

DAA 4685 – Section 3177 | DANCE ENSEMBLE — FALL 2021



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Syllabi can be found here <http://arts.ufl.edu/syllabi/>
Lab Fees can be located at <http://aa.ufl.edu/policies/material-and-supply-fees/>
Canvas (e-learning): <http://elearning.ufl.edu>
Email Policy: Use ONLY your UFL.EDU email account for e-mail correspondence related to class.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to develop technical range and performance skills through the study and production of dance repertory. Rehearsals will take place throughout the Fall 2021 semester and the work will culminate in Dance 2022 Faculty Concert performances on February 24-27, 2022.

Required Reading: TBA; all materials will be made available on Canvas.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To expand the dancer’s expressive and qualitative range of movement and performance.
- To develop musicality, dynamics, clarity and articulation in time and space.
- To expose the student to fresh approaches to the creative process.
- To provide the student with experiences that reinforce their discipline and strengthen their sense of responsibility within a pre-professional creative environment.
- To relate the student’s work in technique class to a rehearsal situation.
- To gain experience and develop an understanding of how to work in an ensemble.
- To empower the person/dancer/ thinker/choreographer in each student.

STUDIO PROCEDURES

Proper Attire: Masks are ***EXPECTED***. You should come dressed ready for class and able to move freely and comfortably. Long pants are best and knee pads are highly suggested. It is recommended that you do not wear jewelry that will impede your ability to move or put you or others at physical risk.

Water + Food: Be sure to bring a water bottle to class. We will take “mask moments” to step outside for a break and hydration. Make sure you eat a well-balanced meal or snack before and after class. Please do not eat while in class or chew gum.

Device Usage: The studio is a place for focus and engagement, a precious time to be screen-free. Please leave your cell phones, tablets, computers, iPads, etc. in your bags and on silent unless we are using them for classwork. If you need to be reachable by phone for any reason, let me know in advance of rehearsal.

Lateness and leaving early are also detriments to our process. If you are late or leave early, it is your responsibility to communicate with the professor accordingly before/after class. Chronic tardiness or early departure will require an individual meeting with the instructor to discuss strategies moving forward.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS + GRADING

(1) INTEGRITY OF PRACTICE (50%)

It is important that we all make some simple agreements upon entering the studio. This facilitates a safe, open, and above all supportive space for taking risk. These guidelines will help:

- Be on time and do not leave early.
- Be warm: arrive to rehearsal ready to move with your body warm. If you need time to warm-up, please say so.
- Stay engaged: present body language that demonstrates openness and willingness to try new things.
- Respect each other and the space: listen, demonstrate patience, and work democratically with others in collaborative assignments. Be quiet when others are working or speaking.
- Integrate feedback: when feedback is given to you personally, to others, or to the entire group, it is important that you consider it as an opportunity to improve yourself.
- Review material: upon arriving to rehearsal, review anything that we have worked on in previous rehearsals. Be prepared to call up any choreography created by that point. Use any down time to hone your material.
- Be bold: activate your creative ingenuity and do not be afraid to share your ideas.
- Lead and follow well: be a good leader and be a good follower. It is important to participate as a singular voice and as part of an ensemble. Teamwork is incredibly valuable.
- Be professional: always should demonstrate your professionalism.

(2) ATTENDANCE + PARTICIPATION (50%)

Participation in rehearsal is necessary! As a cast member, you are responsible for your own material, your presence, and your investment in the process. How you show up defines your presence and role in the performance. Think of this as an example of a professional rehearsal process. Be professional, positive, and hard-working at all times.

LETTER GRADES	
A	95-100
A-	90-94
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	63-66
F	Below 63

PERCENTAGES

Integrity of Practice	50%
Attendance / Participation	50%
TOTAL	100%

[Link to the university grades and grading policies](#)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FALL 2021

