographer, and two created by another student enrolled in the senior project course. All works will be presented in the Winter Term. The course exists as a half-credit course but runs during consecutive Fall and Winter Terms for one academic year.

Prerequisites: Students in this course must have auditioned for and been accepted into the Choreography and Performance concentration of the Dance Department; all other necessary courses in the C&P concentration must have been completed to enroll.

Course Objectives:

The primary objective in this course is to expand our knowledge of dance performance by participating in three fully researched, explored, and rehearsed performance works. Students in the course are expected to develop clear models of dance performance with particular attention to performance quality, rehearsal discipline, creation methods, movement development, improvisational and compositional structures,

audience-performer connection, clear presentation, and the articulate body. Through this creation process and performance, we will deepen our knowledge of what is required to perform art that both influences and responds to thoughts, feelings, memories, and events that emerge in the world around us.

Course Activities:

DNCE 581 consists of at least 4 seminar style meetings (per term) and independent rehearsals led by student choreographers. Rehearsals will have pre-determined sessions for informal presentations with feedback from the instructor, as well as a final formal presentation. Auditions for the work take place in the second week of the Fall Term with rehearsals beginning the third week of Fall Term. Performers are expected to rehearse 6-8 hours per week for the student pieces in the class (for 3-4 hours each, starting the third week of term). **Guest choreographer rehearsals will be arranged in blocks.** The course instructor will attend three 1-hour rehearsals for each student work per term. In addition, the student performer must show his/her work (as a performer) at the three showings listed below. The final projects will be performed **April 9th, 10th & 11th**. Students enrolled in this course are also required to write a 3500 word paper (approx 6 pages) that examines and reflects on his/her research process and performance. Students are expected to fully engage in all aspects of the work, be prepared for technical and dress rehearsals and performances in the Winter Term, and fully commit to the interpretation and performance of the guest artist's work and the other student works for which s/he is chosen.

Important dates for this course: Monday November 24th, 2-5 pm, first class showing
Wednesday February 4th, 2-5 pm, second class showing
Wednesday March 11th, 2-5 pm, final class showing
April 4th-11th, be available for in-theatre times

Assessment: Students will be assessed on an ongoing basis through rehearsal supervision and informal presentations. Students are expected to:

- show diligence and skill with regard to the development of movement language, the interpretation of material, and the revisions process
- perform three fully explored dance works in Dance@Night; one professional choreographer's work and one student's work (at least 2 six minute sections)
- attend all seminars and complete tasks assigned through the seminar
- complete assigned readings
- submit rehearsal plan for full term (by September 30th, 2014)
- assist student choreographer by annotating the work as it is in process
- write a 3500 word final paper

Students will be given feedback throughout the two terms. The final grade will be based upon the work done throughout the two semesters and the realization of the final project. Grades will be based on the following:

Effective process and consistent application to the work: 25%

Development of performance capabilities: 25%

First showing: 5%

Second showing: 10%

Final Presentation: 25%

Final Paper: 10%

An important note: by enrolling in this class, you are engaging in the course requirements listed above. Please keep up with the requirements so that you are not caught in a bind at the end of the

semester. Also, any assignments that are emailed instead of provided in hard copy on the due date will not be handed back.

Grading Scale:

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| 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

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