

Friday 12:50 to 2:45 pm
McGuire Pavilion G-10

Instructor of Record:

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Syllabi are posted at CFA website under: *Student & Parents*: <http://arts.ufl.edu/syllabi/>

Lab Fees can be located at: <http://registrar.ufl.edu/soc/201608/all/theadanc.htm>

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OBJECTIVES:

- *Pointe Technique* is designed to strengthen the dancer's pointe work as it is applied to classical ballet and related dance styles and techniques. The repetition of exercises at barre will reinforce stability for dancing in center.
- Learn portions of variations in order to execute more difficult steps with confidence and precision.
- By the end of the semester the endurance level of the dancer is expected to improve, and the student is to reach a high level of proficiency.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS AND MATERIALS:

Readings/Videos from various sources will be provided digitally/free of charge. TBD.

RECOMMENDED TEXT:

Classical Ballet Technique

by Gretchen Ward Warren

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND POLICIES: Expectations:

Student will

- Attend classes regularly, be on time and ready to work for the entire class period.
- Maintain a professional working attitude.
- Participate in all in class activities, engaging fully both mentally and physically.
- Strive to improve individual progress by demonstrating increased strength, flexibility and an increased awareness of body alignment, timing, and spatial pathways.

- Observe dance class etiquette (cell phone use, lateness policy etc...)
- Strive to apply given corrections and concepts to movement.

Assignments:

Writing Assignment: N/A

“Instructional materials for this course consist of only those materials specifically reviewed, selected, and assigned by the instructor(s). The instructor(s) is only responsible for these instructional materials.”

TBD

Dance Concert Attendance Assignment:

Attend at least one dance concert this semester: BFA Showcase or Spring into Dance 2025. Attentive Observation: as you watch the performance, pay close attention to approaches, cultural contexts and artistic choices brought about in the work and compare it to your experience in class. The objective is to understand the intricacies and complexities in art making. Avoid making judgement.

Performance Assignments: BFA Showcase or Spring into Dance 2025

Exams: Midterm, March 7

Presentations: Final dance project, April 18

Attendance: Mandatory unless excused and made up through attending another UF dance class.

For Studio Courses

For classes that meet two times a week:

Students can take 2 absences with no penalty; no documentation is required for the first 2 absences as they are automatically excused. If the third absence is unexcused, it will result in 5% deduction from the final grade. Excused or unexcused, on the third absence, a meeting is required with the instructor and/or area faculty to assess the student's continued participation in the course. If the fourth absence and all subsequent absences are unexcused, each will result in an additional 5% deduction from the final grade. Opportunities to make up missed material for unexcused absences is up to the instructor's discretion and will be made available through virtual classes or online assignments.

For classes that meet three times a week:

Students can take 3 absences with no penalty; no documentation is required for the first 3 absences as they are automatically excused. If the fourth absence is unexcused, it will result

in 5% deduction from the final grade. Excused or unexcused, on the fourth absence, a meeting is required with the instructor and/or area faculty to assess the student's continued participation in the course. If the fourth absence and all subsequent absences are unexcused, each will result in an additional 5% deduction from the final grade. Opportunities to make up missed material for unexcused absences is up to the instructor's discretion and will be made available through virtual classes or online assignments.

- Any absence from class for the following reasons must be supported by official acceptable documentation to avoid a grade penalty: Illness—doctor's note must be on official letterhead with address and phone number, noting the date and time of visit and diagnosis verifying that an absence from class is warranted, doctor name and signature
- Serious family emergencies
- Special curricular requirements (e.g., judging trips, field trips, professional conferences)
- Military obligation
- Severe weather conditions
- Participation in official university activities such as music performances, athletic competition or debate
- Court-imposed legal obligations (e.g., jury duty or subpoena)

To help organize accommodations, students should inform the instructor by the end of the second week of classes of religious observances of their faith that will conflict with class attendance this semester.

Tardy Policy: You are late after role has been taken/class has begun.

- Points will be deducted for being late or leaving early for any reason.
- There will be a 5-minute grace period to join the class if you arrive late.
- 3 tardies for regular class meetings equal 1 unexcused absence.

Make-up Policy

Excused absences (those that can be documented) may be made-up in the following manner:

- Approved ballet class taken at UF (Due 2 weeks after excused absence). You must attend the make-up class within two weeks of your excused absence. Please obtain a signature from the instructor.
- You may also sign up for assistance for BFA auditions.
- <http://www.shcc.ufl.edu/excuse.shtml> (Infirmary)
- <http://dso.ufl.edu/> (Dean of Students)
- If unable to dance, you may 'actively' observe one time for full credit.
- You will complete an observation paper due at the end of class.

