



SYLLABUS: Modern 1 Dance Technique

Course Number: 1334.01

Semester: Fall 2017

Meeting Time: 11:00 am- 12:20pm TR

Location: GPAC 258

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to challenge the beginner/intermediate dancer in modern dance technique. Through physical practice and intellectual exploration, each student will expand their technical range and abilities. The course will navigate modern dance through the concepts of shape, effort, space, time and body.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Develop an understanding of proper alignment and placement (Shape)
- Expand one's qualitative range in movement (Effort)
- Access full range of the space through traveling and levels (Space)
- Refine one's understanding of rhythm and musicality (Time)
- Explore the possibility of different initiation points in the body (Body)
- Demonstrate the ability to assimilate corrections and take risks in one's own movement exploration
- Improve ability to generate verbal and written responses to dance

COURSE POLICIES:

- **DEPARTMENT ATTENDANCE POLICY** - Due to the participatory nature of the course, attendance is mandatory. Attendance will be taken each and every class period. Each absence in excess of **TWO** class periods will lower the student's course grade by **5 points**. No make up classes will be allowed. Absences for official university functions may be excused provided that the student requests this accommodation before the absence occurs and presents official documentation. (**You may use your two absences however you may like, but please use them wisely in the event that you get sick towards the end of the semester! I do not collect doctors' notes as "excused" absences. **)

- There is a strict no tardy policy. Tardy students will not be allowed into class and will receive an absence for the day.
- In cases of minor injury or illness, students may be allowed to observe rather than participate physically. In such cases the student must request the accommodation before class begins and present observation notes to the instructor at the conclusion of class.
- Students with ongoing medical or physical problems must develop a program of recovery in consultation with a physician/ physiotherapist and with the instructor. If the condition interferes with the student's ability to participate for an extended period he or she will be advised to drop the course.

CLASSROOM DRESS –

Please be ready to move each class period. Your pants should be stretchy!

ETIQUETTE –

Please turn off or mute your cell phones. No gum, food, or drink allowed in classroom. Water bottles are the lone exception to the rule.

GRADING/EVALUATION:

Grading Scale	
100-90	A
89-80	B
79-70	C
69-60	D
<60	F

ASSIGNMENTS/RESPONSIBILITIES:

Introduction/Goals Paper- **5 points**

Dance Gallery Attendance (provide ticket stub)- **5 points**

Live Dance Performance #2 Attendance (provide ticket stub)- **5 points**

Written Dance Critique Paper- **10 points**

*Details regarding the Critique Paper assignment will be forthcoming later in the semester.

Attendance and Performance in Non-Majors Performance- **10 points**

Participation- **65 points**

**Approved Dance Performances for
Critique Paper: Fall 2017**

Alexis Anderson MFA Thesis Concert Admission free	Oct 20 & 21	8pm	GPAC Dance Theater
The Dance Gallery Festival Reserve tickets at GPAC Box Office	Oct 27 & 28	8pm	GPAC Dance Theater
Masters of Dance Reserve tickets at GPAC Box Office	Nov 9 & 10	8pm	GPAC Dance Theater
Senior Studio Reserve tickets at GPAC Box Office	Nov 16, 17 & 18	8pm	GPAC Dance Theater
Dance Spectrum Reserve tickets at GPAC Box Office	Nov 30 & Dec 1 Dec 2	8pm 2pm & 8pm	GPAC Dance Theater

CRITIQUE PAPER IS DUE NO LATER THAN *WRITTEN REVIEW IS DUE NO LATER THAN MONDAY December 4TH AT 4PM (Earlier is preferred!) I am requesting a printed copy to me or my FAMC BOX, which can be found at front desk in the Dance Department Office downstairs in the PAC.

SHSU Academic Policies and Procedures

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.

CLASSROOM RULES OF CONDUCT - Students will refrain from behavior in the classroom that intentionally or unintentionally disrupts the learning process and, thus, impedes the mission of the university. Cellular telephones and pagers must be turned off before class begins. Students are prohibited from eating in class, using tobacco products, making offensive remarks, reading newspapers, sleeping, talking at inappropriate times, wearing inappropriate clothing, or engaging in any other form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result in a directive to leave class. Students who are especially disruptive also may be reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action in accordance with university policy.

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.

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 should register with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Lee Drain Annex (telephone 936-294-3512, TDD 936-294-3786, and e-mail disability@shsu.edu). 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 Services for Students with Disabilities 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 Services for Students with Disabilities. For a complete listing of the university policy, see:

<http://www.shsu.edu/dotAsset/7ff819c3-39f3-491d-b688-db5a330ced92.pdf>

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>

SYLLABUS CHANGE POLICY: This syllabus is a guide for the course and is subject to change with advanced