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DANC 104 Ballet I (2)

An introduction to the vocabulary and techniques of classical ballet as a foundation of skills within the dance form.

DANC 105 Experiencing Dance History and Culture (4)

Dance literacy and appreciation are established through a combination of theory and practice. Dance history is examined through alternating political, social, and economic lenses, guided by the premise that movement expresses culture.

DANC 113 Jazz I (2)

An introduction to the vocabulary and techniques of classical ballet as a foundation of skills within the dance form.

DANC 116 Beginning Dance Techniques (2)

An introduction to the basic techniques of Western concert dance as applied to ballet, modern, and jazz dance that provides a foundation for students without formal dance training and prepares them for continued study in any of those three forms.

DANC 123 Tap I (2)

An introduction to the vocabulary and technique of tap dance that builds a basic foundation of skills within the dance form through improvisation and choreography.

DANC 154 Modern I (2)

An introduction to the vocabulary and techniques of modern, post-modern, and contemporary dance that build a basic foundation of skills for the dance form.

DANC 204 Ballet II (2)

Continued study of classical ballet technique that extends the vocabulary and develops technical skills. Prerequisite: DANC 204, DANC 116, or placement.

DANC 213 Jazz II (2)

Continued study of jazz dance technique that extends the vocabulary and develops technical skills. Prerequisite: DANC 113, DANC 116, or blacement.

DANC 223 Tap II (2)

Continued study of tap dance technique that extends the vocabulary and develops technical skills. Prerequisite: DANC 123 or placement.

DANC 224 Dance Composition (4)

An exploration of the creative process of choreography and the craft of dance composition. Dance studies are created as a means of investigating and developing a unique artistic voice and utilizing compositional skills to effectively express and communicate ideas. Dance experience or previous knowledge of composition in visual arts, music, or creative writing is recommended.

DANC 254 Modern II (2)

Continued study of modern, post-modern, and contemporary dance techniques that extend the vocabulary and develops technical skills. *Prerequisite: DANC 116, DANC 154, or placement.*

DANC 304 Ballet III (2)

A study of advanced techniques of classical ballet that offers and in-depth investigation of movement principles through the development and integration of technical skills and personal artistry. *Prerequisite: DANC 204.*

DANC 313 Jazz III (2)

A study of advanced techniques of jazz dance that offers an in-depth investigation of movement principles through the development and integration of technical skills and personal artistry. Prerequisite: DANC 213.

DANC 315 Dance Science and Somatics (4)

An exploration of fundamental principles of movement to ensure safety, development, and growth as a performing artist through studies of somatic techniques, anatomy, kinesiology, injury prevention, and nutrition. This course is equal parts lecture and embodied movement practice. Prerequisite: DANC 105 or DANC 116 or DANC 123 or DANC 204 or DANC 213 or DANC 215 or DANC 223 or DANC 224.

DANC 354 Modern III (2)

A study of advanced techniques of modern dance that offers in-depth investigation of movement principles through the development and integration of technical skills in the form with personal artistry. *Prerequisite: DANC 254.*

DANC 444 Independent Study (2 or 4)

An opportunity for students to explore a topic of interest in an independent or directed manner. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Instructor prerequisite override required.