



DAN 4959: SENIOR PROJECT

Fall 2022

Instructor

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BA Senior Project Description

- *Senior Project (SP)* is the capstone course for all BA dance students. The *SP* is an original research initiative, which culminates in a written paper, determined by the student in consultation with a dance faculty member and subject to approval by the dance area. The project is to innovatively merge the student's academic and dance interests. Take advantage of the open structure to the *BA Senior Project*, as it provides you with an unequalled flexibility to explore research areas. For example, the *SP* may serve you as a touchstone for post-graduation research, become a notable highlight in your resume, potentially publishable, and innovatively further the field of dance.
- The paper may be supplemented by a presentation, but a presentation is not required. Please **read further for more information on optional BA presentations.**

BA Senior Project Summary

- The year before you will enroll in Senior Project (typically the final semester of your third year):
 - ✓✓ **Select an advisor from the dance faculty** (and a co-advisor from outside the dance faculty, as you may decide).
 - ✓✓ **Establish and declare your research topic.**
 - ✓✓ **NOTE: You are required to establish and declare your research topic** by the last two semesters before graduation (typically by the end of your final semester of your third year). If there are any issues with your topic, your dance faculty advisor will guide you through. Work with your advisor to complete your *Senior Project* registration form with complete information regarding topic and method of evaluation before submitting to Undergraduate Advisor.
 - ✓✓ **Choose to fall or spring semester of senior year to register for SP**
- You are required to register for SP in fall or spring semester only (not both) and should be agreed upon with your advisor.
- The semester that you enroll in Senior Project
 - ✓✓ **Follow the BA Senior Project syllabus**
- Available on the college website, the syllabus contains all deadlines and the evaluative process for final grading.
 - ✓✓ **For research that uses human subjects**
- This requires specific paperwork and must follow university protocols and requires additional time. Please see: <http://irb.ufl.edu/index/humanrsch.html>
 - ✓✓ **If applicable, arrange presentation with your advisor**

Senior Project 'Thesis' Paper

- The Senior Project paper is the final phase of your Senior Project and the articulation of your research. It is expected that you will use the following format in the writing of your Senior Project paper.

- **Fall 2022 Paper Deadlines*:**
- **October 21, 2022:** Please have emailed about how your paper/idea is shaping up. All related assignments (complete outline, abstract draft and finalized bibliography) will be turned in to your Senior Project advisor.
- **November 2, 2022 (Fri.):** Organizational Outline due by 5:00PM.
- **November 18, 2022 (Fri.):** First draft due by 5:00PM. Notify me should you need a short extension. Wednesday,
- **December 13, 2022 (Mon.):** Second/final after mentor edits draft due by 5:00PM.
- Third draft: If your advisor needs further edits, this would be accomplished during a timeline established between you and your advisor.
- **Date of Final Draft TBD after feedback and editing incorporated. To be completed by graduation!**
- Advisor may discuss any alterations on deadlines with you due to extenuating circumstances. If there are changes to the final deadline, please contact your advisor.
- It is your responsibility to contact your advisor with any questions, concerns, or unanticipated schedule changes so that your advisor may take them into consideration.

RESEARCH PAPER REQUIRED FORMAT:

- NOTE: USE MLA STYLE GUIDELINES TO WRITE PAPER
- A GREAT and EASY-TO-USE site for **MLA STYLE GUIDELINES:** http://content.easybib.com/citation_guides/mla-format/
- This is a great online resource for MLA formatting: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>
- Please note for them that for the paper you will have additional requirements beyond MLA, including title page, acknowledgments. etc.
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Prior to submission, check for the following contents:

- Title Page** with title of paper, your name, date submitted, class name and number, and professor (no page number) See: <http://content.easybib.com/citation-guides/mla-format/how-to-cite-a-scholarly-project-mla/>
- Dedication** (roman numeral ii)
- Acknowledgements** (roman numeral iii)
- Abstract** succinct overview of the paper (Write—or rewrite—after you have completed your paper) (roman numeral iv). An abstract summarizes the paper and is used by prospective readers to decide whether or not to read the entire text. Make it compelling and powerful reading (100-250 words maximum).
- Table of Contents** (roman numeral v). Use exact title of section on left and 1st page number of the section on right: include page numbers for dedication, acknowledgments, abstract, and section headers (but do not cite page numbers for title page or Table of Contents).
- One-page **Introduction** to topic (start numeral 1)
 - Problem and Purpose Statement: who or what are you proposing to discover, challenge, understand, illuminate. Purpose of paper and what you seek to achieve in this writing.
 - Rationale: what is important about this exploration? What contribution does it make to the field of dance?
 - Personal Statement: Why is the subject important to you? Is there a personal connection to the subject; or a connection you would like to make?
- Two—page **Discussion of the Literature** and other resources you researched (written, visual, media). Demonstrate your knowledge of what has been done before related to this topic.
- Two-page **Methodology** section describing the research process you undertook.
 - Detail ideas and approaches showing WHAT you actually did.
 - You may include HOW you made unique connections across (or unique use of) your selected “literature” (written, visual, media, etc.) and questions it prompted.

One-page **Outcomes, Reflections, and Future Directions** section, summarizing the most salient outcomes of your project and possible future directions of your research/project.

The critical findings, results, or conclusions of the research, including strengths and weaknesses. o What further questions do you have or what directions for research
What are the *larger* implications of your findings?

Optional Visual Resources

Works Cited in **MLA** (Note you will use simple in-text citations as per **MLA**¹; place extra explanatory notes in endnotes) (page numbers...)

BA Paper with Presentation - Guidelines

The BA students' *Senior Projects* have potential for presentation in diverse public fora. A presentation may be a choreographed work or work-in-progress, teaching demonstration, documentary-style film, PowerPoint presentation, or other. While a **presentation is not required**, the dance area will support you as resources allow. **A presentation does not replace the paper. Please note that a choreographed dance, done for its own sake, would not be approved as a viable BA Senior Project.**

Please also note that there is no SoTD budget available for BA *Senior Projects*. If you do decide to include a presentation as a part of your grade, this presentation should be executed as professionally as possible, given the limited resources, and reflect the highest standards for academic/creative research.

Students with a viable presentation related to their research paper may have several options for exhibition:

- An alternate location associated with another college/program—such as the Harn Museum Nights, the Harn Museum of Dance, or other.
- Presentation through an existing group with another venue for presentation, such as the Center for Arts in Medicine (AIM), the VISA talent show, a UF student dance company, other UF Student Government approved organizations, etc.
- A regularly scheduled *UnShowing*. Please note that *UnShowings* do not receive technical support (lights, costumes, etc.). Showing/Presentation is limited to 12 minutes and should require minimal set-up. You may petition for a more in depth/longer presentation.
- Other outlets/venues that you identify.

Examples of previous successful BA presentations (in conjunction with their research paper):

- PowerPoint presentation of creative work linked with Veteran causes and concerns.
- Documentary film using Laban Movement Analysis as a toolkit for women with Lymphedema.
- Dance Film – creative and technical study.
- Presentation related to a University Scholars award.
- Creative work exploring and exhibiting the choreographer's concept of collaboration.

¹ For helpful information see the following: <http://cooperseng101.wordpress.com/syllabus-part-2-course-outline/mla-guidelines-for-quoting/>

Evaluation

The general criteria for BA assessment will apply to the overall project and written paper. The BA Senior Project should be a clear and articulate integration of the student's areas of interest and studies in Dance as well as other major, minor, and certificate studies.

Grading Rubric

	Exemplary = A/A	Satisfactory = B/B C+/C	Unsatisfactory = C and below
Content Develops competency in the terminology, concepts, methodologies, and theories of dance studies and knowledge of varied applications of dance.	Commands an exceptional disciplinary fluency to freshly interpret and advance knowledge.	Develops adequate disciplinary competency to effectively interpret knowledge.	Student fails to develop effective disciplinary competency.
Critical Thinking Analyzes and fosters dance studies inquiry in correlation with diverse creative, historical, social, cultural perspectives, and/or other disciplinary perspectives.	Demonstrates exemplary ability to recognize, probe, and develop relationships between dance and varied disciplines.	Demonstrates ability to recognize, probe, and develop relationships between dance and varied disciplines.	Fails to demonstrate ability to probe and develop relationships between dance and varied disciplines.
Communication Develops and articulates in writing and/or practice applications of dance studies.	Innovatively applies dance studies and communicates analyses with exceptional effectiveness.	Realizes a solid level of application and effectively communicates analyses.	Does not realize a solid level of dance studies application and analyses.

