

## DANCE COMPOSITION 4 / Visual Technology COLLABORATION

DAA 3615 / 2 CREDITS

Tuesday /Thursday 12:50 – 2:45pm Monday UnShowings (Course activities and assignments will happen in a hybrid via Zoom and face-to-face learning format.

DIG 4905 Visual Technology in Dance /3 CREDITS Tuesday/Thursdays 1:55-3:50 plus independent

First Hour Dance, Second Hour add DW designers

McGuire G---6

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\*\*Please note, this syllabus is subject to change. \*\*

### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Working both individually and communally, we will learn and practice:

- The development and performance of a final composition project. After being adjudicated, some projects will be performed in the Spring Dance Showcase. Class showings will include sectional demonstrations, design, music, and/or other collaborative materials, and scores. Choreographers will practice verbally defining their work in these showings. Rehearsals will be the responsibility of the choreographer, as will all aspects of the final performance including design and production.
- Collaboration between choreographers and students assigned a projection solution that accompanies student project.
- The development of strong choreographic voices that can speak and write about work that is still in development.
- Educate all students on working with projection systems and hands on experience with equipment in G-6 Studio.
- To create an atmosphere open and encouraging for students to tap into their creativity/individuality, to speak / explore with freedom and to take risks.
- To recognize the limitless potential that dance making has as a life-enriching form.
- Develop analytical and critical perception and skills in choreographic processes.
- Identify aesthetics issues in choreographic process and repertory and in various genres of art making.

## COURSE POLICIES:

### ATTENDANCE:

#### Dance Technique Class Attendance Guide:

- Mindful participation in each class meeting 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 you are marked absent.
- In the case of extended health issues, refer to the Injury and Illness Policy in the SoTD Handbook (SoTD website) and included in this syllabus.

#### Dance Technique Class Absence Policy

For classes that meet two times a week:

students can take 2 absences with no documentation with no penalty.

If the third absence is unexcused, it will result in 5% deduction from the final grade.

Excused or unexcused, on the third absence, a meeting is required with the instructor and/or area faculty to assess the student's continued participation in the course.

If the fourth absence and all subsequent absences are unexcused, each will result in an additional 5% deduction from the final grade.

Requirements / opportunities to make up missed material is up to the instructor's discretion.

Due to the participatory nature of the course that includes in-class collaboration along with partner and ensemble work, 4 unexcused absences may result in automatic failure of the course.

**Note:** Any absence from class for the following reasons must be supported by official acceptable documentation to avoid a grade penalty: illness (doctor's note must be on official letterhead with address and phone number, noting the date and time of visit and diagnosis verifying that an absence from class is warranted and when the return to class activity is expected, doctor name and signature), serious family emergencies, special curricular requirements (e.g., auditing trips, field trips, professional conferences), military obligation, severe weather conditions, participation in official university activities such as music performances, athletic competition or debate, court-imposed legal obligations (e.g., jury duty or subpoena). Students must inform the instructor by the end of the second week of classes of religious observances of their faith that will conflict with class attendance this semester.

### MAKE-UP POLICY:

#### Dance Technique Class – Makeup Policy

- You are responsible for all material covered during any absence
- There are no makeup options for unexcused absences
- Absences from Written Exams, Quizzes, Mid-Terms, and/or Finals may only be made up with approved documentation
- To earn credit (amount of credit determined by the instructor) for an excused absence you must do two things:

2) Make---up the class with an approved assignment submitted on the required date. If the assignment is to attend another class as a make---up, it must be the same technical level, or lower; student must request permission of that instructor.

In the UF Dance Program, three unexcused absences will reduce your grade one---letter grade (i.e., from B to C). Each subsequent unexcused absence lowers your grade by half letter grade (i.e., from C to C---). After five

unexcused absences the student may not return to class and result in automatic failure of the course. A student with medical documentation may apply to UF for Medical Withdrawal.

Please consult the following sites for UF’s physical and mental health resources:

<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)

Your overall score may be affected by your attendance record.

