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DNCE 211: Introductory Jazz Dance I
Fall 2021

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Day(s),time(s) and location of Class	M/W 8:00 - 9:50AM Room KNA 163
Learning resources: required readings, textbooks and materials	Suggested videos and reading materials will be given throughout the course.
Learning Technologies and Requirements	There is a D2L site for this course which contains required readings and other relevant class resources and materials (see d2L.ucalgary.ca).
Prerequisites	N/A
Course description	<p>DNCE 211: Introductory study of the techniques of jazz dance. This course may not be repeated for credit.</p> <p>In this course students will delve into the rich history of jazz music and dance as a style rooted in African cultural traditions and influenced by a multitude of forms, cultures and movement vocabularies that to this day, contribute to expand and enrich the style as jazz continues to evolve.</p> <p>Through research and kinetic explorations this course will provide students with the intellectual and technical abilities required to recognize and understand the different types of jazz music and dance, and the deep correlation between music and movement. Students will be introduced to the particular elements of vernacular and modern jazz, and the relevance of improvisation as key element in the creative process and the development of a personal style within the jazz dance aesthetic.</p>

Course learning outcomes	<p>By the completion of this course, successful students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate an understanding of the history of jazz dance and music, appreciating the legacy of its pioneers. 2. Understand and appreciate the unique and intricate connection between jazz dance and jazz music. 3. Recognize the different time signatures, musical structures and types of jazz music. 4. Identify and embody the particular elements of vernacular and modern jazz dance aesthetics. 5. Understand the importance of improvisation and personal expression in jazz music and dance. 6. Improvise within the jazz dance aesthetic cultivating a personal style while demonstrating deep connection between rhythm, musicality and movement. 7. Improve coordination, awareness and control of the body and its energy in space. 8. Demonstrate growth and development of creative and performance skills. 9. Participate in collaborative and interactive learning experiences.
Course schedule	No classes: October 11, 2021 and November 8 - 12, 2020.

<p>Assessment components</p>	<p>This is a Pass/Fail course To achieve a passing grade, you must meet the course expectations, attendance requirements and complete all the assignments listed below.</p> <p><u>Assignment 1: Attendance and Participation</u> Assessment Method: Evaluated throughout the duration of the course Description: Students will be assessed on an on-going basis in each class. Attendance, commitment and participation in all aspects of the course are fundamental to your development and artistic growth. Keeping a class journal is recommended to record your observations, document exercises and music selections and continuously monitor your progress. Due to the experiential and cumulative nature of this course, absences and chronic lateness are unacceptable. Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.3 Attendance for details. Weight: Must be completed to pass Due Date: On-going September 8th - December 8th, 2021</p> <p><u>Assignment 2: Research and PowerPoint Presentation</u> Assessment Method: In-Class oral presentation Description: Oral group presentation about the history of jazz music and dance focusing on eras, pioneers and stylistic elements. Presentations should include images, videos and/or testimonials and must be uploaded to the Research and PowerPoint Presentation Dropbox Folder on D2L. Work load and responsibilities are to be shared among all the group participants during the research, preparation and presentation of the project. Maximum 4 participants per group. Length: 15 - 20 minutes per group. Weight: Must be completed to pass Due Date: October 6th, 2021</p> <p><u>Assignment 3: Proficiency and Development (Mid-Term Assessment)</u> Assessment Method: In-Class performance of set class material Description: Students will be evaluated on their performance of previously set class material demonstrating coordination, musicality, ability to memorize, body awareness, self expression and embodiment of the jazz dance aesthetic at the Introductory level. Weight: Must be completed to pass Due Date: November 3rd, 2021</p> <p><u>Assignment 4: Choreography and Performance (Final Project)</u> Assessment Method: In-Class choreographic presentation Description: Create a group jazz choreography reflecting the newly acquired musical and rhythmic sensitivity as well as movement versatility and creativity within the jazz dance aesthetic. Maximum 4 participants per group. Length: 1 - 3 minutes per group. Weight: Must be completed to pass Due Date: December 6th, 2021</p>
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<p>Assessment expectations</p>	<p><u>Guidelines for Submitting Assignments:</u> See above.</p> <p><u>Course Expectations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You are expected to work diligently, maintaining (to the best of your ability) whole body readiness for class. - You are expected to retain class material and demonstrate honest effort to improve your abilities and knowledge. - You are expected to engage in class discussions and group activities with professionalism and respect. - It is important that you are open to communication and exploration. These are key elements in your cognitive and artistic growth. - Students may be video recorded for assessment of students' development and/or self-assessment of teaching practices during lessons, midterm and final project. <p><u>Missed or Late Assignments:</u> Missed or late assignments are unacceptable; in case of extenuating circumstances please contact me.</p> <p><u>Attendance and Participation Expectations:</u></p> <p>FOR PASS/FAIL DNCE COURSES</p> <p>Due to the experiential nature of this course, classes are equivalent to assignment. Therefore, classes missed will be detrimental to the final grade. More than four (4) missed classes will result in a fail for the course.</p> <p>If you show up late for or leave early from class two (2) times, this will be counted as a full class absence.</p> <p>If for some reason you are feeling unwell during class time, a substitute form of participation may be arranged; however, you may not obtain this privilege more than once and you will receive half an absence.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Students are responsible for any and all material missed during an absence.</p> <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> 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>
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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: The following numerical rubric will be applied: 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</p>
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-Procedure.pdf. Additional information is available on the Academic Integrity Website at https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity.</p>
Internet and electronic communication device	<p>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.</p>
Intellectual Property	<p>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.</p>
Copyright	<p>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.</p>

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