Requirements / opportunities to make up missed material for unexcused absences is up to the instructor's discretion

Injuries are special cases. If an injury occurs see/contact me immediately regarding absences, make-ups or possible withdrawal from the class.

Late assignments: Unless otherwise indicated, all homework assignments are due in class on the date listed on the syllabus. An essay received after the due date is late.

Studio Rules of Conduct:

In effort to keep our dance space a peaceful, safe and clean environment for our students we ask that you observe the following:

- No gum- this is also for safety reasons since we don't want dancers choking.
- No talking, food, or quick pick-me-ups during class. However, you may keep water bottles inside the studio for hydration provided they have caps to prevent spills.
- Turn off all cell phones before entering the studio. Please make this a habit. All phone calls must take place outside of the studio and NEVER during class time. If you have an emergency situation you should inform the instructor prior to the start of class. Ringing cell phones, texting etc. are disruptive to classroom activity. Please be considerate.

Note: To help organize accommodations, students should inform the instructor by the end of the second week of classes of religious observances of their faith that will conflict with class attendance this semester. Any absence from class for the following reasons must be supported by official acceptable documentation to avoid a grade penalty: illness (doctor's note must be on official letterhead with address and phone number, noting the date and time of visit and diagnosis verifying that an absence from class is warranted and when the return to class activity is expected, doctor name and signature), serious family emergencies, special curricular requirements (e.g., judging trips, field trips, professional conferences), military obligation, severe weather conditions, participation in official university activities such as music performances, athletic competition or debate, court-imposed legal obligations (e.g., jury duty or subpoena).

COURSE SCHEDULE AND TOPIC OUTLINE:

Class schedule is subject to modification, but not without prior notification. Please note class material is sequential and comprehensive. Please take time to review movement sequences before and after class.

Week One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Barre work and strengthening.
Week Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thera band, barre work, center work, and strengthening for pointe work. Introduce first variation.
Week Three	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second variation.
Week Four	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with first and second variation.
Week Five	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce third variation
Week Six	Continue working on variations.
Week Seven	Continue working on variations.
Week Eight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance first and second variations for midterm evaluation. We may choose different variations depending on timing.

Week Nine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with remaining variations. Daylight Savings!
Week Ten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Break!
Week Eleven	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on variations and strengthening.

Week Twelve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue with variations and strengthening.
Week Thirteen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use class time to work with preferred variations for a group project.
Week Fourteen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use class time to work with preferred variations for a group project.
Week Fifteen	Present favorite variation project.
Week Sixteen	Finals Week No regular class.

UF Absence Policy

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies, as follows:

Source: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

- Students are responsible for satisfying all academic objectives as defined by the instructor. Absences count from the first-class meeting.
- In general, acceptable reasons for absence from or failure to participate in class include illness, serious family emergencies, special curricular requirements (e.g., judging trips, field trips, professional conferences), military obligation, severe weather conditions, religious holidays and participation in official university activities such as music performances, athletic competition or debate. Absences from class for court-imposed legal obligations (e.g., jury duty or subpoena) must be excused. Other reasons also may be approved.

- You cannot participate in classes unless you are registered officially or approved to audit with evidence of having paid audit fees. The Office of the University Registrar provides official class rolls to instructors.
- If you do not participate in at least one of the first two class meetings of a course or laboratory in which you are registered, and you have not contacted the department to indicate your intent, you can be dropped from the course. You must not assume that you will be dropped, however.
- The university recognizes the right of the individual professor to make attendance mandatory. After due warning, professors can prohibit further attendance and subsequently assign a failing grade for excessive absences.

Make-up Policy:

Dance Technique Class – Makeup Policy

- You are responsible for all material covered during any absence
- There are no makeup options for unexcused absences
- Absences from Written Exams, Quizzes, Mid-Terms, and/or Finals may only be made up with approved documentation
- To earn credit (amount of credit determined by the instructor) for an excused absence you must do two things:
 - 1) Immediately after your return to class, turn in approved/legal documentation to instructor. If you need the original documentation, the instructor will accept copies. You can email these to your instructor.
 - 2) **Make-up the class with an approved UF ballet class taken by the required date (two weeks after the excused absence).** The student must request permission of that instructor and obtain their signature after attending the class.
 - 3) Sign up and assistance for BFA audition will also serve as a make-up assignment.

Student on-line evaluation process

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via Gator Evals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from Gator Evals, in their Canvas course menu under Gator Evals, or via ufl.bluera.com/ufl/. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

UF Policies:

University Policy on Accommodating Students with Disabilities:

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, <https://disability.ufl.edu/>) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

University Policy on Academic Misconduct:

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code (<https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/process/student-conduct-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor.

