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ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code DANC-224	Course Title Contemporary Dance IV	ECTS Credits 4
Department Music and Dance	Semester Fall	Prerequisites DANC-223
Type of Course Core	Field Contemporary Dance Technique	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 2 nd	Lecturer(s) Staff
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites DANC-214

Objectives of the Course:

This course focuses on further developing the basic principles of Release-based contemporary dance technique. Main objectives are achieving stability, alignment and technical precision, as well as utilizing the flow of energy through and out of the body to allow for efficiency of movement and expression of qualities.

Learning Outcomes:

After the completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Demonstrate technical skills with an aesthetic appreciation of the technique.
2. Demonstrate personal physical choices within set exercises.
3. Define and reflect upon movement choices and execution them in terms of quality, rhythm and movement analysis.
4. Perform exercises and sequences with efficiency of movement and expression of basic movement qualities.

Course Contents:

1. Warming up/Cooling down
2. Inner impulses – improvisation as technique
3. Strengthening the centre – releasing the joints
4. Finding connections of body parts – alignment
5. Moving from the centre-direction
6. Moving from the periphery-weight shifts
7. The process of getting there – transitions
8. Movement qualities – moving from the bones
9. Movement qualities – moving from muscles
10. Exploring rhythm
11. Personal choices – creativity within technique

12. Movement Sequences

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Studio

Assessment Methods:

In Class Participation and Performance, Written Self-Assessment, Practical Midterm Evaluation, Practical Final Examination

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Cheney, Gay	<u>Basic Concepts in Modern Dance: A Creative Approach</u> , Third Edition	Princeton, NJ: Princeton Book Company	1989

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Penrod, James and Plastino, Jane Gudde	<u>The Dancer Prepares: Modern Dance for Beginners</u>	Mountain View, CA: Mayfield Publishing Company	1998
Tufnell Miranda, Crickmay, Chris, and Vaughan, David	<u>Body Space Image: Notes Toward Improvisation and Performance</u> , 2 nd Edition	Hampshire, UK: Dance Books, Ltd.	1993