

# **DAN2100: Dance Appreciation for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

## **I. General Information**

Meeting Day/Time:

- Section 2733 (11519) Location: SOC 1450 O'Dome Orange and Blue Room | Wednesday 10:40a-11:30a

Primary General Education Designation: [Humanities \(H\)](#)

Secondary General Education Designation: [International \(N\)](#)

(Note: A minimum grade of C is required for general education)

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- Syllabi are posted at COTA website under: *Student & Parents*:  
<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>
- Course Materials:
  - 📖 Required text: “Appreciating Dance: A Guide to the World’s Liveliest Art”  
by Harriet Lihs and The Editors of Dance Horizons

### **Important Academic Dates:**

- First day of classes: 8/21
  - (Drop/Add and Late Registration: 8/21 – 8/27)
- No classes
  - Labor Day: 9/1
  - Homecoming: 10/17

- Veterans Day: 11/11
- Thanksgiving Break: 11/24-11/29
- **Last day classes:** 12/3

## Course Description

This course surveys the development of dance as an art form within human culture. The course focuses on seminal dance works, including the western canon, while cultivating an understanding of dance's historical, artistic, and cultural significance. Students explore major periods of dance history, choreographic masterworks, current dance trends, and influential choreographers and performers, all through readings, discussions, media presentations, live performances, and accessible movement laboratories. No prior dance experience is required.

## Required & Recommended Course Materials

- **“Appreciating Dance: A Guide to the World’s Liveliest Art” by Harriet Lihs and The Editors of Dance Horizons**
- Additional readings available online and/or through Course Reserves

## II. Graded Work

### Description of Graded Work

#### Attendance

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/>.

#### Participation

Your full participation in each activity is essential to successful completion of the course. These activities include:

- 1 Participate in online class activities such as reading/listening to lectures, viewing of videos as assigned, completing assigned readings, responding to lecture questions.
- 2 Participate in the web discussions.
- 3 Take quizzes on modules as indicated throughout the course.
- 4 Complete mid-term and final projects.
- 5 Participate in the Virtual Movement Labs. Virtual lab students will submit responses to the lab assignments through quizzes or video submission.
- 6 View required virtual performances. Submit the assigned assessment with your responses.
- 7 Participate in peer evaluation of projects and take course evaluations.

#### Quizzes (14%).

Quizzes will include questions about video/audio lectures, presentations, and readings. Students may not take the quiz after the assigned due date. Since this class is online, university holidays do not affect due dates. You are encouraged in such cases to post early to enjoy your holiday and to have the possibility of technical assistance if necessary. Some quizzes will use PlayPosit which provides interactions within the online videos. When you click on a video thumbnail, the

PlayPosit video will open in a new tab for you to watch and complete the interactions (e.g., multiple choice questions, discussion forums, polling surveys, reflective pauses, etc.)  
(SLOs: Content, Critical Thinking, Communication)

### **Discussions (26%)**

You will be responsible for participating in discussions with your peers. When Drop/Add ends, the class will be divided up into discussion groups. You will be prompted to respond to articles, videos and other course material. Always post early to ensure you have time to get technical assistance if necessary. Don't forget to review the calendar or to-do list for exact due dates. Select the icon in the upper-right corner to view detailed grading criteria and choose "show rubric." Partial or no points may be awarded for late posts or responses.

Class discussions will use Perusall - a collaborative annotation tool which helps you master readings faster, understand the material better, and get more out of your classes.  
(SLOs: Content, Critical Thinking, Communication)

### **Movement Labs (20%)**

During this class, there will be many things that can be learned by watching live and videotaped performances, listening to the lectures, and reading the text. However, there are some aspects of dance that are best when experienced personally. In the Hybrid section, to complete the live movement lab assignment, there is a weekly meeting time in the School of Theatre and Dance studios. The 100% online section will participate in pre-recorded "virtual labs" - you will watch an instructional video from one of the School of Theatre and Dance professors then complete the corresponding assignment.

(SLOs: Content, Critical Thinking, Communication)

### **Midterm Project (15%)**

This module will serve as a review of past modules. It will provide the opportunity for collaboration and peer review. You will be able to dive deeper into your specific topic. Students will also be asked to reflect on the course content and assess their progress thus far.

In this module, you will be placed in your midterm project groups. You will learn the topic assigned to your group and start to prepare to develop your PowerPoint presentation. You will choose your own subtopic of the dance style assigned to your group. This will allow you to review course content and delve deeper into the dance style assigned to your group. Once you have chosen your personal subtopic, you will review course material and go a little deeper into the social, cultural, and political influences and the people that shaped the evolution of dance.