***No grades of incomplete will be given without the adherence to College of the Arts guidelines and administrative approval.**

Honors Thesis

Depending on your approach to your quantitative, qualitative, and/or creative research, as well as your GPA, it is possible that this Senior Project paper can be converted into a research paper that will put you in good stead for graduation with high or highest honors should your GPA warrant such recognition. Your Dance History paper could also be used. This usually requires adapting or reconfiguring a portion of your creative research into a focused research topic. Typically, the Senior Project paper, by itself, would not be acceptable for this level of consideration. High/Highest honors papers also require a faculty mentor, as well as a second reader.

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 <https://career.ufl.edu/>
- Library Support: <https://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/> ask 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. <https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>
- Writing Studio: 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. <https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>
 - Student Complaints On-Campus: <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/>
- On-Line Students Complaints: <https://distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process/>

Health and Wellness

- **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.
- **Hitchcock Field & Fork Food Pantry**

"The Alan and Cathy Hitchcock Field and Fork Pantry is a resource on the University of Florida campus committed to eradicating food insecurity... If you or anyone you know is experiencing food insecurity, the Pantry is a resource to visit. They offer non-perishable food, toiletries and fresh vegetables grown at the Field and Fork Gardens to provide a well-balanced diet... Guests do not need any proof of need to use this resource, all that is needed is a Gator 1 ID to prove you are a current Student, Faculty or Staff at the University of Florida."

Location 520 Newell Drive (Off of North Lawn)

Contact 352-294-3601

Website <https://pantry.fieldandfork.ufl.edu>

Instagram @fieldandforkuf

UF Policies

Online Privacy Statement

Our class sessions may be audio visually recorded for students in the class to refer back and for enrolled students who are unable to attend live. Students who participate with their camera engaged or utilize a profile image are agreeing to

have their video or image recorded. If you are unwilling to consent to have your profile or video image recorded, be sure to keep your camera off and do not use a profile image. Likewise, students who unmute during class and participate orally are agreeing to have their voices recorded. If you are not willing to consent to have your voice recorded during class, you will need to keep your mute button activated and communicate exclusively using the "chat" feature, which allows students to type questions and comments live. The chat will not be recorded or shared. As in all courses, unauthorized recording and unauthorized sharing of recorded materials is prohibited.

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 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. 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.

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.

THIS SYLLABUS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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

FALL 2022 DANCE CALENDAR

AUGUST

24 W – first day of classes + *Cabaret* Auditions, 5:30-11pm
25 R – SoTD Convocation, 4-5p
25 R – Dance Production auditions (*Agbedidi* + *Dance 2023* concerts), 6:30-8:30pm
25 R + 26 F – *Cabaret* Callback Auditions
26 F – Dance Area Welcome Meeting (w/improvisation) 10:40a-12:10p
29 M – BFA Showcase Auditions, 6:30-8pm

SEPTEMBER

2 F - Coordinators Meeting 1-2pm

5 M – no classes for Labor Day
18 SU Dance Wellness Screening
26 M – BFA Showcase UnShowing, 6:30-8pm

29 R thru M Oct 3 - DIAS guest artist residency with Andrea Ward BFA Dance 2017 - www.andreaward.org

OCTOBER

1 Sat - UF HealthStreet Night of Dance (Bo Diddley Plaza, downtown Gainesville), 4-6pm
7 F - HOMECOMING, no classes
11 T - SoTD Town Hall Meeting 1-2:15pm
17 M – Dance Area Open Conversation, 6:30-8:30pm
21 F thru 30 SU – *Cabaret* Performances
21 BFA Program Audition
27 – BodyVox Masterclass, 10:40am @ Studio G6
27 - [BodyVox @ UFPA](#), 7:30pm
28 F – Friday master class with Health and Safety Committee orientation for Load-in / Strike
28 F + 29 SA – Young Dancers Workshop

NOVEMBER

2 W thru 6 SU – Fall BFA Showcase Performances
7 M – no classes for post-performance day of rest
11 F – no classes for Veterans' Day
14 M – Open UnShowing #3?
23 W thru 27 SU – no classes for Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

1 Th - [Chicago @ UFPA](#), 7:30 pm
2 F thru 4 SU – *Agbedidi*
5 M - no classes for post-performance day of rest
5 M - 6 T - Critical Response Appt's: First-semester BFA and BA students (including transfer students) and third-year BFA students
6 T – Senior CRA's and/ or Final UnShowing and Senior Circle, 6:30-8:30pm
7 W – last day of classes
7 W - Senior CRA's and/ or Final UnShowing and Senior Circle, 6:30-8:30pm