



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS
DNCE 207 Elementary Contemporary Dance I
Fall 2021

Instructor Office Email Office Hours	Wojciech Mochniej Craigie Hall, D519 w.mochniej@ucalgary.ca , By appointment
Day(s),time(s) and location of Class	Aux Gym, TTh 10-11:50
Learning resources: required readings, textbooks and materials	Learning resources are performance experiences attended outside of class. Supplemental materials will be posted on D2L
Learning Technologies and Requirements	<p>There is a D2L site for this course which contains required readings and other relevant class resources and materials (see d2l.ucalgary.ca).</p> <p>In order to successfully engage in their learning experiences at the University of Calgary, students taking online, remote and blended courses are required to have reliable access to the following technology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates; • A current and updated web browser; • Webcam (built-in or external); • Microphone and speaker (built-in or external) or headset with microphone; • Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled; • Broadband internet connection. <p>Most current laptops will have a built-in webcam, speaker and microphone.</p>
Prerequisites	Dance 205 and audition or admission to the Dance major.
Course description	<p>Elementary study of techniques of contemporary dance.</p> <p>The term contemporary dance includes a number of approaches, styles and philosophies toward performance, choreography, and training. The work that you experience in a contemporary dance class or dance concert will vary. Each artist/teacher brings his or her history, artistry, philosophy and methodology. My approach is based on principles of Polish physical theatre, release technique, Gyrokinesis, body-mind centering and contact improvisation. I propose a path toward organic movement; a dynamic exploration and experience of the body in space.</p> <p>This course will focus on developing your foundational skills and artistic abilities as dancers. In addition to artistic presentation, technical skill, and body conditioning, we will be engaging in basic improvisation and creation exercises to expand our understanding of dance and our sensitivity to our own dancing instrument. We will incorporate alternative training and somatic methods such as Gyrokinesis.</p>

	Students will be encouraged to display tangible changes in their approach, to embody a strong work ethic and demonstrate an understanding of how to put concepts discussed or experienced in class into their body, from class to class, week to week.
Course learning outcomes	By the completion of this course, successful students will have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased their kinesthetic awareness and attention to movement detail 2. Begun to use momentum, weight and force with efficiency 3. Developed increased spatial clarity 4. Increased their understanding of dynamic alignment and support 5. Become better aware of their anatomical structure 6. Increased their range in qualities of motion and dynamics, producing more readily and easily, specific textures, qualities, and sensations as they move 7. Learned to vary their application of phrasing and musicality 8. Become aware of their individual training needs and built an appropriate warm up and cool down to address their individual readiness needs
Course schedule	See below for assignments Guest Artist: November 16 and 18th
Assessment components	<p>1. 40% Skill –ongoing –Technical Proficiency, Clarity, Artistry, and Presentation– The student will be assessed on their technical development in class on an ongoing basis. <i>Individual meetings on October 19 and 21 during class time to discuss progress.</i></p> <p>2. 40% Learning Approach and Participation –ongoing– – Attitude, Commitment, Progress, Ability to Assimilate Information, Attendance– A significant part of the grade will be based on participation. By participating, we mean not only showing up for class, but attending to the material at hand. Effort shows and we will be sure to take note of those fully engaged in the class.</p> <p>3. 10% Show Attendance – final submission deadline: December 2 2021 All students must attend, live or online: 2 contemporary dance performances (suggestions posted on D2L), as well as 1 drama performance, 1 music performance and 1 art event. If you are unsure of the type or validity of a performance/event, please consult the instructor prior to purchasing your ticket. Once all 5 shows have been attended, ticket stubs or receipts must be submitted in on D2L, along with 150-word reflections within 7 days of each attended event.</p> <p>4. 10% Final Movement Assignment – Will be presented in class, content discussed in class and detailed on D2L.</p>
Assessment expectations	<p><u>Guidelines for Submitting Assignments:</u> Performance reflections will be submitted on D2L. Final movement assignment is presented in class.</p> <p><u>Missed or Late Assignments:</u> Students are expected to submit assignments on or before the due dates specified above. A student should contact their instructor in the event that they are unable</p>

