

# DAA 1000 - Fundamentals of Dance

Summer A, 2018

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Meeting days: Monday thru Friday

Meeting times: (Period 2) 9: 30 am to 10:45 pm

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Location: Nadine McGuire Pavilion, Studio G-6

Office Hours: Fifteen minutes before and after each period

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\*Email Policy: Use ONLY your **UFL.EDU** email account for e-mail correspondence related to class. Please include your name & class in the subject line or within the body of all correspondence.

**Syllabi are posted at CFA website under: *Student & Parents*: <http://arts.ufl.edu/syllabi/>**

**Lab Fees** can be located at: <http://registrar.ufl.edu/soc/201601/all/theadanc.htm>

**Catalog Description:** Practice and principles of fundamentals and stylistic characteristics common to ballet, jazz and modern dance. (H) 3 credits

*Fundamentals of Dance* is designed to provide accessibility to the world of dance for all students, novice or pre-professional. Along with learning the rudiments of the dance techniques, with a focus on dance styles common to Western culture, you will discover the rich heritage, challenging discipline, fertile aesthetic, as well as your place in the vast spectrum of dance. There is truth in advertising – as once you are successful in this class, these fundamentals become the basis for achieving excellence in higher levels and making informed connections with how this art interacts with your life. The following objectives provide the direction for the course:

## Objectives:

- To provide a student with the general history, basic techniques, and contemporary references relevant to accessing a basic understanding of ballet, jazz and modern dance.
- Enhance the mind/body connection through the application of sound biomechanical principles as they relate to dance, such as practicing proper alignment, learning basic human anatomy, and learning of alternative approaches to movement study. This knowledge will be directly applied to the various styles of dance learned in class.
- Practice elements of performing and explore performance quality, discovering your own potential and personal style while developing your kinesthetic memory.
- Experience, discuss and write about live dance performances.

## Dance Etiquette and Attire:

Dance is an art and requires personal discipline and motivation. Respect for other students and the instructor is of the utmost importance. When in class you will be attentive and active. Be aware of the appropriate times to talk and/or sit. Attire should be form fitting, allowing the line of the body to be

seen. Leotards and tights (leggings, bike or jazz pants) are suitable. Form fitting warmers are recommended and should be removed after warm-up. Men **must** wear a **dance belt**. No shoes are required for this course. **No large jewelry, no chewing gum, no hats, and no loose hair**. Personal hygiene is expected and is its own reward. You may lose points for improper attire, hair or attitude.

### **Attendance Guide:**

- Mindful participation is the only way to meet the objectives of this course.
- Attendance, which is mandatory, means that when you enter the classroom, you are present, alert, and contributing to the progress of the class every second.
- If you are not present when attendance is taken or class begins this will count as an absence.
- For extended health issues refer to the Injury and Illness Policy in the current SoTD Handbook (SoTD website)

Information on make-up work: Any make-up work requires proper and official documentation from professional sources and presented to the instructor in a timely fashion. To earn credit (amount of credit determined by the instructor) for an absence you must do two things:

- 1) Immediately after your return to class, turn in approved/legal documentation to instructor,
- 2) Make-up the class with an approved assignment. All Make-up assignments for excused absences must be completed by the last day of classes of the semester.

There are no makeup classes/assignments for unexcused absences.

### **Attendance Policy**

**MANDATORY.** Participation is the only way to meet the objectives of this class. This requires you to be in class on time in the proper attire and with your attention focused on dance. Once in the studio, you should be warming up and stretching to prepare yourself for class.

- You must be present for all scheduled classes, plus required concerts, auditions, and events.
- It is your responsibility to know your schedule. Check your UF email & the dance studio bulletin boards. The instructor will only respond to UF email (ufl.edu)
- Each unexcused absence will result in a loss of five points.
- You are responsible for all material covered in class during your absence. You are advised to ask other students for material missed in class. It is not the teacher responsibility to re-teach you when you are absent.
- Prolonged illness or injury may result in dropping the class. (An incomplete is rare.). • AN INCOMPLETE WILL NOT BE GIVEN WITHOUT MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION. If approved, College of Fine Arts Incomplete Contract must be signed by the Director, Instructor, and Student.
- You are tardy if you are not present for roll call. When late you must clear entry into class – if the class has begun you will **NOT** be allowed to participate, you may sit and take notes. If you are more than ten minutes late you will be considered absent. This is for your own safety.
- Three (3) points will be deducted for being late or leaving early (for any reason)
- Other classes that schedule events during this class will be considered an absence and are not excused. Field trips with school events must be documented by the school and documentation must be sent directly to me. UF approved religious days are excused and do not need to be made-up. (Travel time not included.) **Student is still responsible for material covered during their absence.**
- If unable to dance, with instructor permission, you may ‘actively’ observe one time for full credit.
- You will complete an observation paper due at the end of class. Check with instructor for instructions. You may not receive credit for attendance if you arrive ten minutes into the scheduled class time.
- You may not use this time for napping or "study hall", otherwise it will be considered an absence.

- Absences without proper documentation from exams result in a **zero**. If you miss the final exam you cannot pass this course.
- You may not pass the course with 5 or more absences (excused or unexcused)

Please use the following locations for UF resources for physical and mental health care:

<http://shcc.ufl.edu/> (Student Health Care Center)

<http://shcc.ufl.edu/forms-records/excuse-notes/> (excuse note policy)

<http://dso.ufl.edu/> (Dean of Students)

**Text:** The DAA1000 Handbook was prepared especially for this class and will be provided (free of charge) via e-mail from your instructor.

**Communication is very important. Please come to me with all questions and concerns throughout the semester. You can make an appointment or talk to me immediately before or after class about your progress or if you have any questions. If questions pertain to the information in this syllabus, I ask that you read your syllabus thoroughly before asking an intelligent question on clarification. You are encouraged to ask questions during class and if you need or want more feedback from the instructor, please do not be afraid to ask. Remember, unless you communicate and come to me directly, I will assume that you are satisfied and happy. I want you to have a great dance experience.**

### Assignments and Tests

TOTAL POINTS TO EARN = 100

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| • Harn Museum visit & Solo Evaluation | 10 points |
| • Written Tests (Two)                 | 40 points |
| • Critique Paper                      | 10 points |
| • Midterm Evaluation                  | 15 points |
| • Final Evaluation                    | 15 points |
| • Final Project                       | 10 points |

A 93-100 points

A- 90-92

B+ 86-89

B 83-85 points

B- 80-82

C+ 77-79

C 73-76 points

C- 70-72

D+ 67-69

D 63-66 points

D- 60-62

E 59 and below

The midterm evaluation is primarily for checking our communication of goals and your early degree of successful effort.

**Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

Written Tests: There will be two written tests based on reading assignments and in-class discussion. A) **Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**, B) **Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

Technique Final: **Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

The final technique evaluation will be done during regular classes. This is an exam based on your technical progress from mid semester to the end of the term.

Harn Museum Paragraph and Solo Due: **Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

Take a trip to the Harn Museum on Hull Rd. and find an inspirational exhibit for your final project assignment. Submit a paragraph description (hard copy) of the artwork or exhibit you are using for your choreographic inspiration. Come up with a minute solo of how you feel the piece should be portrayed through movement.

Final Project: **Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

You will be placed into groups and you will work on choreography that will develop from your visit to the Harn Museum.

Attending Performances - Required to see:

TBA or I will be showing a video in class.

After attending this event, write a two+ page, typed, double-spaced, no cover sheet, college level, summary of the concert that you watched. (If e-learning site for the class is operational, written assignments will be turned in through the UF Canvas.) Details to follow. Papers are due no more than one week after viewing the production. If the show is at the end of the semester, it is due by the last day of Summer A classes.

Important websites for upcoming performances:

UF Performing Arts: [www.performingarts.ufl.edu/](http://www.performingarts.ufl.edu/)

UF College of Fine Arts main page: [www.arts.ufl.edu](http://www.arts.ufl.edu)

Reading: You are required to keep up with the reading of the text. Instructor will guide you on deadlines – begin by reading chapters 1 & 2. Material in the text will be continually referenced in class and we will also have lectures and discussions on each chapter.

Makeup Critique Papers for excused absences are **due one week after the show** (an approved dance performance, play or musical). If the show is at the end of the semester, it is due by the last day of Summer A classes. You are to write a summary/review that is 2 pages, typed, double spaced, 12 pt. Please write “Makeup Paper” under your name, with the correct section number to your class, as well as the date of the event.

**Ticket information for all Phillips Center for the Performing Arts events:**

All ticket information including the specific dates that students can begin purchasing for each performance:

<http://performingarts.ufl.edu/students/>

Tickets must be purchased in person at the Phillips Center Box Office or the University Box Office Phone # 352-392-1653 depending on venue.

**Ticket information for UF School of Theatre and Dance productions:**

You will receive coupons for some SoTD productions, including plays that are not approved dance viewing. Consider these coupons a perk. If applicable, a dance production coupon will also be included. Coupons are redeemed at University Box Office in front of Constans Theatre where regular student tickets may also be purchased. Be sure to bring your UFID.

Performance Behavior/Decorum:

- Yes, please dress nice!
- No cell phones/texting at all, ever, never during a performance (unless the show requests it!)
- Represent the SoTD at the show!

## UF POLICIES:

### UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACCOMMODATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, [www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/)) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester

**UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:** Academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community. Students should be sure that they understand the UF Student Honor Code: <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/> - UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor in this class.

### COUNSELING AND WELLNESS CENTER CONTACT INFORMATION:

<http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx>, 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

**NETIQUETTE: COMMUNICATION COURTESY:** All members of the class are expected to follow rules of common courtesy in all email messages, threaded discussions and chats.

[<http://teach.ufl.edu/docs/NetiquetteGuideforOnlineCourses.pdf>]

## GETTING HELP:

If applicable: For issues with technical difficulties for E-learning in Canvas, please contact the UF Help Desk at:

- [Learning-support@ufl.edu](mailto:Learning-support@ufl.edu)
- (352) 392-HELP - select option 2
- <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>

Any requests for make-ups due to technical issues MUST be accompanied by the ticket number received from LSS when the problem was reported to them. The ticket number will document the time and date of the problem. You MUST e-mail your instructor within 24 hours of the technical difficulty if you wish to request a make-up.

Other resources are available at <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/getting-help> for:

- Counseling and Wellness resources
- Disability resources
- Resources for handling student concerns and complaints
- Library Help Desk support