	93-100 points
A-	90-92
B+	86-89
	83-85 points
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
	73-76 points
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
	63-66 points
D-	60-62
	59 and below

	Tues	Thu
week 1	Audition January 13&14	
week 2		
week 3		
week 4	Unshowing and design proposal feb 6th visual research inspiration	posters due feb 3
week 5		
week 6		
week 7	press release feb 25	
week 8		
SPRING BREAK		
week 9		
week 10	Prod meeting 3/14	
week 11		
week 12	Tech 3/27 -	program and implement design
week 13		
week 14	Critique	
week 15	Package your product document	
week 16		

## InShowing Dates / UF Dance Performances

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You are required to see two shows (The BFA Showcase and Dance 2021).

### Required Meetings, Audition, and Showings:

#### January

11 – **Welcome Back Dance Area Meeting with Students & Dance faculty 6:00-7:30 PM via Zoom 13-14** –  
Spring BFA Showcase Auditions 6:30 - 8:30pm (Zoom link TBA)  
14-17 – DIAS Guest Residency with Ryan-Oliva Lundy  
18 – No classes, Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
22 – Dance Program BFA auditions (online)

#### February

1 – SoTD Town Hall 1-2:45 PM  
22 – UnShowing #1 – tentative/subject to change and via Zoom

#### March

1 – UnShowing #2 – tentative/subject to change and via Zoom  
26-28 Dance 2021 (virtual/online)  
31 – SoTD Town Hall 1-2:45 PM

#### April

15-18 – Spring BFA Showcase (virtual/online)  
19 – Disaster & The Body Event TBD (virtual/online)  
21 – classes end  
22-23 – Reading Days

### Santa Fe College Performances

**Dance Theatre of Santa Fe will stream our online performance of *Elements of Style* on March 26-27 (virtual/online)**

### Spring 2021 Semester Critical Response Appointment

Spring semester – Second Year students, graduating Fourth Year students and first semester Transfer students. As always, the dance faculty or you, the individual student, may request a meeting to discuss issues relevant to the student's progress. It is your responsibility to know your schedule. Check your (UF) email & UF Dance Headquarters site regularly.


#### UF POLICIES:

**UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACCOMMODATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:** Students requesting accommodation for disabilities must first register with the Dean of Students Office (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/>). The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation. You must submit this documentation prior to submitting assignments or taking the quizzes or exams. Accommodations are

are seeking accommodations.

**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 at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/students.php>.

**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](http://teach.ufl.edu/docs/NetiquetteGuideforOnlineCourses.pdf)



## GETTING HELP:

If applicable: For issues with technical difficulties for E-learning in Sakai, 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

### **Required Performance and Event Dates**

Dates/times subject to change – please check dance bulletin board and/or contact appropriate box office. You will receive a voucher (coupon) at the beginning of the semester for assigned SoTD productions with instructions of how to use it to get discount tickets. Viewing of SoTD plays is highly recommended, but not required. Non-majors, please verify event schedule with instructor, as you may not be required for attendance at all events.

January 8 <sup>th</sup> 2018	Welcome Back Dance Meeting for All Dance Majors 6:30-8:30
February 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Unshowing 1 6:30-8:30pm G6 Studio
February 26 <sup>th</sup> 2018	Unshowing 2 6:30-8:30pm G6 Studio
March 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Unshowing 3 6:30-8:30pm G6 Studio
March 19 <sup>th</sup> 2018	Unshowing 4 6:30-8:30pm G6 Studio
April 4-April 8, 2018	BFA SPRING DANCE SHOWCASE Studio Dance Theater

### *Other Dance Event Options:*

January 11 *Spring Showcase (Comp 4)/MOD Auditions*, Thursday 6:30-8:30, G

Dance 2018: *Stepping on the Audience: An Evening of Dance in Intimate Spaces* -

February 9 -10 at 7:30 PM, February 11 at 2:00PM, February 14 - 17 at 7:30 PM and February 18 at 2:00PM

The Harn Museum of Dance (HMod 2.0) - Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 1:00 PM - 4:00PM

Spring 2018 BFA Showcase - Wednesday, April 4 ( Program A at 7:30pm)

Thursday, April 5 (Program B at 7:30pm)

Friday, April 6 (Program A at 7:30pm)

Saturday, April 7 Community in Motion Performance (2:00P)\*

Saturday, April 7 (Program B at 7:30pm)

Sunday, April 8 (Program A at 2:00pm)

Sunday, April 9 (Program B at 4:00pm)

### *Other Theatre Event Options*

UF Box Office #: (352) 392-1653

UF Performing Arts (Phillips Center) #: (352) 392-2787  
SFC Fine Arts Hall Theatre (352) 395-4181

**ALL BFA** majors and BA majors new to the program as of January 2016 are required to attend an end-of-year conference (Jury) April 21/22 with the dance faculty during Reading Days (the two days following end of classes). Do not make travel plans at this time— grade points will be deducted.

