

**Sam Houston State University  
Department of Theatre and Dance  
Dance Program—Fall 2017 Semester**

**Course Syllabus  
DNC 4330.01 Repertory  
3 hours credit**

**Classroom:** PAC studios/dance theater, as designated by choreographic assignment

**Time:** TBA as assigned

**Instructor of record:** Jennifer Pontius

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**Course Description**

The student is involved in rehearsals for Dance Spectrum, in which dance works by faculty and guest artists, are staged or reconstructed in preparation for major dance program performances.

**Course Objectives**

1. To gain practical experience in the rehearsal process
2. To develop skill in artistry and performance
3. To deepen range of artistic expression
4. To develop stage etiquette and to experience protocol and procedures common in the profession

**Course Requirements:**

1. By accepting casting in a work, the student accepts the posted rehearsal schedule, as well as production meetings, technical rehearsals, dress rehearsals and the performance.
2. Students must promptly attend all rehearsals as scheduled. If a student is unable to attend, it is their responsibility to notify their choreographer as promptly as possible.
3. Students are responsible for checking the call boards and their emails regularly for DNC 4330 information
4. Students are required to participate in company class prior to tech/dress rehearsal and performances. This is not an option.

**Attendance Policy**

3 hours of absence are permitted without penalty to the final grade. Students enrolled in this course are active participants in the creative process. Creating work without a full cast puts a burden on the choreographer. If a student must be absent, prompt notification to the choreographer is required. Unexcused absences will affect the student's grade, and may result in the student being removed from the dance by the choreographer. Prolonged injury or illness that necessitates non-participation may require that the student drop the course.

Unexcused absence from any of the following will lower the final grade by at least 10% for each occurrence:

- \* Production meetings
- \* Technical Rehearsal
- \* Dress Rehearsal
- \* Participation in Company Class prior to dress rehearsals and each performance

Unexcused absence from a performance will result in a grade of F.

### **Grading**

- 40% Qualitative grade for the rehearsal process assigned by student's choreographer(s). If the student is cast in multiple works, the individual choreographer's assessments will be averaged.
- 20% Demonstration of appropriate professional behavior in technical and dress rehearsals as well as during the run of the performance
- 40% Demonstration of technical and artistic qualities in the performance

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### **University Policies**

#### **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:**

All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials. For a complete listing of the university policy, see:

[Dean of Student's Office](#)

## **STUDENT ABSENCES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS POLICY:**

Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. Section 51.911 (a) (2) defines a religious holy day as: “a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Section 11.20...” A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence.

University policy 861001 provides the procedures to be followed by the student and instructor. A student desiring to absent himself/herself from a scheduled class in order to observe (a) religious holy day(s) shall present to each instructor involved a written statement concerning the religious holy day(s). The instructor will complete a form notifying the student of a reasonable timeframe in which the missed assignments and/or examinations are to be completed. For a complete listing of the university policy, see:

</dept/academic-affairs/documents/aps/students/861001.pdf>

## **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES POLICY:**

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance are expected to visit with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Counseling Center . They should then make arrangements with their individual instructors so that appropriate strategies can be considered and helpful procedures can be developed to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired.

SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may affect adversely your work in this class, then I encourage you to register with the SHSU Counseling Center and to talk with me about how I can best help you. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. NOTE: No accommodation can be made until you register with the Counseling Center . For a complete listing of the university policy, see:

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/documents/aps/students/811006.pdf>

Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) are available. The offices are located in Lee Drain North Annex, next to the Farrington Building. To contact the office, you may use any of the following modes: call 936-294-3512; TDD 936-294-3786; e-mail [disability@shsu.edu](mailto:disability@shsu.edu); or visit the web, [www.shsu.edu/disability](http://www.shsu.edu/disability))

### **VISITORS IN THE CLASSROOM:**

Only registered students may attend class. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis by the professor. In all cases, visitors must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. Students wishing to audit a class must apply to do so through the Registrar's Office