

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY FACULTY OF ARTS SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS – DANCE

Dance 433 - Creative Process IV: Choreography Session: Winter 2020

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Office Hours	W 12:30-2, or by appointment				
Day(s),Time(s) and	MW 2-3:50, KNA 163				
Location of Class					
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Materials					
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presentation of a final project, which will be presented on April 6-7, 2020. This project will involve a group work (3-4 dancers max) of an 8-10 minute work. At the end of the semester, you must demonstrate to me that these pieces are ready for performance. That means that they have been deeply explored, fleshed out, and polished for performance. They will have gone through a full development, a thorough revisions process, and a thoughtful direction of dancers. The deadlines for this project are as follows:

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5) A final assessment component of this course includes a formal written press release (10% of your grade) that promotes your final project, as well as a 1-2 page statement addressing major discoveries made through the process and future plans for revision of your final project. This assignment will be due on April 15th.

REVISED COURSE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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Whichever project was the one that you would have moved forward with, will have an additional 5% added for the 'final showing' listed above.

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- 5) Your final project for this class (now worth 15% of your grade) will be based on a combined reading/viewing assignment and a GROUP OBJECT STUDY that you will undertake. Specifically, you will watch Jerome Bel's evening-length work, name given by author (http://www.jeromebel.fr/index.php?p=2&s=1&ctid=8), and you will read the article 'For Whom the Bell Tolls' in preparation for your study and to be discussed in class on March 25th. Then, you will create a 7-8 minute work based on your own body in space in relation to and working with multiple objects as if they were the main performers. Feel free to use text and sound as needed. Drafts of this work are due on the following dates (and must be uploaded to D2L by 10 am on the due date):

April 1 – Draft 1 (minimum of 5 minutes)

April 8 – Draft 2 (5%)

April 15 – Final draft (10%)

Two important notes:

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Assessment expectations

Expectations for Writing

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Late Assignments

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Expectations for Attendance and Participation

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- Students are responsible for any and all material missed during an absence. If you sustain a significant injury during the term that will impact your participation for longer than a week's worth of classes and if this injury is verified by a medical practitioner's note, your case will be submitted to the Dance Division Committee to address your situation.

Grading scale

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The following numerical rubric will be applied:

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<u>C+</u>	77.6- 79.9	С	72.6-77.5	C-	70-72.5
<u>D+</u>	67.6-69.9	D	62.6-67.5	F	0-62.5

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