

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: DANCE 16.1 Title: MODERN DANCE I
Full Title: Modern Dance I
Last Reviewed: 2/25/2019

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	2.00	Lecture Scheduled	1.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	17.50
Minimum	1.00	Lab Scheduled	3.00	6	Lab Scheduled	52.50
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	4.00		Contact Total	70.00
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 35.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 105.00

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable
Grading: Grade or P/NP
Repeatability: 34 - 4 Enrollments Total
Also Listed As:
Formerly: PE 28.1

Catalog Description:
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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended Preparation:
Course Completion of DANCE 10 (or PE 22 or PE 145)

Limits on Enrollment:

Schedule of Classes Information:
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Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

Repeatability: 4 Enrollments Total

ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area			Effective:	Inactive:
CSU GE:	Transfer Area			Effective:	Inactive:
IGETC:	Transfer Area			Effective:	Inactive:
CSU Transfer:	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 1981	Inactive:	
UC Transfer:	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 1981	Inactive:	

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Outcomes and Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Utilize modern dance terminology to describe beginning modern dance exercises, technical principles, and movement vocabulary.
2. Perform beginning modern dance warm-ups, techniques, stretching and strengthening exercises, and movement combinations.
3. Explain technical principles incorporated in beginning modern dance and apply these principles to the execution of beginning modern dance movement.
4. Analyze elements of space and energy inherent in beginning modern dance movement.
5. Create original dance movement through beginning level modern dance improvisations and choreographic studies.
6. Display performance skills in presentation of beginning modern dance choreography.
7. Identify basic rhythmic concepts and relate them to the execution of beginning modern dance movement.
8. Count beginning modern dance movement sequences.
9. Critique a modern dance performance or dance piece.

Topics and Scope:

- I. Beginning modern dance terminology and corresponding movement vocabulary
- II. Beginning modern dance technique
 - A. Technical principles such as alignment, balance, flexion, extension, turn-out and inward rotation of the legs, off-center movement, initiation of movement with breath and core

- B. Floor work: Warming up, stretching, extremity and core strengthening
- C. Locomotor movements such as triplets, prances, walks, runs, leaps
- D. Linking movements: Across the floor and center combinations
- III. Picking up and retaining choreography
- IV. Elements of dance in beginning modern dance movement
 - A. Space: Use of level, facing, direction, dimension, planes, etc.
 - B. Time: Use of tempo and rhythm
 - C. Energy: Use of weight, movement qualities, etc.
- V. Performance skills such as:
 - A. Projection
 - B. Dynamics
 - C. Musicality (reflecting musical mood, accents, dynamics, etc. in the performance of dance movement)
 - D. Managing performance anxiety
 - E. Use of breath
- VI. Creative problem solving based on elements of modern dance (space, time, and energy)
 - A. Improvisation
 - B. Choreographing a beginning modern dance study
- VII. How to execute modern dance movement. Each instructor approaches the "how to" of executing dance movement differently. Pedagogy may include:
 - A. Verbal descriptions
 - 1. Dance terminology
 - 2. Use of imagery
 - 3. Anatomical and kinesiological references
 - B. Demonstration of movement
 - C. Tactile information (hands-on)
 - D. Kinesthetic awareness enhancing tools or methods
 - E. Corrections
- VIII. Critiquing modern dance choreography - what to look for in a modern dance work

Topics for repeating students: Although some concepts, techniques, and movement vocabulary will be reviewed, the specific choreography of the movement sequences included in every phase of the class and the music to which it is choreographed will vary from semester to semester. Therefore, information conveyed to meet the demands of that choreography and the learning experience for the student will vary each semester that the student takes the course.

Assignment:

Homework (averaging 1 hour per week per unit):

1. Weekly practice of instructor choreography and dance skills covered in class sessions
2. Choreographing original dance movement either alone or with a partner or group
3. Performing exercises to strengthen and/or stretch muscle groups required to execute dance movements
4. Written critique of a dance piece or performance approved by instructor. Note: Critique is based on a performance occurring during

the current semester or for video viewing option, instructor will provide or approve a video.

5. Reading of class hand-outs (3 to 4 pages per semester)

In class assignments include:

1. Modern dance technique class activities assessed in terms of overall improvement (class performances)
2. 1 to 3 performance exams
3. Improvisations (participation grade)
4. Note-taking when appropriate
5. Practice sessions
6. Written final exam

Optional assignments:

1. Modern dance video viewing and analysis
2. Partner activities focusing on dance technique
3. Student choreography work sessions

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Critique

Writing
5 - 11%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

None

Problem solving
0 - 0%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Class performances, Performance exams, Choreographic Assignment

Skill Demonstrations
20 - 40%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Multiple choice, True/false, Matching items, Completion, Essay

Exams
5 - 11%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Attendance and participation, improvisations

Other Category
40 - 60%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Instructor prepared materials

Modern Dance Body & Mind, Sandra Cerny Minton, 1991

The Dancer Prepares: Modern Dance for Beginners, James W.Penrod and
Janice Gudde Plastino, 2004