COLLIN COLLEGE

DIVISION OF FINE ARTS

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Information

Course Number: DANC 1301

Course Title: Dance Composition

Course Description: Development of basic principles and theories involved in composition. Emphasis is placed on movement principles, group and structural forms. Additionally this course is an exploration of choreographic tools with emphasis on design, dynamics, movement forms and stage space. Includes ideas forming and shaping, structure, abstraction, phrasing and style. Emphasis on creative problem-solving skills, experiencing the artistic process skills as a choreographer and critic, utilizing choreographic devices, and transforming ideas into movement. Lab required.

Course Credit Hours: 3
Lecture Hours: 3
Lab Hours: 1

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to do the following:

1. Develop creativity and imagination through personal problem-solving activities and movement experimentation.
2. Develop each individual's style of movement by drawing relationships between movement ideas, relationships and themes.
3. Use the improvisational process as a means of finding authentic, intentional movement material.
4. Develop knowledge of movement and design elements, choreographic structures, conceptual approaches and style as it relates to the choreographic process.
5. Develop skills in crafting and organizing movement material of clarity.
6. Develop critical thinking to construct and discuss movement phrases and dances in which composition theory is applied, practiced, explored and embodied.
7. Develop communication skills to write and speak articulately about the choreographic process and product.
8. Understand the choreographer's role as meaning maker and the responsibilities as an artist, collaborator and communicator.
9. Explore, view and discuss dance as a living embodiment of ourselves and our culture by making connections between dance, music, visual arts, theatre, poetry and life.

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