

Southeast Missouri State University

Department: Department of Theatre & Dance **Course No.:** DA 126

Title of Course: Beginning Jazz Dance **New**

I. Catalog Descriptions and Credit Hours of Course:

DA 126 is a studio course designed for non-majors with limited experience in jazz dance. The course will introduce the fundamentals of jazz dance technique while exploring differences in movement quality, energy and rhythm. (1 credit hour)

II. Prerequisite(s):

None

III. Purposes or Objectives of the Course:

- To develop a knowledge and understanding of jazz dance vocabulary and technique
- To increase body awareness, coordination, articulation, flexibility and strength
- To apply a musical framework to movement using rhythm and dynamic phrasing taken from or inspired by music
- To gain an appreciation for jazz dance not only in a physical sense but also as an American art form

IV. Expectations of Students:

- To attend all classes and participate fully in all class activities
- To complete all outside assignments in a timely fashion and to the best of their ability
- To express a positive attitude and consistent effort toward learning the class material
- To remain open and respectful of new and conflicting ideas

V. Course Outline:

Weeks 1 - 7	Jazz Dance Technique Exercises – basic center work and across the floor combinations Lyrical, Popular and Musical Theater styles
Week 8	Movement Exam I
Weeks 9 – 14	Jazz Dance Technique incorporating Performance Techniques Lyrical, Hip Hop and Fosse Styles
Week 15	Movement Exam II

VI. Textbook(s) and/or Other Required Materials or Equipment:

None

VII. Basis for Student Evaluation:

- Participation (30%)
- Classroom Work (30%)
- Movement Exams (20%)
- Self-Evaluations (10 %)
- Concert Critique (10%)