(SLOs: Content, Critical Thinking, Communication)

### **Final Project (25%)**

The Final Project for DAN 2100 Dance Appreciation for the 21st Century challenges you to apply what you have learned about the multifaceted and culturally diverse nature of dance and to use your imagination towards the creation of a repertoire (French term often used in English for "repertory") company of which you are the artistic director! This assignment assesses what you

have learned during the course in terms of aesthetic stances and stylistic characteristics of the many genres of dance you have studied. (SLOs: Content, Critical Thinking, Communication)

The assignments in this course are designed to help you develop writing, analytical, and critical thinking skills. As a course requirement it is expected that you will perform work for this class without the assistance of any artificial intelligence (AI) technology such as ChatGPT and Grammarly. **Therefore, if you submit assignments that have utilized an AI generator (in whole or part) you will be treated as having engaged in academic dishonesty.**

To be abundantly clear, while AI technology is new and constantly evolving, please know that using ChatGPT or any other AI text generator to assist in writing your papers, or completing other written assignments, is construed as plagiarism and will be treated as such. Those found to have engaged in such academic misconduct may be subject to any additional sanctions listed in the student code. (see Section 3a, 3e, 3f, & 3h of [Student Honor Code](#) and [Student Conduct Code](#) as well as the definition of entity)

### Grading Scale

For information on how UF assigns grade points, visit: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/>

Percentage	Grade	Grade Points
93 – 100%	A	4.00
90 – 92.99%	A-	3.67
87 – 89.99%	B+	3.33
82 – 86.99%	B	3.00
79 – 81.99%	B-	2.67
76 – 78.99%	C+	2.33
70 – 75.99%	C	2.00
67 – 69.99%	C-	1.67
64 – 66.99%	D+	1.33
59 – 63.99%	D	1.00
56 – 58.99%	D-	0.67
55% or below	E	0.00

## III. Annotated Weekly Schedule

Week	Topic	Reading/Assignment Notes	Lecture	Assignments
<b>Week 1</b>				
	<b>Orientation and Module 1: What is Dance? What is Culture?</b>	Module content & Required textbook: Chapter 1	Videos: A-Z of Dance, Dance Movement Therapy: Analyzing Body Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orientation Quiz,</li> <li>• Module 1 Discussion</li> <li>• Movement Observation Lab Quiz</li> </ul>
<b>Week 2</b>				
	<b>Module 2: The Body, Laban, and Alexander</b>	Module content	Lectures: "LMA," "Alexander Technique"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Module 2 Quiz,</li> <li>• LMA Movement Lab</li> <li>• Making the Most of Learning with Perusall</li> </ul>
<b>Week 3</b>				
	<b>Module 3: The Dancer: Improvisation</b>	Module content & "Between Minds and Bodies..."	Lecture: "How to Talk About Dance" Video: "Open Cypher"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Module 3 Discussion</li> <li>• Improvisation Movement Lab</li> <li>• BESS assignment (extra credit)</li> </ul>
<b>Week 4</b>				
	<b>Module 4: Aesthetics: West African Dance</b>	Module content & "Commonalities in African Dance: An Aesthetic Foundations," & Required text: Chapter 2, pp 11-15	Lecture: "Aesthetics: West African Dance Overview" Videos: "African Dance: Dundunda #4 Community African Drum and Dance Party", "The Spiritual Nature of African Dance"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Module 4 Discussion</li> <li>• West African Dance Movement Lab</li> </ul>
<b>Week 5</b>				
	<b>Module 5: Aesthetic, Society, and History: Ballet</b>	Module content, "Ballet as Ideology: Giselle Act 2" & Required textbook: Chapter 4, pp 54-65	Two versions of "Giselle" and two versions of "Swan Lake"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Module 5 Discussion</li> <li>• Ballet Movement Lab</li> </ul>
<b>Week 6</b>				