	<p>to complete assignments on time. Late assignments will carry a penalty of 10% per day (or per class in the case of an in-class assignment.)</p> <p><u>Attendance and Participation Expectations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A significant part of your grade is based on participation. Participation means not only showing up for class, but also attending to the material at hand with effort and engagement. • With regard to participation, classes are considered equivalent to assignments. Thus, more than 2 absences per term will have an adverse effect on your final grade. • If you miss more than one week of classes, your final grade will begin to drop by as much as 10% per missed class. • If you miss more than two weeks of classes, you have the potential to fail the course. • If you show up late for or leave early from class, this will be counted as half an absence. • If for some reason you are feeling unwell during class time, a substitute form of participation may be arranged; however, <i>you may not obtain this privilege more than once</i> and you will receive half an absence. • For studio courses, if you opt out of full participation and choose to sit for a portion of the class, this will be counted as non-participation and will be marked as half an absence. • Students are responsible for any and all material missed during an absence. <p>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.</p> <p><u>Expectations for Writing:</u></p> <p>Writing skills are important to academic study across all disciplines. Consequently, instructors may use their assessment of writing quality as a factor in the evaluation of student work. Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.2 Writing Across the Curriculum policy for details.</p>												
Grading scale	<p>For the course as a whole, letter grades should be understood as follows, as outlined in section F.1.Grading System and Transcripts of the Calendar: https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f-1.html.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A grade of "C-" or below may not be sufficient for promotion or graduation, see specific faculty regulations. • The number of "D" and "D+" grades acceptable for credit is subject to specific undergraduate faculty promotional policy. <p>FOR DANCE COURSES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following numerical rubric will be applied: <table border="0"> <tr> <td>A+ 97.6-100</td> <td>A 92.6-97.5</td> <td>A- 90-92.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B+ 87.6-89.9</td> <td>B 82.6-87.5</td> <td>B- 80-82.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C+ 77.6- 79.9</td> <td>C 72.6-77.5</td> <td>C- 70-72.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D+ 67.6-69.9</td> <td>D 62.6-67.5</td> <td>F 0-62.5</td> </tr> </table>	A+ 97.6-100	A 92.6-97.5	A- 90-92.5	B+ 87.6-89.9	B 82.6-87.5	B- 80-82.5	C+ 77.6- 79.9	C 72.6-77.5	C- 70-72.5	D+ 67.6-69.9	D 62.6-67.5	F 0-62.5
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Guidelines for Zoom Sessions	<p>Zoom is a video conferencing program that will allow us to meet at specific times for a "live" video conference, so that we can have the opportunity to meet each other virtually and discuss relevant course topics as a learning community.</p>												

	<p>To help ensure Zoom sessions are private, do not share the Zoom link or password with others, or on any social media platforms. Zoom links and passwords are only intended for students registered in the course. Zoom recordings and materials presented in Zoom, including any teaching materials, must not be shared, distributed or published without the instructor’s permission.</p> <p>The use of video conferencing programs relies on participants to act ethically, honestly and with integrity; and in accordance with the principles of fairness, good faith, and respect (as per the Code of Conduct). When entering Zoom or other video conferencing sessions (such as MS Teams), you play a role in helping create an effective, safe and respectful learning environment. Please be mindful of how your behaviour in these sessions may affect others. Participants are required to use names officially associated with their UCID (legal or preferred names listed in the Student Centre) when engaging in these activities. Instructors/moderators can remove those whose names do not appear on class rosters. Non-compliance may be investigated under relevant University of Calgary conduct policies (e.g Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy). If participants have difficulties complying with this requirement, they should email the instructor of the class explaining why, so the instructor may consider whether to grant an exception, and on what terms. For more information on how to get the most out of your zoom sessions visit: https://elearn.ucalgary.ca/guidelines-for-zoom/.</p> <p>If you are unable to attend a Zoom session, please contact your instructor to arrange an alternative activity for the missed session (e.g., to review a recorded session). Please be prepared, as best as you are able, to join class in a quiet space that will allow you to be fully present and engaged in Zoom sessions. Students will be advised by their instructor when they are expected to turn on their webcam (for group work, presentations, etc.).</p> <p>The instructor may record online Zoom class sessions for the purposes of supporting student learning in this class – such as making the recording available for review of the session or for students who miss a session. Students will be advised before the instructor initiates a recording of a Zoom session. These recordings will be used to support student learning only and will not be shared or used for any other purpose.</p>
Academic Accommodation	<p>It is the student’s responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The Student Accommodations policy is available at https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations.</p> <p>Students needing an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities (https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf).</p> <p>Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfill requirements for a graduate degree, based on a Protected Ground other than Disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.</p> <p>SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/.</p>
Academic integrity, plagiarism	<p>Academic Misconduct refers to student behavior which compromises proper assessment of a student’s academic activities and includes: cheating; fabrication; falsification; plagiarism; unauthorized assistance; failure to comply with an instructor’s expectations regarding conduct required of students completing academic assessments in their courses; and failure to comply with exam regulations applied by the Registrar.</p> <p>For information on the Student Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedure please visit: https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Academic-Misconduct-Policy.pdf and https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Academic-Misconduct-</p>

	Procedure.pdf . Additional information is available on the Academic Integrity Website at https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity .
Internet and electronic communication device	The use of laptop and mobile devices is acceptable when used in a manner appropriate to the course and classroom activities. Please refrain from accessing websites and resources that may be distracting to you or for other learners during class time. Students are responsible for being aware of the University's Internet and email use policy, which can be found at https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Acceptable-Use-of-Electronic-Resources-and-Information-Policy.pdf .
Intellectual Property	Course materials created by instructors (including presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the instructor. These materials may NOT be reproduced, redistributed or copied without the explicit consent of the instructor. The posting of course materials to third party websites such as note-sharing sites without permission is prohibited. Sharing of extracts of these course materials with other students enrolled in the course at the same time may be allowed under fair dealing.
Copyright	All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright (https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Acceptable-Use-of-Material-Protected-by-Copyright-Policy.pdf) and requirements of the copyright act (https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html) to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorised sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html .
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy	Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice. Students' assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of Calgary.
Student Support	Please visit this link for important information on UCalgary's student wellness and safety resources: https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines