

DAN 4920: Summer Dance Intensive Dance

M,T,W,TH,F | Period 5-6

2:00-4:45pm

CON G006

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Course Description:

This course investigates the profound impact that dance can have on the health and vitality of individuals and communities. Students will study the history and etiology of dance in healthcare, gaining an understanding of its evolving role in promoting physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Through both theoretical and practical frameworks, students will examine how dance is utilized in various therapeutic contexts and explore innovative ways to adapt dance practices for diverse populations, including those with physical, emotional, or cognitive challenges.

With an emphasis on the creative process, this course encourages students to imagine and develop purposeful approaches to choreography and performance that promote health, healing, and connection. By integrating concepts from health, wellness, and dance, students will develop the skills necessary to create meaningful dance experiences that contribute to personal and communal vitality.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the historical context and evolution of dance in healthcare settings.
- Explore the therapeutic and health benefits of dance for individuals and communities.
- Develop strategies for adapting dance practices to meet the needs of various populations.
- Engage in the creative process to design choreographic works that promote well-being.
- Reflect critically on the role of dance in enhancing health and vitality through performance.

Course Website:

We will use a UF E-Learning Canvas course website for communications and accessing course materials. **You are expected to check the website and your email between class meetings. Make sure you're able to receive announcements.**

Required Materials: Readings as assigned and will be available on Canvas.

Recommended Text:

- *Creative Dance for All Ages -Ann Green Gilbert*
- *The Creative Act : A Way of Being – Rick Rubin*

Course Policies:

1. Attendance: Class attendance is expected. You have one unexcused absence allowed per semester.

Each unexcused absence thereafter will result in a 5 point reduction from the “active participation” grade. Excused absences are consistent with university policies in the undergraduate catalog.

(<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>) and require appropriate documentation.

2. Tardy. A tardy will be awarded if a student is more than **5 minutes late** to class. 3 tardies will result in an unexcused absence.
3. Communication: It is the student's responsibility to communicate with the instructor promptly concerning any circumstances that might affect his or her participation in the course. Please do not let any questions or concerns you have go unattended. It is the instructor's intention to respond to all email communication within 48 hours, excluding weekends.
4. Spontaneity: Due to the experiential nature of this course, the instructor retains the right to alter this syllabus as needed to accommodate class pace, interests, and/or special challenges or opportunities that may arise.
5. Use of technology: In order for all of us to have a positive experience in this course, we must all demonstrate respect for each other and maintain appropriate attention within the course. No texting will be permitted during class, and phones, laptops, iPads, or other devices may be used only when indicated by the instructor.
6. Adhere to standards of academic honesty per university guidelines.

EVALUATION OF GRADES

Assignment	Total Points	Percentage of Final Grade
Attendance	30	30%
Active Participation	50	50%
Community Facilitation	10	10%
Community Performance	10	10%
Total	100	100%

Course Grading Scale

A 94-100%

A- 91-93%

B+ 88-90%

B 84-87%

B- 81-83%

C+ 78-80%

C 74-77%

C- 71-73%

D+ 68-70%

D 64-67%

D- 61-63%

UF Grading Scale

Letter Grade	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E, I, NG, S-U, WF
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Grade Points	4.0	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	.67	0.00
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UF Grading Policies: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/>

UF Policies

UF Policies for Getting Help

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

Students Requiring Accommodations

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.

Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students on the Gator Evals page.

University Honesty Policy

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. 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.

Software Use

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Student Privacy

There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see the Notification to Students of FERPA Right

Campus Resources:

Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care:

If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu or 352 392-1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.

Counseling and Wellness Center: counseling.ufl.edu/cwc, and 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS) Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

University Police Department at 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies), or police.ufl.edu.

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.

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/ 352-273-4450.

Academic Resources

E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learningsupport@ufl.edu. **Career Connections Center**, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling.

Library Support, Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.

Writing Studio, 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.

Student Complaints Campus On-Line Students Complaints