

**DCE 117 MOVEMENT AS A MEDIUM
FALL 2009**

Course Number:	DCE 117
Course Title:	Movement as a Medium
Credits:	3 credit hours
Meeting Times:	MWF 9:30 – 10:45
Prerequisites/Co-requisites:	None
For Whom Planned:	First Year Students.
Course Description:	This course is designed to prepare entering first year students to meet the demands and challenges of the university experience and to help acclimate them to the departmental community. Students will also develop basic dance performance, choreography and writing skills.
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Student Learning Objectives: Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

- Collaborate effectively with other students, faculty, mentors and professionals.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the central elements of dance history and choreographic theory.
- Analyze a variety of dance films and performances using multiple criteria.
- Synthesize newly acquired knowledge with personally resonant themes and ideas.
- Design and develop dance websites using html code.

- Conduct elementary qualitative research and create short choreographic works based on their findings.

Teaching Strategies:	Readings, class discussions, practical and written exercises and creative projects.
Evaluation Methods:	<p>Homework Assignments (10%). Homework assignments will consist of responses to readings and activities in class. Students will also be responsible for thorough and consistent responses to online assignments. General assignments will include issues related to dance, reflective writing and short choreographic exercises.</p> <p>Enrichment Activities (30%) Students will be required to attend three UNCG Dance Department Concerts throughout the semester. After the event they will turn in a critical analysis of the event along with proof of attendance. A ticket stub, program or signed note from the lecturer will be turned in with their papers.</p> <p>Web Design (30%) Students will be given instruction in Dreamerweaver and Adobe Photoshop and create web pages based on their areas of interest. Web pages will be posted on blackboard and later discussed in class. Design guidelines will be also posted on blackboard.</p> <p>Telling Our Stories (30%) Students will develop choreographic projects based on interviews of family members conducted during the semester. These projects will incorporate dance, music, oral presentation and a final paper. The instructor will provide detailed project guidelines early in the semester.</p>
Online Resources:	A blackboard site for this course will be maintained at https://blackboard.uncg.edu . The site includes a printable version of the syllabus and other documents pertaining to the course. Other materials will be posted throughout the semester.
Required text:	There is no required text for this course. Students will be given handouts in class.

- Academic Honor Policy: Students will be expected adhere to the University Academic Integrity Policy. This policy is outlined on <http://saf.dept.uncg.edu/studisp/Honor/html>.
- Attendance Policy: Attendance will be taken each class period and notation of participation will be made at the end of each class. Students are allowed **three** absences without any impact on their grade. After three absences 1/3 of a letter grade will be subtracted for every absence. (e.g. A goes to A- with four absences, A- to B+ with five absences, etc.)
- Grading Scale: The following grading scale will be used to determine final grades in this course:

100-93 A	92-90 A-	89-87 B+
86-83 B	80 – 82 B-	79-77 C
76-73 C	72-70 C-	69-67 D+
66-63 D	62-60 D-	Below 60 F

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