

COURSE OUTLINE

DANC-192
Jazz Dance I
2 Semester Hours

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

An introduction to the principles of jazz dance technique on a beginning level. Student will learn the foundation of jazz dance technique and understand the various world, as well as social dance influences on jazz dance. Course will trace jazz dance history from it's African roots to Broadway show styles. (3 hours weekly)

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate at a beginning level an understanding of jazz dance vocabulary by participating in class discussions and passing written assignments.
2. Satisfactorily pass practicum examinations demonstrating technical ability in performance of movement sequences.
3. Identify and discuss music for jazz dance.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of rhythmic patterns and phrasing.
5. Explain the origin and a brief history of jazz dance.
6. Communicate in a written critical analysis a jazz dance/musical theatre concert.
7. Demonstrate an appreciation for jazz dance as an art form.

Major Topics

- I. Jazz dance as a fine art form with cultural and personal implications
- II. Brief history of jazz dance
- III. Jazz dance techniques
- IV. Music for jazz dance
- V. Warm-up and center exercises

Course Requirements

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include:

- Grading: Criteria for evaluation is mastery of major topics as demonstrated through:
 - Daily active participation 70%
 - Practicum examinations 15%
 - Written assignment(s)/examination(s) 15%
- Completion of assignment(s) and practicum/final examination(s)
- Attendance at an area performance

Writing: May include a paper or papers assigned by the individual faculty member.

Other Course Information

The course will be used to fulfill the requirements for Dance Majors and may be used as a Fine Arts elective, Humanities elective, Arts and Science elective or a dance requirement for Theater (Performance) majors.