



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS - DANCE
DNCE 307: Intermediate Contemporary Dance I
Session: Winter 2015

Instructor	Module 1: Milan Kozanek: January 12-February 26 th , 2015 Module 2: Katri Soini: March 1-April 14 th , 2015
Office	Craigie Hall D529
Email	TBA
Office Hours	by Appointment
Location and Time of class	KNA 163, MWF 12-13:50
Text(s)/Readings	Posted on D2L
Prerequisites	DNCE 305 or equivalent; by audition only
Supplementary Fees	Mandatory Supplementary Course Fee of \$78 Required.
Course Description	Intermediate study of the techniques of contemporary dance.
Course Objectives	<p>Our primary objectives are to increase the individual student's awareness and knowledge of her/his body, and to continue to develop skill and artistry in contemporary dance technique.</p> <p>At this level, the body should have established efficient foundational patterns for more complex movement assignments, and students will be held to that expectation in their presentation of class work, growth in their movement choices and aesthetic, and attitude towards their future as a contemporary artist.</p> <p>We will reinforce and develop skills with regard to articulation, presentation, strength, flexibility, alignment, phrase comprehension, quality differentiation, spatial and kinesthetic awareness, focus, transition, initiation, and rhythmic clarity. For many dance students this means continuing to reevaluate her/his understanding of previous training and becoming more aware of the capabilities, habits, and the potential of his/her own body.</p>
Course Activities	<p>This course will include warm-ups, floor work, and standing centre and across-the-floor phrase material with a focus on developing our artistic abilities as dancers. Besides working on artistic presentation, technical skills, and body conditioning exercises, we will be engaging in basic improvisation and composition exercises to expand our understanding of dance. Students in this class are also expected to articulate their understanding of dance through in-class discussions, multidisciplinary responses, and written assignments.</p> <p>We will be exploring contemporary dance from the perspective of inquiry. What this means is that we will uncover new questions and problems regarding movement performance and we will search for solutions to these queries in analytical,</p>

	<p>exploratory, and collaborative ways. In the search process, new issues will arise and we will develop a critical and inquisitive eye toward identifying and working through these issues. By the end of this course, you should discover new levels of awareness as well as new artistic skills that will expand your abilities as a performer.</p>
<p>Course Content</p>	<p>Activities: This course will include a warm-up, centre standing and floor exercises, and in some cases, across-the-floor phrase material all with a focus on developing our awareness and artistic abilities as dancers. Besides working on artistic presentation and technical skills in relation to an understanding of the function of aesthetics, we will be engaging in basic improvisational strategies and the use of imagery to expand our understanding of intention and interpretation. Students in this class are expected to articulate their understanding of dance through in-class discussions, responses to viewings of performances, multidisciplinary responses and written assignments.</p> <p>Kozanek These classes will be focused on introduction of the fundamental supportive system - the skeletal system. We will pass through basic information which can help you to understand how this system gives structural support and how we can benefit from its natural strength. We will use that information for embodying those details to our bodies. This process will have an effect on the clarity of our mind, on the shapes of our body and, of course, to the movement. Through this practice we will accumulate the power in the bones and link the energy and skeletal system together.</p> <p>Following the introductory warm up exercises, we will work with the exercises developing the motion potential of human body through: floor work, up side down work, directing the movement (energy) through turned out joints, exploring the movement centers, seeking balanced support in the body. The end of the class is concluded with dance variation. During the whole class the emphasis is not given to the form, but to an understanding of principles and conscious work with anatomy and its placement within the space and mental process “you don’t know”.</p> <p>Soini The aim of my classes is to understand in practice the functional structure of the body. This leads to efficient, articulated and qualitative physicality. My classes are based on the understanding and experience of pelvis as the centre of the moving body. In my work, with a diverse set of exercises, the pelvis acts as the grounding and centralizing source of being in movement.</p> <p>Through discovering with and working from these principles and through this kind of “bodily realism”, this practice allows a dancing subjectivity to appear and the mind of the student to fly. Classes are technique-oriented, task-based classes consisting of different exercises and combinations which move from floor level to upright position and from centralized work to across the floor. There is a lot of focus on the energy and quality of movement, clarity of the form and shapes, directions of the space and body. The classes grow from strengthening one’s body awareness towards using the knowledge of the body and daring to risk and test the limits of one’s manners when dancing.</p>
<p>Assessments</p>	<p>1) A significant part of your grade (35%) 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. If for some reason you are feeling unwell during class time, a substitute form of participation may be arranged; however, do not expect to obtain this privilege more than once. With regard to participation, classes are considered equivalent to assignments; thus, missing classes will be detrimental to your final grade. If you show up late for class three times, this will be counted as an absence.</p>

