QCC DAN 111 Syllabus
Professor:

Department: Health, Physical Education and Dance
Course: DAN 111 Introduction to the Art of Dance
Hours & Credits: 3 class hours, 3 credits

Course Description:
A study of dance as an art form. Includes an introduction to theories and styles of dance from primitive cultures to avant-garde. Relationship of dance to music, fine art, and theater discussed and clarified through film showings, selected readings, and attendance at dance performances. No previous experience required.

Curricula For Which This Course Is Required:
May be used to fulfill requirements for graduation in the Liberal Arts and Sciences degree programs (A.A. and A.S.), and certain others. May also be used to fulfill elective credits in liberal arts and sciences.

Educational Objectives:

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<td>B. Apply aesthetic and intellectual criteria in the evaluation or creation of works in the humanities or the arts</td>
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<td>C. Integrate knowledge and skills in their program of study.</td>
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Course Objectives: Desired Student Learning

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2. To stimulate intellectual curiosity about dance history.
3. To evaluate and write critically about dance performances.
4. To develop an awareness of choreographic forms, styles and creative spirit.
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<td>Students evaluate audience and dance critics’ responses to choreographers' work both verbally and in written form.</td>
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Summary of Main Topics Covered in the Course:

1. Renaissance
2. Romanticism
3. Russian Imperialism
4. Diaghilev
5. American Ballet
6. Isadora Duncan/Denishawn
7. Martha Graham
8. Merce Cunningham
9. Twyla Tharp/Post-Modernism
10. Alvin Ailey/Paul Taylor – Modern Dance Today

**Attendance Policy:**
In accordance with the College Policy, a student who has more than two absences at the end of the course will receive a WU. Students are expected to arrive on time and be present for the lecture and video portions of the class – there is no partial attendance credit. **There are no excused absences.**

**Methods By Which Student Learning Will Be Evaluated:**

A. Attendance and Participation
B. Attendance at two Professional Dance Performances (Dance Residency Series at QCC)
C. Two written critiques of dance performances
D. One paper involving research
E. Mid-term and Final Exams

**Grading Standards:**
A grade of A is given for superlative work that demonstrates a profound commitment to the course material, and further, that goes on to employ this material as a springboard for independent thought and work.
A grade of B is given for very good work that completely fulfills all the requirements of the course in a conscientious and dedicated manner, and that demonstrates mastery of the course content.
A grade of C is given for work that fulfills all the requirements of the course in a satisfactory manner, but that falls short of demonstrating rigor and mastery.
A grade of D is given for work that is unsatisfactory.
A grade of F is given for work that fails to fulfill the requirements of the course as listed above

**Academic Integrity:**

**Forms of Academic Integrity Violations**

Violations of academic integrity can occur in a number of ways. Acts of academic dishonesty include (the complete listing with definitions and examples is included in the main body of the QCC Academic Integrity code):
A. Plagiarism – the inclusion of someone else’s words, ideas or data as one’s own work without acknowledging the source.
B. Fabrication – the use of invented information or the falsification of research or other findings.
C. Cheating – an act or an attempted act of deception by which students seek to misrepresent that they have mastered information on an academic exercise that they have not mastered.
D. Academic Misconduct – any act to gain an undue academic benefit for oneself or to cause academic harm to another.
E. Any other serious violations of academic integrity as established by the professor.