DAA 3502C – Theatre Jazz III  
Fall 2015

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T/R 9:00-11:30

Course Goals & Objectives
1. Appreciation of dance as an art form while learning the elements of movement; consisting of control, balance, time, direction, flexibility, endurance conditioning, and coordination.
2. Application of expressiveness, Motivation, Musicality, and communication within the art of dance.
3. Learn the elements of performance and choreography while doing practical class work.

Grading
Grading will not be based solely upon technical skills, but on progress and willingness to work.

1. Attendance - because of the nature of this course, attendance is mandatory. Two absences are allowed, thereafter every absence lowers grade by 25 points. Three times late or observing classes is the same as an absence.
2. Choreography performed by student and choreographed by student.
3. Critique of a Live Performance on a subject that pertains to dance or musical theatre.
4. Knowledge of dance terminology; theory and dance history; recognition of fundamental steps and positions.

Evaluation
1. Technical development/Concert Critique – 25%
2. Attendance – 25%
3. Written examination – 25%
4. Dance presentation – 25%

The grading scale will be:

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Please come to class a few minutes early to warm up. No one over 10 minutes late may participate in class. If over 10 minutes late, please observe class and take notes to receive credit for attendance.

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Absolutely no jewelry or gum is allowed during class.
Make-Up classes for absence
Make-Up classes may be obtained by taking classes of the same type of dance form, only two (2) are allowed per semester.

Extra credit written report
1. De-emphasize dates and emphasize contributions to the field of dance. How did the work of this particular individual change the art of dance?
2. Length – at least 3 typed pages (double spaced) and not more than 5 pages. Observe appropriate rules of punctuation, grammar, spelling, and proper use of works cited.

Extra credit critiques
• Extra credit may be obtained by submission of a written critique of a dance concert or play (any form of dance or musical theatre).
• Must be typed and 2 to 3 pages long.
  Observe appropriate rules of punctuation, grammar, and spelling.
• Please staple program and ticket stub to report.
• Within the first paragraph, indicate name of performing group, title of program (if applicable), date, time, and location.
• Identify specific pieces and performers, you may be subjective but please explain.
• Ideas to elaborate - mood, costumes, style, music, lighting, quality of movement and technical ability of dancers, sets, themes, and audience reaction.

Important Dates for MW 10:30AM-11:50AM
• September 7 (Mon) Labor Day (no class)
• November 11 (Wed) Veterans Day (no class)
• November 27 – Thanksgiving (no class)
• December 2 (Wed) – Final Written Exam
• December 7 (Mon) – Final Dance Presentation
• December 9 (Wed) – Final Critiques Due

Concert Critique
Due December 9

ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND A LIVE DANCE CONCERT OR MUSICAL THAT MUST BE PRE-APPROVED BY THE INSTRUCTOR. Your Critique will be based on that concert or Musical. Your paper will be 3 pages in length. Your paper is a written documentation of your analysis/critique/thoughts of the concert. Choose at least three dances or scenes to describe, analyze, interpret, and to form opinions about. (CAUTION: Do not simply give a report that is-- do not fill your paper with a “play by play” of what happened next. This approach will substantially lower your grade). If you choose, and if it’s relevant, you may also include topics such as;

  Movements/themes etc. that struck you as poor or good
  Level of ability of the dancers
  Choreographer’s intentions
  Success or failure of the choreographer’s intentions
  Focus of a dance-storyline vs. movement
  Audience reaction
  Suitability for children
  Political/Commercial/Artistic nature
  Inspired thoughts/memories
  Aspects of costumes, sets, lighting, ect. In relation to the overall dance

A TICKET STUB FROM THE PERFORMANCE MUST BE ATTACHED TO YOUR CRITIQUE!
Electronic submissions will not be accepted!