

DAA 4685
Dance Ensemble
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Course meeting times: Distributed via email and project-specific google drive

Course Description:

This course is designed to develop technical range and performance skills through the study and production of dance repertory with the experience of faculty repertory.

Grading Criteria:

- Grading for this course can be retroactive for work already rehearsed and performed
- Rehearsal direction can also substitute and/or contribute for a performance grade
- Grading will be based on the following criteria:
 - Attendance and timeliness (absences or lateness must be communicated with as much advanced notice as possible)
 - Evidence of preparation for rehearsal
 - Active and energetic participation in learning, generating, and at times, teaching movement material
 - Willingness to apply oneself to new ideas and performance styles as related to the choreography
 - Thoughtful application of technical and artistic skill

Course Objectives:

- To expand the dancer's expressive and qualitative range of movement and performance. •
- To develop performance qualities which include: musicality, dynamics, spatial clarity, technical specificity, etc.
- To foster the student's capacity to adapt to varying choreographers' approaches to the creative process.
- To provide the student with experiences that strengthen the sense of shared responsibility within a pre-professional creative environment.
- To transfer skills being learned in technique class to a rehearsal context.
- To gain experience and develop an understanding of how to work in an ensemble.
- To empower the person/dancer/ thinker/choreographer in each student.

Attendance Policy:

Students are expected to participate in in-person instruction for all scheduled rehearsals and to be on time.

UF Absence Policy Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies, as follows: Source:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/>

Students are responsible for satisfying all academic objectives as defined by the instructor. Absences count from the first class meeting. In general, acceptable reasons for absence from or failure to participate in class include illness, serious family emergencies, special curricular requirements (e.g., judging trips, field trips, professional conferences), military obligation, severe weather conditions, religious holidays and participation in official university activities such as music performances, athletic competition or debate. Absences from class for court-imposed legal obligations (e.g., jury duty or subpoena) must be excused. Other reasons also may be approved.

You cannot participate in classes unless you are registered officially or approved to audit with evidence of having paid audit fees. The Office of the University Registrar provides official class rolls to Instructors. If you do not participate in at least one of the first two class meetings of a course or laboratory in which you are registered, and you have not contacted the department to indicate your intent, you can be dropped from the course. You must not assume that you will be dropped, however. The university recognizes the right of the individual professor to make attendance mandatory. After due warning, professors can prohibit further attendance and subsequently assign a failing grade for excessive absences.

Student On-Line Evaluation Process:

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/students/. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via ufl.bluer.com/ufl/. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

University Policy on Accommodating Students with Disabilities:

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392- 8565, <https://disability.ufl.edu/>) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

University Policy on Academic Misconduct:

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the

University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (<https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/process/student-conduct-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor.

Counseling and Wellness Center:

Contact [counseling.ufl.edu/392-1575](https://counseling.ufl.edu/); and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Communication Courtesy:

All members of the class are expected to follow rules of common courtesy in all email messages, threaded discussions and chats.

GETTING HELP If applicable: For issues with technical difficulties for E-learning in Canvas, please contact the UF Help Desk at: (352) 392-HELP (352-392-4357) - select option 2, <http://helpdesk.ufl.edu/>

Please take advantage of these services:

Health and Wellness U Matter, We Care: If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-392-1575, or visit <https://umatter.ufl.edu/> to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress. •

Counseling and Wellness Center: Visit counseling.ufl.edu/ or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.

Student Health Care Center: Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or visit <https://shcc.ufl.edu/>

University Police Department: Visit <https://police.ufl.edu/> or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).

UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center: For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; <http://ufhealth.org/emergency-room-traumacenter>