COURSE DESCRIPTION

Jazz Dance 132 is designed to be a beginning level dance class. Previous experience in dance is not necessary. This course will offer the students a foundation for dance by putting into practice basic technique and terminology for Jazz Dance. Particular emphasis will be placed on the student’s physical awareness, expressiveness, and grasp of the material studied.

OBJECTIVES
1) To develop the student’s knowledge of the terminology and technique of Jazz Dance.
2) To introduce the student to a variety of styles, vocabulary and steps that are the elements of Jazz Dance.
3) To provide a learning atmosphere where students can perform the material given to them with confidence.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to demonstrate introductory skills of Jazz Dance technique by showing the knowledge of movement and vocabulary in a written and or movement exam.

REQUIRED READINGS

Beginning Jazz Dance Techniques is a studio class and regular attendance is mandatory for proper progress. You are allowed up to two absences before your grade becomes affected. All absences after 2 will automatically affect your grade regardless of other course work completed. Two late arrivals to class will equal one absence and more than 2 observations will be detrimental to your grade. Six or more absences result in the automatic failure of this course regardless of other course work completed. All classes missed because of observance of religious
holidays will be excused absences and will not affect your final grade. All other absences are “unexcused”.

All students taking Dance Department classes are required to attend two departmental concerts each semester. A ticket stub and program must be turned in during the class meeting immediately following the concert to receive credit for the concert attendance. With UNLV student I.D. the student gets ONE ticket. Tickets can be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Box Office, located by the Judy Bayley Theatre. The dates, locations, and times for the concerts are below. Please check these specifics before the concerts as they are subject to change! Also, secure your tickets EARLY as these concerts often sell out!

Attendance Policy

*Note that MORE THAN TWO ABSENCES drops your grade a letter and that 6 or more absences result in automatic failure of the course regardless of other coursework completed!

Schedule Calendar

Due Dates

Grading Rubric and Grading Scale

Final Exam During Exam Week

Academic Misconduct—Academic integrity is a legitimate concern for every member of the campus community; all share in upholding the fundamental values of honesty, trust, respect, fairness, responsibility and professionalism. By choosing to join the UNLV community, students accept the expectations of the Student Academic Misconduct Policy and are encouraged when faced with choices to always take the ethical path. Students enrolling in UNLV assume the obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with UNLV’s function as an educational institution.

An example of academic misconduct is plagiarism. Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of another, from the Internet or any source, without proper
citation of the sources. See the Student Academic Misconduct Policy (approved December 9, 2005) located at: https://www.unlv.edu/studentconduct/student-conduct.

Copyright—The University requires all members of the University Community to familiarize themselves with and to follow copyright and fair use requirements. You are individually and solely responsible for violations of copyright and fair use laws. The university will neither protect nor defend you nor assume any responsibility for employee or student violations of fair use laws. Violations of copyright laws could subject you to federal and state civil penalties and criminal liability, as well as disciplinary action under University policies. Additional information can be found at: http://www.unlv.edu/provost/copyright.

Disability Resource Center (DRC)—The UNLV Disability Resource Center (SSC-A 143, http://drc.unlv.edu/, 702-895-0866) provides resources for students with disabilities. If you feel that you have a disability, please make an appointment with a Disabilities Specialist at the DRC to discuss what options may be available to you. If you are registered with the UNLV Disability Resource Center, bring your Academic Accommodation Plan from the DRC to the instructor during office hours so that you may work together to develop strategies for implementing the accommodations to meet both your needs and the requirements of the course. Any information you provide is private and will be treated as such. To maintain the confidentiality of your request, please do not approach the instructor in front of others to discuss your accommodation needs.

Religious Holidays Policy—Any student missing class quizzes, examinations, or any other class or lab work because of observance of religious holidays shall be given an opportunity during that semester to make up missed work. The make-up will apply to the religious holiday absence only. It shall be the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor within the first 14 calendar days of the course for fall and spring courses (excepting modular courses), or within the first 7 calendar days of the course for summer and modular courses, of his or her intention to participate in religious holidays which do not fall on state holidays or periods of class recess. For additional information, please visit: http://catalog.unlv.edu/content.php?catoid=6&navoid=531.

Transparency in Learning and Teaching—The University encourages application of the transparency method of constructing assignments for student success. Please see these two links for further information:

Incomplete Grades—The grade of I—Incomplete—can be granted when a student has satisfactorily completed three- fourths of course work for that semester/session but for reason(s) beyond the student’s control, and acceptable to the instructor, cannot complete the last part of the course, and the instructor believes that the student can finish the course without repeating it. The incomplete work must be made up before the end of the following regular semester for undergraduate courses. Graduate students receiving “I”
grades in 500-, 600-, or 700-level courses have up to one calendar year to complete the work, at the discretion of the instructor. If course requirements are not completed within the time indicated, a grade of F will be recorded and the GPA will be adjusted accordingly. Students who are fulfilling an Incomplete do not register for the course but make individual arrangements with the instructor who assigned the I grade.

UNLV Writing Center—One-on-one or small group assistance with writing is available free of charge to UNLV students at the Writing Center, located in CDC 3-301. Although walk-in consultations are sometimes available, students with appointments will receive priority assistance. Appointments may be made in person or by calling 702-895-3908. The student’s Rebel ID Card, a copy of the assignment (if possible), and two copies of any writing to be reviewed are requested for the consultation. More information can be found at: http://writingcenter.unlv.edu/.

Rebelmail—By policy, faculty and staff should e-mail students’ Rebelmail accounts only. Rebelmail is UNLV’s official e-mail system for students. It is one of the primary ways students receive official university communication such as information about deadlines, major campus events, and announcements. All UNLV students receive a Rebelmail account after they have been admitted to the university. Students’ e-mail prefixes are listed on class rosters. The suffix is always @unlv.nevada.edu. Emailing within WebCampus is acceptable.

Final Examinations—The University requires that final exams given at the end of a course occur at the time and on the day specified in the final exam schedule. See the schedule at: http://www.unlv.edu/registrar/calendars. Any other class specific information—(e.g., absences, make-up exams, status reporting, extra credit policies, plagiarism/cheating consequences, policy on electronic devices, specialized department or college tutoring programs, bringing children to class, policy on recording classroom lectures, etc.)

Have a great semester!