

Dixie State College of Utah  
Dance Department

**Jazz Dance I**  
Dance 1500, TR: 10:30am-11:50am  
Fall Semester, 2006

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**Course Description**

A beginning level jazz dance technique course. It is designed for beginning students interested in learning fundamental skills in jazz dance. Students will be introduced to the basic concepts of jazz dance technique and performance.

**Course Objectives**

1. To gain a fundamental understanding of the technical aspects of jazz dance.
2. To improve the student's overall coordination and to condition the body for strength, endurance, and flexibility through jazz dance technique.
3. To participate in qualitative movement phrases and quantitative technique exercises to improve overall performance quality.
4. To experience and appreciate the rhythmic and stylistic artistry of jazz dance.

**Requirements**

1. Dress: Clean tights, leotard, and form fitting dance pants, jazz shoes or bear paws, hair pulled back away from face, no jewelry, no gum.
2. Participation: Excessive absences or tardiness will not be permitted. Prior-to notification of school excused absences and medical emergency release forms will be accepted for make-ups. Four absences will result in a failing grade. Being tardy twice will be counted as one absence. Each time a student is absent or tardy points will be deducted from the participation grade.
3. Class reading: As assigned by instructor.
4. Written critique: A two-page, double spaced critique based on your observations of the DSC Dance Company Concert. The paper must clearly relate to the artistic and technical work of the class and contain a definitive opinion of the performance.
5. Movement and Technique: Performance tasks will be evaluated periodically throughout the semester.
6. Final exam: The final exam will consist of an end of semester class showing. All students are required to participate and will be evaluated based on their performance. The showing will take place on November 16 from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

The course grade will be determined by participation in class, and completion of all assignments by due date or final workshop date. No Incomplete will be accepted without signed permission of the Director of Dance. Basis for grading: class participation and working attitude (50%), written critique (10%), movement and technique (20%), and final (20%).

"If you are a student with a physical or mental impairment and would like to request accommodations, please contact the Disability Resource Center (652-7516) in Room 201 of the Student Services Center. The Disability Resource Center will determine your eligibility for services based upon complete professional documentation. If you are deemed eligible, the Disability Resource Center will further evaluate the effectiveness of your accommodation requests and will authorize reasonable accommodations that are appropriate for your disability."