

Hagerstown Community College
OFFICIAL COURSE SYLLABUS DOCUMENT

COURSE: DNC-230 Choreography & Improvisation

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is an introduction to dance composition through guided improvisation. Students will experiment creatively with a variety of stimuli as inspiration for their work creating unique, spontaneous, and thought-provoking pieces. Course will include solo & contact improvisation, weight-sharing, and dynamic group work. Students will participate in a final performance. Semester offered, Spring. 3 Credits.

TEXTBOOK: None **All students are required to wear comfortable clothes that allow for movement**

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Students will develop their own unique choreographic “voice” through their work.
2. Students will learn self-assessment and peer assessment skills through journaling.
3. Students will become familiar with useful improvisation techniques.
4. Students will develop teaching skills.
5. Students will overcome creative obstacles and acquire flexibility and quick decision making in their work.
6. Students will perform for an invited audience.

Total Hours of Coursework:

To earn one academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 37.5 clock hours (45 fifty-minute “academic” hours) of coursework per semester. Those hours of coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 37.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit. For most classes, students should expect to do at least 2 hours of coursework outside of class for each hour of in-class coursework.

In-class instruction	37.5 hours
1 st Choreography Project	10 hours
2 nd Choreography Project/Teaching	15 hours
3 rd Choreography Project/Teaching	15 hours
Composition Journal	10 hours
Final Exam & Preparation	25 hours
Total minimum time	112.5 hours