

DANC 16.4 Course Outline as of Summer 2025**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: DANC 16.4 Title: MODERN DANCE IV

Full Title: Modern Dance IV

Last Reviewed: 2/25/2019

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: DANCE 16.4

Catalog Description:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:**Recommended Preparation:**

Course Completion of DANCE 16.3

Limits on Enrollment:**Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	L8	Student Success and Wellness	Fall 2025	
CSU GE:	Transfer Area		Effective:	Inactive:
IGETC:	Transfer Area		Effective:	Inactive:
CSU Transfer:	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 2003	Inactive:
UC Transfer:	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 2003	Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Execute and analyze intermediate (Level IV) modern dance sequences using applicable dance vocabulary.
2. Perform intermediate (Level IV) modern dance choreography.
3. Choreograph an intermediate (Level IV) modern dance combination.

Objectives:

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

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

Topics and Scope:

I. Level IV Modern Dance Terminology and Corresponding Movement Vocabulary

II. Level IV Modern Dance Technique

A. Technical principles

1. Alignment
2. Balance
3. Flexion
4. Extension
5. Turn-out and inward rotation of the legs
6. Off-center movement
7. Initiation of movement with breath and core

B. Floor work

1. Warming up
2. Stretching, extremity and core
3. Strengthening

C. Locomotor movements

1. Triplets
2. Prances
3. Walks
4. Runs
5. Leaps

D. Linking movements

1. Across the floor
2. Center combinations

III. Picking Up and Retaining Choreography

IV. Elements of Dance in Level IV Modern Dance Movement

A. Space

1. Use of level
2. Facing
3. Direction
4. Dimension
5. Planes

B. Time

1. Tempo
2. Rhythm

C. Energy

1. Use of weight
2. Movement qualities

V. Performance Skills such as:

A. Projection

B. Dynamics

C. Musicality (including reflecting musical mood, accents, dynamics in the performance of dance movement)

D. Managing performance anxiety

E. Use of breath

F. Creating the illusion of effortlessness

VI. Creative Problem Solving Based on Elements of Modern Dance (Space, Time, and Energy) or other Paradigms such as Gesture and Contact

A. Improvisation

B. Choreographing a Level IV level 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. Biomechanics (Anatomical and kinesiological references)
- B. Demonstration of movement
- C. Tactile information (hands-on)
- D. Kinesthetic awareness enhancing tools or methods
- E. Corrections
- F. Critical analysis of performed movement

VIII. Critiquing Modern Dance Choreography - What to Look for in a Modern Dance Work

All topics are covered in the lecture and lab portions of the course.

Assignment:

Lecture-Related Assignments:

- 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 (based on a performance from the current semester, or for video viewing option, instructor will provide or approve a video) (2 - 3 pages)
- 5. Reading of handouts and/or selected readings (5-10 pages per week)

Lab-Related Assignments:

- 1. Modern dance technique class activities assessed in terms of overall improvement (class performances)
- 2. Performance exams (1 - 3)
- 3. Improvisations (participation grade)
- 4. Note-taking
- 5. Practice sessions
- 6. 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, Improvisations

Skill Demonstrations
40 - 60%

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

Midterm and Final Exams

Exams
5 - 11%

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

Attendance & Participation

Other Category
20 - 40%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Instructor prepared materials

Introduction to Modern Dance Techniques. Legg, Joshua. Heuer Publishing. 2011 (classic)

The Dancer Prepares: Modern Dance for Beginners. 5th ed. Penrod, James and Gudde Plastino, Janice. McGraw-Hill. 2004 (classic)

Dance, Mind and Body. Cerny Minton, Sandra. Human Kinetics. 2003 (classic)