

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: DANCE 11.2     Title: BALLET II  
Full Title: Ballet II  
Last Reviewed: 2/28/2022

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	1.50	Lecture Scheduled	0.75	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	13.13
Minimum	1.50	Lab Scheduled	2.25	6	Lab Scheduled	39.38
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 26.25

Total Student Learning Hours: 78.75

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable  
Grading:                Grade or P/NP  
Repeatability:        00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP  
Also Listed As:  
Formerly:

**Catalog Description:**  
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**Prerequisites/Corequisites:**

**Recommended Preparation:**  
Course Completion of DANCE 11.1

**Limits on Enrollment:**

**Schedule of Classes Information:**  
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Recommended: Course Completion of DANCE 11.1

Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

Repeatability: Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective: Fall 2003	Inactive:
<b>UC Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective: Fall 2003	Inactive:

**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Major Applicable Course

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Execute and analyze advanced-beginning (Level II) ballet sequences using applicable dance vocabulary.
2. Perform advanced-beginning (Level II) ballet choreography.
3. Choreograph an advanced-beginning (Level II) ballet combination.

### **Objectives:**

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

1. Utilize ballet terminology to describe advanced-beginning (Level II) ballet movement vocabulary.
2. Perform advanced-beginning (Level II) ballet warm-ups, techniques, stretching, strengthening exercises, center and across the floor exercises.
3. Explain technical principles incorporated in advanced-beginning (Level II) ballet dance and apply these principles to the execution of advanced-beginning (Level II) ballet movement.
4. Perform advanced-beginning (Level II) enchainments (chains of steps).
5. Display performance skills in presentations of advanced-beginning (Level II) ballet class choreography.
6. Identify basic rhythmic concepts incorporated in advanced-beginning (Level II) ballet and relate them to the execution of ballet movement.
7. Count advanced-beginning (Level II) ballet movement sequences.
8. Critique a ballet performance or a ballet piece applying ballet aesthetics and ballet principles.

### **Topics and Scope:**

- I. Ballet terminology and corresponding ballet movement vocabulary
- II. Level II ballet technique
  - A. Technical principles

1. Alignment
2. Turn-out
3. Use of plie
4. Releve
5. Extension
- B. Directions of Movement
  1. devant
  2. derriere
  3. en avant
  4. en arriere
  5. en dedans
  6. en dehors
- C. Eight Body positions
  1. croise derriere
  2. croise devant
  3. en face
  4. efface derriere
  5. efface devant
  6. a la seconde
  7. ecart derriere
  8. ecarte devant
- D. Positions and movements of the arms (port de bras)
- E. Positions and movements of the feet and legs
- F. Turns
- G. Jumps
- H. Adagio
- I. Petit allegro
- J. Grand allegro
- K. Reverence
- III. Level II enchainments
- IV. Supplementary strengthening and stretching
- V. Ballet movement qualities
- VI. Performance skills such as
  - A. Projection
  - B. Dynamics
  - C. Style and facial expression
  - D. Musicality
- VII. Rhythmical principles for Level II ballet
- VIII. Counting Level II ballet movement
- IX. Level II ballet movement execution
  - A. Verbal descriptions
    1. Ballet terminology
    2. Use of imagery
    3. Biomechanics
  - B. Demonstration of movement
  - C. Tactile information
  - D. Kinesthetic awareness enhancing tools or methods
  - E. Corrections
  - F. Critical analysis of performed movement
- X. Critiquing ballet choreography - what to look for in a ballet work

**Assignment:**

### Homework:

1. Weekly practice of ballet skills and/or choreography covered in class sessions
2. Memorization and practice of enchainments
3. Perform exercises to strengthen and/or stretch muscle groups required to execute ballet movements
4. Written critique of a dance piece or performance. (2 - 3 pages)
5. Reading of handouts and/or selected readings (5-10 pages per week)

### In class assignments include:

1. Ballet technique class activities assessed in terms of overall improvement (class performances)
2. 1 to 3 performance exams (performance of enchainments)
3. Note taking
4. Practice sessions
5. Final exam

### Optional assignments:

1. Ballet video viewing and analysis
2. Partner activities focusing on ballet techniques

## 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, Note Taking

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

Skill Demonstrations  
20 - 40%

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

Quizzes and Exams

Exams  
5 - 11%

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

Attendance and participation, ballet viewing and analysis, partner activities

Other Category  
40 - 60%

**Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

The Ballet Companion: A Dancer's Guide to the Techniques, Traditions, and Joys of Ballet (1st).  
Minden, Eliza Gaynor. Simon & Schuster: 2005. (Classic)

Instructor prepared materials