



SYLLABUS: Hip Hop Dance Technique

Course Number: **Dance 1229**

Semester/Year: **Fall 2017**

Meeting Time: **11:00-12:20am TUE/THU**

Location: **P.A.C. Studio "260"**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: Hip Hop is a course designed to introduce students to various styles of dance associated with the category of "Hip Hop". Students will participate in physical training and will learn weekly choreographic combinations and specialized skills that will be performed incrementally throughout the semester.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Learn basic "Break Dancing" techniques
- Learn basic Isolation techniques
- Learn basic Footwork techniques
- Strength conditioning

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 **four** 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. Professional opportunities will be assessed at half an absence. All other absences count toward the total of four.

Note: Class meets 4 days a week = 6 absences allowed
Class meets 3 days a week = 4 absences allowed
Class meets 2 days a week = 3 absences allowed

If you are tardy you will receive a half of an absence.

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** – Shoes are mandatory, preferably flat soled sneakers that do not leave marks on the floor. Wear clothing that you feel comfortable in and that does not restrict movement.
- **ETIQUETTE** – Don't show up late, don't be disrespectful, be open minded, participate, and most of all Have Fun!

GRADING/EVALUATION:

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

ASSIGNMENTS/RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Participate in all daily activities
- Incremental skills tests throughout the semester (**70% of your grade**)
- Final skills examination on stage in the non majors workshop at the end of the semester (**20% of your final grade, December, 4 @ 7:00PM**)
- Students are required to attend 2 dance performances and write a 2-page paper on their thoughts and experience. Each paper is due **one week** after the observed performance. (**10% of your grade**)

ACADEMIC HONESTY - All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete 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.

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.

VISITOR(S) TO THE CLASSROOM - Advance approval is required by the instructor.

Unannounced visitors to class must present a current, official SHSU identification card to be permitted in the classroom. They must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. If a visitor is not a registered student, it is at the instructor's discretion whether or not the visitor will be allowed to remain in the classroom.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT - It is the policy of the university that no otherwise qualified disabled student shall, solely by reason of his/her handicap, be excluded from participation in, or denied benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any academic or Student Life program or activity. Disabled students may request help with academically related problems stemming from individual disabilities by contacting their instructor, school/department chair, or by contacting the university Chair of the Committee for Continuing Assistance for Disabled Students/ Director of Counseling Center (located in Lee Drain Annex, phone 936-294-1720).

A student with a disability is encouraged to register with the university Counseling Center, as well as contacting their instructor about assistance needs. Accommodation cannot be made until the student has initiated the request with the Counseling Center. Every semester that the student desires accommodations, it is the student's responsibility to complete a Classroom Accommodation Request Form at the Counseling Center and follow the stated procedure in notifying faculty. Accommodations for disabled students are decided upon documentation and need on a case-by-case basis by the Counseling Center. All requests are handled with confidentiality according to university procedures.

RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS POLICY - Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that the university 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. 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 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). This request must be made in the first 15 days of the semester or the first 7 days of a summer session in which the absence(s) will occur. The instructor will respond to the student in writing notifying the student of a reasonable timeframe in which the missed assignments and/or examinations are to be completed.

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