

COURSE OUTLINE

DANC-189
Jazz Dance
2 Semester Hours

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

An introduction to jazz dance for the beginning student including a Broadway show dance. In addition to practicing, dance students will trace jazz history from African-Caribbean to Vaudeville forms to Broadway show styles. (3 hours weekly)

Overall Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

1. Perform a series of warm up exercises to prepare for movement.
2. Demonstrate basic principles of body alignment.
3. Perform a variety of rhythmic movements including contractions and releases, undulations, turns, jumps, falls and recovery.
4. Demonstrate isolation of parts of the body.
5. Perform combinations of integrated dance movements.
6. Perform simple traveling movements across the floor.
7. Explain key historical elements in Jazz Dance.
8. Demonstrate an appreciation for dance as an art form.
9. Perform jazz choreography

Major Topics

- I. Preparing to Dance
- II. Alignment
- III. Contractions and releases
- IV. Flatback and Undulation
- V. Runs, jumps, falls and recovering
- VI. Combinations
- VII. Historical Elements
- VIII. Contemporary Jazz Dance
- IX. Performance of Choreography

Course Requirements

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member, but will include an attendance policy and a final performance.

Other Course Information

This course may be used as a Fine Arts elective, Humanities Elective, or Arts and Science elective. It may also fulfill the dance requirements for Theatre (Performance) majors.