	<b>Module 6: Inspiration and Appropriation: Modern</b>	Module content, Required textbook: Chapter 4 pp 66-82, Chapter 5 pp 91-109	Video: “The Four Temperaments”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ballet Quiz</li> <li>• Modern Quiz</li> <li>• Modern Movement Lab</li> </ul>
<b>Week 7</b>				
	<b>Module 7: What is Jazz Dance?</b>	2 chapters from <i>Jazz Dance: History of the Roots and Branches</i> (PDF on Canvas) & Required text: Chapter 6 pp 117-127	Videos: 3 video examples of appropriation, approximation, and assimilation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Module 7 Discussion</li> <li>• Jazz Movement Lab</li> </ul>
<b>Week 8</b>				
	<b>Module 8: Afro-Brazilian</b>	Module content & “Mentoring Notes on African Diaspora Dance Styles and Continuity”	Videos: “History of Samba and its African Roots,” Carnival Salvador de Bahia, Brasil”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Module 8 Discussion</li> <li>• Module 8 Quiz</li> <li>• Afro-Brazilian Movement Lab</li> <li>• Mid-course Survey</li> </ul>
<b>Week 9</b>				
	<b>Module 9: Midterm Project Part 1</b>	Module content and midterm project instructions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial Post of subtopic</li> <li>• Research and create presentation slides.</li> </ul>
<b>Week 10</b>				
	<b>Module 10: Midterm Project Part 2</b>	Module content and midterm project instructions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post Group PowerPoint</li> <li>• View and discuss other groups’ presentations</li> </ul>
<b>Week 11</b>				
	<b>Module 11: Dance and Technology/Contemporary</b>	Module content & “Contemporary vs. Contemporary Dance,” “How Are Dance Artists Using AI...,” “Forsythe Motion Bank”	Video: “Choreographic Objects”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Module 11 Discussion</li> <li>• Contemporary Movement Lab</li> </ul>
<b>Week 12</b>				
	<b>Module 12: The Design Process</b>	No readings	Lectures: “Costume Design” and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Module 12 Discussion</li> <li>• Module 12 Quizzes</li> </ul>

			"Lighting Design"	• No Movement Lab
<b>Week 13</b>				
	<b>Module 13: Composition</b>	Module content & Axis Article from <i>Dance Teacher</i> , "Choreography": A Basic Approach Using Improvisation"	Lecture: "The Choreographic Process," Videos/online readings on individual choreographers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Module 13 Quiz</li> <li>• Module 13 Discussion</li> <li>• Composition Movement Lab</li> <li>• End of Course Survey</li> </ul>
<b>Week 14</b>				
	<b>Module 14: Creating a Repertoire</b>	Module content and final project instructions	n/a	• Final Project
	<b>Module 15: Project and Evaluation</b>	Module content and final project instructions	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Project Discussion</li> <li>• Ppt presentation, peer responses.</li> </ul>
	<b>Extra Credit</b>	Extra Credit Module	Submit BESS Analysis from Module 3	Extra Credit (10)

## IV. Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

*At the end of "Dance Appreciation for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," students will be able to...*

- *Content –*
  - Identify and describe major periods in the history of dance and key choreographic pieces, including notable works from the western canon.
  - Demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between dance, human culture, and the broader historical context.

**(Content SLOs for Gen Ed H and N [\[available here\]](#)). These outcomes will be assessed** through participation in discussion, movement labs, quizzes, midterm project, and final project.

- *Critical Thinking –*
  - Analyze the contributions of significant choreographers and performers, evaluating their impact on the development of dance as an art form.
  - Engage in critical discussions about the aesthetic, cultural, and social relevance of dance throughout history.

**(Critical Thinking SLOs for Gen Ed H and N [\[available here\]](#)). These outcomes will be assessed** through participation in discussions, movement labs, quizzes, midterm project, performance viewing, and final project.

- *Communication* –
  - Apply critical thinking skills, movement description, and appropriate historical/aesthetic contexts to evaluate dance performances, supporting informed interpretations.
  - Participate in movement laboratories to experience dance principles firsthand, fostering an appreciation for the form's artistic and physical components.

**(Communication SLO for Gen Ed H and N [available here]). These outcomes will be assessed** through participation in discussions, performance viewing, and movement labs

## V. Required Policies

### Attendance Policy

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>.

### Students Requiring Accommodation

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the Disability Resource Center by visiting <https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/>. 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.

### UF Evaluations Process

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online. Students can complete evaluations in three ways:

1. The email they receive from GatorEvals,
2. Their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or
3. The central portal at <https://my-ufl.bluera.com>

• Guidance on how to provide constructive feedback is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

### 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 (<https://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 or TAs in this class.



## Counseling and Wellness Center

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

## The Writing Studio

The writing studio is committed to helping University of Florida students meet their academic and professional goals by becoming better writers. Visit the writing studio online at <http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/> or in 2215 Turlington Hall for one-on-one consultations and workshops.

## VI. Minimum Technology Requirements

The University of Florida expects students entering an online program to acquire computer hardware and software appropriate to their degree program. Most computers are capable of meeting the following general requirements. A student's computer configuration should include:

- Webcam
- Microphone
- Broadband connection to the internet and related equipment (cable/DSL modem)
- Microsoft Office Suite installed (provided by the university)

Individual colleges may have additional requirements or recommendations, which students should review before starting their program.

