



Course syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
DANC-261	Jazz Dance I	4
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
None	Music and Dance	Spring
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Elective	World Dance Forms	English
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
1 st Cycle	Dara Milovanovic	2 nd
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Corequisites
Face-to-face	N/A	None

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- introduce students to basic principles of jazz dance. Students will
- explore movement within a number of jazz styles, develop isolations, turns, jumps, improve flexibility and strength, as well as agility and quality of movement.
- discuss history and development of jazz dance in relationship to practice

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Acquire basic proficiency in jazz dance technique
2. Be able to place jazz dance within the dance history through the physical exploration of movement.
3. To develop a sense of phrasing and musicality
4. Understand and embody the performance quality that is particular to jazz dance style and technique.

Course Content:

1. Plies with Isolations
2. Isolations
3. Laterals
4. Luigi Arm Repertory
5. Co-ordination Isolations

6. Diagonal Hip Lift
7. Footwork: Ball Changes (Open Ball Changes, Kick Ball Change)
8. Kicks (with footwork)
9. Rhythmical turns (one; one and a half: on twos and threes)
10. Jazz Walks
11. Traveling – Syncopated and Sharp
12. Dance Combination Repertory

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Studio

Assessment Methods:

Attendance and In Class Performance, Jazz Choreographers Study, Practical Midterm Examination, Practical Final Examination

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Jazz Dance: A History of the Roots and Branches	Guarino, Lindsay and Oliver, Wendy (Eds)	Gainesville: University Press of Florida	2015	978-0813061290
Jazz Dance: The Story of American Vernacular Dance	Marshall and Jean Stearns	New York: Da Capo Press Inc	1994	978-0306805530