

Hagerstown Community College Official Course Syllabus Document

(replace this parenthetical with semester and year)

COURSE:

DNC 230 – Choreography & 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 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.

TEXTBOOK:

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

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Achieve a high level of proficiency in dance technique and performance.
 - Students will perform for an invited audience.
- Develop and comfortably use appropriate language relating to the technique of each dance genre.
 - Students will demonstrate useful improvisation techniques.
 - Students will illustrate teaching skills.
- Demonstrate the ability to work independently and successfully collaborate with other dancers.
 - Students will employ self-assessment and peer assessment skills through journaling.
 - Students will evaluate creative obstacles and use flexibility and quick decision making in their work to overcome those obstacles.
- Express creatively through movement.
 - Students will formulate their own unique choreographic “voice” through their work.

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	37.5 hours	
First choreography project		10 hours
Second choreography project & teaching		15 hours
Third choreography project & teaching		15 hours
Composition journal		10 hours
Final exam & preparation		25 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.