Aug 23	6:30-7:30p	Dance Area Welcome Meeting
Aug 25	6:30-8:30p	Dance 2022 Faculty Auditions
Aug 26	6:30-8:30p	Fall 2021 BFA Showcase Auditions
Sept 27	6:30-8:30p	UnShowing #1
Sept 28	11:15a-12:30p	SoTD Town Hall
Oct 4	6:30-8:30p	UnShowing #2
Oct 7	5-6p	Public review of a chapter from Assistant Professor Rachel Carrico's manuscript
Oct 13	4-5p	BFA Showcase Production Meeting
Oct 15	9a-4p	BFA Program Audition
Nov 3	1:30-2:45p	SoTD Town Hall
Nov 3-6	7:30p	BFA Showcase
Nov 7	1:30p + 4p	BFA Showcase
Nov 8	6:30-8:30p	Dance Open Conversation
Dec 3 & 4	7:30p	Agbedidi
Dec 5	2p	Agbedidi
Dec 6	6:30-8:30p	Final UnShowing

UF POLICIES

COURSE EVALUATIONS:

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. [Click here for guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner.](#) Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via ufl.bluera.com/ufl/. [Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students here.](#)

UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:

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 specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. [Click here to read the Honor Code.](#) 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 or TAs in this class.

UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACCOMMODATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center. [Click here to get started with the Disability Resource Center.](#) It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

IN-CLASS RECORDING:

Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.

A "class lecture" is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or lecturer during a class session.

Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To "publish" means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

- *E-learning technical support:* Contact the [UF Computing Help Desk](#) at 352-392-4357 or via e-mail at helpdesk@ufl.edu.
- [Career Connections Center:](#) Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services.
- [Library Support:](#) Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.
- [Teaching Center:](#) Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352- 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.
- [Writing Studio:](#) 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.
- *Student Complaints On-Campus:* [Visit the Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code webpage for more information.](#)
- *On-Line Students Complaints:* [View the Distance Learning Student Complaint Process.](#)

HEALTH + WELLNESS RESOURCES

- *U Matter, We Care*: If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-392-1575, or visit [U Matter, We Care website](#) to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.
- *Counseling and Wellness Center*: [Visit the Counseling and Wellness Center website](#) or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.
- *Student Health Care Center*: Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or [visit the Student Health Care Center website](#).
- *University Police Department*: [Visit UF Police Department website](#) or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).
- *UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center*: For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; [Visit the UF Health Emergency Room and Trauma Center website](#).
- *GatorWell Health Promotion Services*: For prevention services focused on optimal wellbeing, including Wellness Coaching for Academic Success, visit the [GatorWell website](#) or call 352-273-4450.

COVID ADDENDUM

In response to COVID-19, the following practices are in place to maintain your learning environment, to enhance the safety of our in-classroom interactions, and to further the health and safety of ourselves, our neighbors, and our loved ones.

- If you are not vaccinated, get vaccinated. Vaccines are readily available at no cost and have been demonstrated to be safe and effective against the COVID-19 virus. Visit this link for details on where to get your shot, including options that do not require an appointment: <https://coronavirus.uflhealth.org/vaccinations/vaccine-availability/>. Students who receive the first dose of the vaccine somewhere off-campus and/or outside of Gainesville can still receive their second dose on campus.
- You are expected to wear approved face coverings at all times during class and within buildings even if you are vaccinated. Please continue to follow healthy habits, including best practices like frequent hand washing. Following these practices is our responsibility as Gators.
 - Sanitizing supplies are available in the classroom if you wish to wipe down your desks prior to sitting down and at the end of the class.
 - Hand sanitizing stations will be located in every classroom.
- If you are sick, stay home and self-quarantine. Please visit the UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website about next steps, retake the questionnaire and schedule your test for no sooner than 24 hours after your symptoms began. Please call your primary care provider if you are ill and need immediate care or the UF Student Health Care Center at 352-392-1161 (or email covid@shcc.ufl.edu) to be evaluated for testing and to receive further instructions about returning to campus. UF Health Screen, Test & Protect offers guidance when you are sick, have been exposed to someone who has tested positive or have tested positive yourself. Visit the [UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website](#) for more information.
 - Course materials will be provided to you with an excused absence, and you will be given a reasonable amount of time to make up work.
 - If you are withheld from campus by the Department of Health through Screen, Test & Protect you are not permitted to use any on campus facilities. Students attempting to attend campus activities when withheld from campus will be referred to the Dean of Students Office.
- Continue to regularly visit coronavirus.UFHealth.org and coronavirus.ufl.edu for up-to-date information about COVID-19 and vaccination.

****THIS SYLLABUS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

Students will be notified in advance of important changes that could affect grading, assignments, etc