

HHD 226 Modern Dance Composition
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Course Content:

The course is designed to give students experiences in creating dance works. The experience will incorporate the role of the choreographer, the choreographic process, and creative expression through movement.

The ABC'S of choreography such as; where to start, what are the pitfalls, motivation for the work, worthiness of the work, discriminating criticism, and evaluation of the work will be experienced through the use of video tape and individual choreography.

Course Objectives:

- To give students the opportunity to discover dance as art
- To instruct students in the nature of composition
- To expose students to composition techniques
- To give students the opportunity to do choreography (both solo and groups)

Course Calendar:

- No class on
Sept. 13th
- Oct. MAHPERD TBA
- Nov. 22nd
- Final choreography due December 5th during class time
- Make up assignments due November 28th

Testing, Grading:

Grade is based on presented choreography that will be due at various times throughout the semester.

There will not be a written instead there will be practical application of choreographical principles learned in class

Missed presentation must be made up by the next class period after returning to class.

There will be a 20 point deduction will be applied to late presentations.

Behavioral Expectations:

Montana State University expects all students to conduct themselves as honest, responsible and law-abiding members of the academic community and to respect the rights of other students, members of the faculty and staff and the public to use, enjoy and participate in the University programs and facilities.

- Be on time for class
- Turn assignments in on time
- Turn off cell phones during class
- No I Pods, head phones, video games, or text messaging during class
- No visiting with fellow class mates

Collaboration:

University policy states that, unless otherwise specified, students may not collaborate on graded material. Any exceptions to this policy will be stated explicitly for individual assignments.