Counseling and Wellness Center contact information:

<http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx>, 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Netiquette: Communication Courtesy:

All members of the class are expected to follow rules of common courtesy in all email messages, threaded discussions and chats.

Getting Help:

If applicable: For issues with technical difficulties for E-learning in Canvas, please contact the UF Help Desk at: (352) 392-HELP (352-392-4357) - select option 2, <http://helpdesk.ufl.edu/>

Please take advantage of these services:

Campus Resources:

- Health and Wellness U Matter, We Care: If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-392-1575, or visit <https://umatter.ufl.edu/> to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.
- Counseling and Wellness Center: Visit counseling.ufl.edu/ or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.
- Student Health Care Center: Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or visit <https://shcc.ufl.edu/>
- University Police Department: Visit <https://police.ufl.edu/> or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).
- UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center: For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; <http://ufhealth.org/emergency-room-trauma-center>

Academic Resources

- E-learning technical support: Contact the UF Computing Help Desk at 352-392-4357 or via e-mail at helpdesk@ufl.edu.
- Career Connections Center: Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services <https://career.ufl.edu/>

- Library Support: <https://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/> ask various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.
- Teaching Center: Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352- 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. <https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>
- Writing Studio: 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. <https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>
- Student Complaints On-Campus: <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/>
- On-Line Students Complaints: <https://distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process/>

General Information

Student Injury and Illness Policy:

The Dance Area of SoTD believes that dance student's physical and mental well-being is paramount to success in all arenas of their dance training, from class to the stage. In the case of injury, fostering a productive and holistic response insures a speedy and effective recovery.

If the dance student becomes ill or injured to the degree that they cannot attend and participate in dance classes, SoTD sponsored rehearsals, or performances, the 5 steps of the dance student injury and illness policy are to be followed:

1. The student is required to see a health care professional immediately.
2. If the illness or injury prevents the student from participation in dance class, rehearsal, or performance, the student is to request documentation from the health care professional that explicitly projects the duration of the injury, and/or the amount and type of activity recommended for the welfare of the student.
3. Following the appointment with the health care professional, the student is required to bring medical recommendations and related documentation to the attention of his or her instructor(s), choreographer(s), or director(s) as the basis for discussion.
4. Unless otherwise medically advised, the student is prohibited from active participation in all related UF dance activities, classes, events, performances, etc. The student may not personally select one activity as having a higher priority over another. The student is not to dance in any events, activities, performances or rehearsals if the student is not in dance class. If the infirmity culminates in a medical withdrawal, this is also a withdrawal from all performance related activities.
5. The student is never allowed to sacrifice classroom participation for the demands of a performance. The student will not be allowed to participate in a performance if they miss dance class due to an injury. The student is expected to follow the student injury and illness policy even if performances take place beyond the scope of SoTD, as with another UF, professional, or community performing group, etc.

GRADING: Attendance and Attire - Mandatory

45pts. Mid-term Evaluation March 7
10pts. Attendance to one Performance (BFA Showcase or Spring into Dance 2025)
45pts. End of Semester Evaluation/Project April 18
100 pts. Total

GRADING SCALE:

A 93-100 points
A- 90-92
B+ 86-89
B 83-85 points
B- 80-82
C+ 77-79
C 73-76 points
C- 70-72
D+ 67-69
D 63-66 points
D- 60-62
E 59 and below

EACH STUDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING HER/HIS OWN PROGRESS

Technique Mid-Term: *Friday March 7, 2025**

Technique Final/Project: *Friday April 18, 2025**

*Disclaimer: This syllabus represents current plans and objectives. As we go through the semester, those plans may need to change to enhance the class learning opportunity. Such changes, communicated clearly, are not unusual and should be expected. Any changes in technique exam dates due to unseen circumstances will be announced in class and posted on canvas in a timely fashion.

You must see one *BFA Spring Dance Showcase or Spring into Dance 2025*. You will provide proof of attendance to the instructor who is the teacher of record of your course within one week after viewing production. Depending on your technique schedule, you may use these same events/performances for other technique classes, as well.

Performance Behavior/Decorum:

- Yes, please dress how you would to the theatre. Make your ambiance as close to the real experience as possible.
- No cell phones/texting at all, ever, never during a performance (unless the show requests it!)
- Represent the SoTD at the show!

Dress Policy:

- Women: Close fitting dancewear and pointe shoes. (Flats on the side if needed)
- Hair must be secured and worn neatly and out of the face.
- No oversized clothing (only when cold).
- Ankles must be visible.
- No large jewelry, necklaces & watches.

Please check your emails daily for Dance Area Headquarters Canvas site updates!

General Information

Dancer Wellness / Injury Guidance: Please refer to your canvas pages section for detailed information.