	<p>2) Another large portion of your grade (40%) will be based on skill development. What this means is that we will be looking for change or progress over the course of the term to see that you are meeting the course objectives. We will be making assessments throughout the course to ascertain if you are responsive to feedback and are developing the new movement patterns and artistry befitting an elementary/intermediate level dancer. Students will be assessed on an ongoing basis in class and they will also be videotaped periodically for the purposes of assessing technical and skill development.</p> <p># 1 AND #2 WILL BE ASSESSED BY THE INSTRUCTOR FOR EACH MODULE AND WEIGHTED 50/50 FOR THE FINAL GRADE IN THESE AREAS.</p> <p>3) a. You will be expected to complete a final movement assignment for Module 1, due at the midterm (February 23rd, 2015). (5% of your grade) b. All students will do a self evaluation project. We will discuss the details of the assignment in class. These are during Module 2. Due date TBA(5% of your grade) c. You will be expected to complete a final movement assignment for Module 2. Due April 9th. (10%)</p> <p>4) All students must attend (5%) a. 2 contemporary dance performances b. 1 Drama, 1 Music and 1 Art event and bring the ticket stubs for these performances with your name clearly written on back of ticket the class in one envelope long before the end of term.</p> <p>Two important notes: by enrolling in this class, you are engaging in the course requirements listed above. Please keep up with the syllabus requirements so that you are not caught in a bind at the end of the quarter.</p>												
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Attendance	<p>Due to the experiential nature of the course, classes are equivalent to assignments. Therefore, classes missed will be detrimental to the final grade.</p>												
FACULTY OF ARTS PROGRAM ADVISING AND STUDENT INFORMATION RESOURCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Arts Students’ Centre (ASC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Visit us for answers about course registration, graduation checks, and the ‘big picture’ on programs and majors. Drop in at SS102, email us at artsads@ucalgary.ca or call us at 403-220-3580. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate which has detailed information on common academic concerns. • For academic success support, such as writing support, peer support, success seminars, and learning support, visit the Student Success Centre on the third floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library (TFDL), email them at success@ucalgary.ca or visit their website at http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/ for more information or to book an appointment. • For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student 												

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CAMPUS SECURITY	220-5333. Help phones: located throughout campus, parking lots, and elevators. They connect directly to Campus Security; in case of emergency, press the red button.
COURSE OUTLINES FOR TRANSFER CREDIT	It is possible that you will be asked for copies of this outline for credit transfers to other institutions or for proof of work done. It is the student's responsibility to keep these outlines and provide them to employers or other universities when requested. Please ensure that outlines of all the courses you take are kept in a safe place for your future reference. Departments/Programs do not guarantee that they will provide copies.
DEFERRALS OF EXAMS/TERM WORK	It is possible to request a deferral of term work or final examinations for reasons of illness, accident, family or domestic affliction, or religious obligations. Please check with your advisor if any of these issues make it impossible for you to sit an exam or finish term work by stated deadlines.
EMERGENCY EVACUATION	http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints
LETTER OF PERMISSION	If you wish to study at another institution while registered at the U of C, you must have a letter of permission. You can submit your request through your Student Centre at MyUofC. Students must have the Letter of Permission before they take the course at another school. Failure to prepare may result in no credit awarded and could result in suspension from the faculty.
PLAGIARISM	Using any source whatsoever without clearly documenting it is a serious academic offense. For details see the University of Calgary Calendar. Consequences include failure on the assignment, failure in the course and possibly suspension or expulsion from the university. You must document not only direct quotations but also paraphrases and ideas where they appear in your text. A reference list at the end is insufficient by itself. Readers must be able to tell exactly where your words and ideas end and other people's words and ideas begin. This includes assignments submitted in non-traditional formats such as Web pages or visual media, and material taken from such sources. Please consult your instructor or the Student Success Centre (TFDL 3 rd Floor) if you have any questions regarding how to document sources.
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