#### 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!

### General Information

#### Student Injury and Illness Policy:

The Dance Area of SoTD believes that dance student's physical and mental well-being is paramount to success in all arenas of their dance training, from class to the stage. In the case of injury, fostering a productive and holistic response insures a speedy and effective recovery.

If the dance student becomes ill or injured to the degree that they cannot attend and participate in dance classes, SoTD sponsored rehearsals, or performances, the 5 steps of the dance student injury and illness policy are to be followed:

1. The student is required to see a health care professional immediately.
2. If the illness or injury prevents the student from participation in dance class, rehearsal, or performance, the student is to request documentation from the health care professional that explicitly projects the duration of the injury, and/or the amount and type of activity recommended for the welfare of the student.



3. Following the appointment with the health care professional, the student is required to bring medical recommendations and related documentation to the attention of his or her instructor(s), choreographer(s), or director(s) as the basis for discussion.
4. Unless otherwise medically advised, the student is prohibited from active participation in all related UF dance activities, classes, events, performances, etc. The student may not personally select one activity as having a higher priority over another. The student is not to dance in any events, activities, performances or rehearsals if the student is not in dance class. If the infirmity culminates in a medical withdrawal, this is also a withdrawal from all performance related activities.
5. The student is never allowed to sacrifice classroom participation for the demands of a performance. The student will not be allowed to participate in a performance if they miss dance class due to an injury. The student is expected to follow the student injury and illness policy even if performances take place beyond the scope of SoTD, as with another UF, professional, or community performing group, etc.

If involved in a SoTD produced production (with or without credit), there is required attendance at the production's Strike (as stated in the current SoTD Production Handbook):

Strike

- Strike is the restoring of the stage to its original condition. This mainly consists of the breakdown of technical components of the production.
- Strike typically takes place immediately following the final performance of the production.
- Strike is run by the Technical Director or Scenic Studio Supervisor.
- Safety is of the utmost importance! Proper footwear and clothing must be worn. Additional Safety Equipment may be required depending on the task.
- The Strike requires the presence of all undergraduate performers involved in the show and crew, Props Master, Master Electrician, and Technical Director or Scenic Studio Supervisor.
- Only the Technical Director, Master Electrician and Costume Supervisor can release anyone from Strike.
- Additionally, all cast members and crew must sign out with the Stage Manager.
- All undergraduate students involved in the production are REQUIRED to attend.
- Graduate Actors are released after 1 hour of participation at Strike due to their GTA responsibilities. Grad Actors must sign out with the Stage Manager before leaving.
- Only the Technical Director may approve an absence from Strike. Under extenuating circumstances may a student be "excused" from or permitted to leave early from Strike. If the student is "excused" from a REQUIRED strike or leaves early from Strike, the Strike must be "made up" by one of the 3 following options:
  - The student must participate in two Strikes within the current academic semester.
  - or---
  - The student must participate in one strike and serve 6 hours in the shop within the current academic semester.

—or—

- The student must serve 12 hours in the shop within the current academic semester.
  
- If a student does not adhere to the above penalties for missing Strike or leaving early from Strike, or if the student misses or leaves Strike early without approval of the Technical Director the student will be:
  - Ineligible for Theatre and Dance Scholarships.
  - Ineligible to be cast in School of Theatre and Dance productions for the upcoming semester.
  - Ineligible to register for classes.
  - If enrolled in any section of P&P the student's grade will be lowered.
  - If enrolled in Senior Project the student's grade will be lowered.
  - If enrolled in Dancers for Choreographers or Dance Ensemble the student's grade will be lowered.
  - If enrolled in West African Dance or World Dance (Agbedidi) the student's grade will be lowered.

Please Note: Our work in the studios is designed to be challenging; physically, intellectually, and emotionally. Dance classes often involve touching. Physical contact may range from simple touch, to correcting alignment and/or relaxation massage. Students may also be asked to experiment with exercises that involve weight exchange. If you have a related medical consideration or touch makes you uncomfortable, it is your responsibility to notify the instructor at the start of the semester.