### Minimum Technical Skills

To complete your tasks in this course, you will need a basic understanding of operating a computer and using word processing software.

### Netiquette and Communication Courtesy

It is important to recognize that the online classroom is in fact a classroom, and certain behaviors are expected when you communicate with both your peers and your instructors. These guidelines for online behavior and interaction are known as netiquette.

### Security

Remember that your password is the only thing protecting you from pranks or more serious harm.

- Don't share your password with anyone.
- Change your password if you think someone else might know it.
- Always log out when you are finished using the system.

### 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 education 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 deliver by an 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 presentation 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 guest 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.

## General Guidelines

When communicating online:

- Treat the instructor with respect, even via email or in any other online communication.
- Always use your professors’ proper title: Dr. or Prof., or if you are unsure use Mr. or Ms.
- Unless specifically invited, don’t refer to a professor by their first name.
- Use clear and concise language.
- Remember that all college-level communication should have correct spelling and grammar.
- Avoid slang terms such as “wassup?” and texting abbreviations such as “u” instead of “you.”
- Use standard fonts such as Times New Roman and use a size 12 or 14 point font.
- Avoid using the caps lock feature AS IT CAN BE INTERPRETED AS YELLING.
- Limit and possibly avoid the use of emoticons like :) .
- Be cautious when using humor or sarcasm as tone is sometimes lost in an email or discussion post and your message might be taken seriously or be construed as being offensive.
- Be careful with personal information (both yours and others).
- Do not send confidential information via email.

## Email

When you send an email to your instructor, teaching assistant, or classmates:

- Use a descriptive subject line.
- Be brief.
- Avoid attachments unless you are sure your recipients can open them.
- Avoid HTML in favor of plain text.
- Sign your message with your name and return email address.

- Think before you send the email to more than one person. Does everyone really need to see your message?
- Be sure you REALLY want everyone to receive your response when you click, "Reply All."
- Be sure that the message author intended for the information to be passed along before you click the "Forward" button.

## Discussion Boards

When posting on the discussion board in your online class:

- Check to see if anyone already asked your question and received a reply before posting to the discussion board.
- Remember your manners and say please and thank you when asking something of your classmates or instructor.
- Be open-minded.
- If you ask a question and many people respond, summarize all posts for the benefit of the class.
- When posting:
  - Make posts that are on-topic and within the scope of the course material.
  - Be sure to read all messages in a thread before replying.
  - Be as brief as possible while still making a thorough comment.
  - Don't repeat someone else's post without adding something of your own to it.
  - Take your posts seriously. Review and edit your posts before sending.
  - Avoid short, generic replies such as, "I agree." You should include why you agree or add to the previous point.
  - If you refer to something that was said in an earlier post, quote a few key lines so readers do not have to go back and figure out which post you are referring to.
  - Always give proper credit when referencing or quoting another source.
  - If you reply to a classmate's question make sure your answer is correct, don't guess.
  - Always be respectful of others' opinions even when they differ from your own.
  - When you disagree with someone, you should express your differing opinion in a respectful, non-critical way.
  - Do not make personal or insulting remarks.
  - Do not write anything sarcastic or angry, it always backfires.
  - Do not type in ALL CAPS, if you do IT WILL LOOK LIKE YOU ARE YELLING.

## VII. Getting Help: Technical Difficulties

For help with technical issues or difficulties with Canvas, please contact the UF Computing Help Desk at:

- <http://helpdesk.ufl.edu>
- 352-392-HELP (4357)
- Walk-in: HUB 132

Any requests for make-ups (assignments, exams, etc.) due to technical issues should be accompanied by the ticket number received from the UF Computing Help Desk when the problem was reported to them. The ticket number will document the time and date of the problem. You should email your instructor within 24 hours of the technical difficulty if you wish to request a make-up.

## VIII. Privacy and Accessibility Policies

- Instructure (Canvas)
  - [Instructure Privacy Policy](#)
  - [Instructure Accessibility](#)
- Perusall
  - [Perusall Privacy Policy](#)
  - [Perusall Accessibility](#)
- PlayPosit
  - [PlayPosit Privacy Policy](#)
  - [PlayPosit Accessibility](#)
- YouTube (Google)
  - [YouTube \(Google\) Privacy Policy](#)
  - [YouTube \(Google\) Accessibility](#)
- Sonic Foundry (Mediasite Streaming Video Player)
  - [Sonic Foundry Privacy Policy](#)
  - [Sonic Foundry Accessibility \(PDF\)](#)
- Zoom
  - [Zoom Privacy Policy](#)
  - [Zoom Accessibility](#)

## Campus Resources:

### Health and Wellness

- U Matter, We Care: If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto: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.