

# **Course Syllabus**

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
DANC-428	Advanced Contemporary Dance II, Technique 2	4
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
DANC-427	Music and Dance	Spring
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Required	Contemporary Dance	English
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle	J. Brendle/P.Tofi/A.Marcoulides	4 <sup>th</sup>
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Corequisites
Face-to-face	N/A	DANC-418

# Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- to advance the students training in vigorous, technically demanding movement explorations rooted in release technique and enhanced by somatic practices.
- supplement students' technical training with structured improvisation as a means for the students to develop their individual expression
- investigate use of imagery and visualisation to produce and awaken new kinesthetic experiences and physical awareness
- explore body mind awareness and the mind-body connection to create a mentally aware movement in the muscles and joints

## Learning Outcomes:

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

- 1. Perform advanced release contemporary dance vocabulary and movement sequences
- 2. To apply their understanding of somatic practices to their practice of release dance technique.
- 3. Utilise imagery in the performance of release dance technique
- 4. Perform movement through its relationship to physical laws
- 5. Perform given material and improvise utilising release technique



# **Course Content:**

- 1. Constructive resting position and alignment
- 2. Dynamic experience/process of uncovering
- 3. Kinetic awareness
- 4. Economy and efficiency
- 5. Sustainable breath and energy
- 6. Minimizing tension in movement
- 7. Dynamic stillness
- 8. Surrendering to the movement
- 9. Spontaneity and Suppleness
- 10. Imagery and visualization as vehicle for transformation
- 11. Following impulses
- 12. Fearlessness

## Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Studio based movement workshops

#### **Assessment Methods:**

In Class Participation and Performance, Practical Midterm Evaluation, Practical Final Examination

## **Recommended Textbooks / Readings:**

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Dynamic Alignment through Imagery.	Franklin, E.	Human Kinetics.	2012	978- 0736067898
The Essential Guide to Contemporary Dance Techniques	Clarke, M.	Crowood Press	2020	978- 1785006999