

Hagerstown Community College
Official Course Syllabus Document
(replace this parenthetical with semester and year)

COURSE:

DNC 130 – Dance Improvisation (3 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:

This course is an introduction to dance improvisation. Students will explore spontaneity, expression, space, energy, and form through guided solo improvisation.

TEXTBOOK:

No textbook required. **All students are required to wear comfortable clothes that allow for movement.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Develop and comfortably use appropriate language relating to the technique of each dance genre.
 - Students will discuss dance improvisation techniques, practices, and methods.
- Demonstrate the ability to work independently and successfully collaborate with other dancers.
 - Students will demonstrate partnering and weight sharing skills while developing a sense of community with peers.
- Express creatively through movement.
 - Students will engage with improvisation stimuli and approach all tasks with an open mind and no judgment.
 - Students will illustrate self-confidence through developing their own creative voice and movement vocabulary.
- Demonstrate knowledge of dance composition.
 - Students will create in the early stages of dance composition and assist in developing a performance piece.

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 37.5 h required	Student Work Out of Classroom 75 h required
In-class instruction, and discussion	37.5 hours	
Assigned readings		40 hours
Tests, quizzes and assignments	Included in lecture time	20 hours for preparation and review
Dance Critique Attendance & Preparation	Included in lecture time	15 hours
Total Hours	37.5 h	75 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.