Please Note: Our work in the studios is designed to be challenging; physically, intellectually, and emotionally. Dance classes often involve touching. Physical contact may range from simple touch, to correcting alignment. Students may also be asked to experiment with exercises that involve weight exchange, and in the case of a ballet class, partnering exercises. If you have a related medical consideration or touch makes you uncomfortable, it is your responsibility to notify the instructor at the start of the semester.

Spring 2025 Dance Calendar

[Link](#) to production calendar

TBD: Critical Response Appointments for 3rd years and graduating Seniors

January

13 – First day of classes

Welcome Back Meeting G-6, 6:30p

14 – Auditions for Prof. Onye Ozuzu's new work for *Spring Into Dance*, 5-7p, G-6

20 – NO CLASSES, MLK DAY

21 – Master Class with Cirque Kalabanté, 11:15a, G-6

UFPA: Cirque Kalabanté, 7:30p, Phillips Center

22 – Possible ACDA adjudication showing, 6:30p in G-6 (open to all)

24 – BFA auditions for UF regular admission – all day G-6 and varied SoTD spaces

27 – UnShowing and ACDA adjudication for BFA Showcase choreographers only, 6:30-8:30p, G-6

30 – Ric Rose Alumni Award: Lecture with Guest Artist Juliana Azoubel 8:45-10:15a, G-6

Ric Rose Alumni Award: Guest Masterclass with Juliana Azoubel during CAADDP classes, G-6

31 – Ric Rose Alumni Award: Master Class with Guest Artist Juliana Azoubel 10:40-12:35a, G-6

Ric Rose Alumni Award presentation 6:00 to 8:00p, G-6

February

7 – BFA Dance Showcase Load In, G-6

SoTD Macbeth – opening night (runs through 16th)

8 – UFPA: Dance Alive, *Dangerous Liaisons*, 7:30p, Phillips Center

9-11 – BFA Dance Showcase, spacing rehearsals, G-6

11-13 – UFPA: Riverdance, 7:30p, Phillips Center

13 - Museum Nights: Arts Across Africa, Harn 6-9pm

12-14 & 16 – BFA Dance Showcase, Tech rehearsals G-6

17 (Prog A) & 19 (Prog B) – BFA Dance Dress rehearsals, 7:30-10:30p, G-6

19 & 21 – BFA Dance Showcase, Prog A 7:30-9:00p, G-6

21 – UFPA: Niyaz presents The Fourth Light Project, 7:30p, Phillips Center

20 & 22 – BFA Dance Showcase, Prog B 7:30-9:00p, G-6

23 – BFA Dance Showcase, Prog A 1:30-3:00p, Prog B 4:00-5:30pm, Strike 5:30-7:30p, G-6

UFPA: Sun Country Dance Theatre presents 17th Annual Spring Youth Concert featuring
Hansel and Gretel, 2:30p, Phillips Center

24 – DARK DAY for Dance Majors—no technique classes

March

3 – BA Spring Social and Info Session

6-9 – American College Dance Association (ACDA), regional conference at College of Charleston, SC

7 – SoTD *The Importance of Being Earnest* – opening night (runs through 14th)

11 – UFPA: The Peking Acrobats, 7:30p, Phillips Center

15-23 – SPRING BREAK

31 – *Spring Into Dance* spacing rehearsals begin, 6:30-10:30p, Black Box Theatre

April

1 – UFPA: *The Great Gatsby Ballet* by the World Ballet Company, 7p, Phillips Center

1-3 – *Spring Into Dance* spacing rehearsals continue, 6:30-10:30p, Black Box Theatre

4 – *Spring Into Dance* Crew Orientation and Watch, 6-9:30p

5 – *Harn Museum of Dance*, tech rehearsal 9a-noon, performance 1-3p

UFPA: Dance Alive, *Romeo and Juliet*, 7:30p, Phillips Center

6-7 – *Spring Into Dance* Tech rehearsals and production meeting/notes, 6:30-11p, Black Box Theatre

8-9 – *Spring Into Dance* Dress rehearsals and production meeting/notes, 7:30-11p, Black Box Theatre

10-13 – *Spring Into Dance* performances, 7:30p Th-Sat, 2p Sun, Black Box Theatre (Strike Sunday)

14 – DARK DAY for Dance majors—no technique classes

17-18 – SoTD Staged Reading *The Conference of the Birds*, 7:30p, Black Box Theatre

19 – UFPA: Limón Dance Company, 7:30p, Phillips Center

21 – FINAL UNSHOWING, 6:30p-8:30p, G-6, format TBD

23 – Last day of classes

24-25 – Reading Days

26-30 – Finals

May

1-2 – Finals

2-4 – Commencement

