

Hagerstown Community College Official Course Syllabus Document

(replace this parenthetical with semester and year)

COURSE:

DNC 115 – Ballet: Beginning (2 credits)

(replace this parenthetical with section number & Days/Times class meets)

INSTRUCTOR:

(replace this parenthetical with name, office hours, and all contact information)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Students will learn basic ballet terminology and elementary classical ballet technique. They will develop critical thinking skills through analyzing dance performances and will learn about famous ballet dancers and choreographers. Ballet is a full body workout involving stretching, body alignment, rotation, weight distribution, balance, and movements across the floor. There will be performance opportunities during the semester and students will develop skills required for dance and/or theatrical productions.

TEXTBOOK:

No textbook required. All students are required to wear dance shoes, appropriate dancewear including tights, leotards, leggings, tank tops, etc. You may not take class in street clothes. Girls need pink ballet tights and pink ballet shoes for the performance. Men need black ballet shoes, black tights, and a dance belt for the performance.

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Achieve a high level of proficiency in dance technique and performance.
 - Students will execute in class and perform for an audience ballet techniques.
- Develop and comfortably use appropriate language relating to the technique of each dance genre.
 - Students will define and describe ballet terminology.
- Recognize and differentiate the styles of important choreographers and choreographic movements.
- Critique dance from social and historical perspectives.
 - Students will critique dance performances and express opinions and conclusions both verbally and through written communications.

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Students will define and describe basic ballet terminology.
- Students will execute in class and perform for an audience elementary ballet technique.
- Students will demonstrate knowledge of important historical ballet choreographers and dancers.

MINIMUM CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE

To earn one hour of academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 12.5 clock hours (15 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 12.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit. A three credit hour course requires 37.5 clock hours.

For most classes, students should expect to do at least 2 hours of coursework outside of class for each hour of in-class coursework.

	DIRECT Faculty Instruction In-class 25 h required	Student Work Out of Classroom 50 h required
In-class instruction	25 hours	
Final exam prep		15 hours
Individual choreography & research essay		17 hours
Final performance, preparation & critique		18 hours
Total Hours	25 h	50 h

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES:

(replace this parenthetical with explanation of quizzes, exams, projects, etc.; the grading scale and how a student can calculate a grade need to be included here as well)

COURSE POLICIES:

(please delete this parenthetical: Course policies should contain statements about the following topics, as well as any individual policies of an instructor. Please consider a plagiarism statement; the student handbook defines plagiarism this way: Plagiarism is the use of ideas or work of another without sufficient acknowledgment that the material is not one’s own. Examples of plagiarism include submitting material created by another as one’s own work or including passages of another author without giving due credit, and submitting purchased material, in any form of communication, as one’s own work.)

- Attendance Policy – the college attendance policy can be found in the College catalog.
- The instructor reserves the right to modify course content.
- HCC abides by an honor code that can be found in the student handbook and college catalog: “I promise to uphold the Hagerstown Community College Honor System and to understand all written provisions pertaining to its application. As a member of the college community, I hold the qualities of honesty and integrity in highest regard and will not violate them nor tolerate those who do.”

Inclement Weather Policy:

(replace parenthetical with directions as to what students should do if the weather is bad and class must be cancelled. Please consider having students also refer to the student handbook.)

Services for Students with Disabilities:

Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at dss@hagerstowncc.edu or at 240-500-2530.