

DANCE (DANC)

100 Level Courses

DANC 101: *Dance Appreciation*. 3 credits.

Introduces dance as universal human activity, expression of cultural identity, and art form. Survey of global dance includes folk, ceremonial and ritual, trance, court, classical, and theatrical. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core (All), Arts (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 114: *Rhythmic Analysis and Music Resources for Dance*. 3 credits.

Introduces rhythmic structure, notation, and basic forms of music. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). Limited to three attempts.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 118: *Global Dance Perspectives I*. 3 credits.

Introduces global dance form through presentation of fundamental techniques, music and culture. Area of concentration may vary to include an array of global perspectives. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 9 credits.

Mason Core: Mason Core (All), Global Understanding (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies, Non-Western Culture

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 119: *Dance in Popular Culture*. 3 credits.

Performance of a popular dance form through presentation of fundamental techniques, music, and culture. Area of concentration may vary to include an array of popular dance forms. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Mason Core: Mason Core (All), Arts (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 120: *Special Topics in Dance I*. 1-3 credits.

Rotating topic. Introduction and exploration of topical studies in dance or related study areas; topic depends on instructor. Notes: May be repeated if course content differs. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 6 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 125: *Modern/Contemporary Dance I*. 3 credits.

Introduces fundamentals of modern dance technique. Emphasizes improving anatomical awareness and alignment, increasing strength and flexibility, and developing rhythmic sensitivity. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Mason Core: Mason Core (All), Arts, Encore: Well-Being (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 131: *Beginning Jazz Technique*. 3 credits.

Introduces fundamentals of jazz dance technique, explores the musical and cultural traditions of jazz dance, and its historical context. Emphasizes improving anatomical awareness and alignment, increasing strength and flexibility, and developing rhythmic sensitivity. Also introduces jazz improvisation and choreography. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Mason Core: Mason Core (All), Arts (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 145: *Ballet I*. 3 credits.

Introduces fundamental elements of ballet technique and vocabulary. Stresses learning vocabulary and movement characteristics of this highly stylized art form. Emphasizes improving anatomical awareness and alignment, increasing strength and flexibility, and developing musicality. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Mason Core: Mason Core (All), Arts, Encore: Well-Being (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 150: *Dance Improvisation*. 3 credits.

Explores movement invention and discovery. Movement explored in relation to other art forms such as literature, painting, sculpture, and architecture; enhancing kinesthetic awareness; sensitivity to others; and the environment. Prerequisite for dance composition and choreography series. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). Limited to three attempts.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 161: *Beginning Tap Dance*. 3 credits.

Introductory exploration of rhythms and steps basic to the art form of tap dancing including its musical and cultural traditions. Emphasizes improving anatomical awareness and alignment, increasing strength and flexibility and developing rhythmic sensitivity. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Mason Core: Mason Core (All), Arts (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 170: *Orientation to Dance Production*. 1 credit.

Introduces sound, lighting, and stage management elements and terminology as related to dance performance. Intensive workshop setting emphasizes laboratory experience. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). Limited to three attempts.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Laboratory

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 190: *First Year Seminar*. 0 credits.

Introduction to School of Dance, CVPA, and university resources available to dance majors. Weekly meetings focus on learning about opportunities for involvement in dance, the community, and adjusting academically. Each class addresses a topic to assist dance majors to effectively transition to college life. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). Limited to three attempts.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

200 Level Courses

DANC 210: *Anatomy and Kinesiology for Dance*. 3 credits.

Covers aspects of anatomy and kinesiology that directly apply to correct development of dance technique. Emphasizes exercise correctives and imagery to correct insufficient muscle pattern and reduce stress on the body. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). Limited to three attempts.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 225: *Modern/Contemporary Dance II*. 3 credits.

Further develops knowledge, skills, and appreciation of modern dance through continued exploration of techniques, aesthetics, and creativity. Continuing the development of anatomical awareness and alignment, technical clarity, and rhythmic sensitivity. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 9 credits.

Mason Core: Mason Core (All), Arts (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Recommended Prerequisite: DANC 125 or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 231: *Intermediate Jazz Technique*. 3 credits.

Further study of the concepts of jazz dance technique, and in-depth study of 21st century jazz dance forms. Emphasizes furthering anatomical awareness and alignment, developing technical clarity, rhythm and syncopation. Continues exploration of jazz improvisation and choreography. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 12 credits.

Mason Core: Mason Core (All), Arts (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Recommended Prerequisite: DANC 131 or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 245: *Ballet II*. 3 credits.

Further develops fundamental elements of ballet technique and vocabulary. Stresses increasing vocabulary and movement characteristics of this highly stylized art form. Continuing emphasis on improving anatomical awareness and alignment, increasing strength and flexibility, and developing musically. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 9 credits.

Mason Core: Mason Core (All), Arts (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Recommended Prerequisite: DANC 145 or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 251: *Dance Composition I*. 3 credits.

Introduces basic principles for composing dance movement. Focuses on simple compositional forms as they apply to solo performer, discussion, analysis, and evaluation of artistic choices. Students maintain video and written journals to document their artistic process. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). Limited to three attempts.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (DANC 150^C or 150^{XS}).

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 252: *Dance Composition II*. 3 credits.

Explores compositional elements in dance as they apply to group forms. Offers continued experience in developing and manipulating movement phrases using a variety of compositional forms. Introduces conducting rehearsals and selecting music. Students discuss, analyze, and evaluate artistic choices in composition using appropriate dance arts vocabulary and terminology, and maintain video and written journals to document artistic process. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). Limited to three attempts.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: ((DANC 150^C or 150^{XS}) and (DANC 251^C or 251^{XS})).

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 270: *Dance Production Lab*. 1 credit.

Practical experience in stage crew, sound, or lighting of dance productions through rehearsal to public performance for university dance concerts or guest artist programs. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 3 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (DANC 170^C or 170^{XS}).

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Laboratory

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

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DANC 301: *What is Dance?*. 3 credits.

Explores connections among literature, music, theater, and visual art within aesthetic framework of dance. Examines development and ideals of Western theatrical dance, and historical and social context in which they were created. Method of instruction includes lecture, discussion, and studio experiences. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core (All), Arts (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 304: *Intermediate Ballet I*. 1-3 credits.

Emphasizes anatomical awareness and principles of ballet technique. Barre, center, and grand allegro combinations expand technical skills, ballet vocabulary and musicality. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 305: *Intermediate Modern/Contemporary Dance I*. 1-3 credits.

Contemporary studio practice builds anatomical awareness and knowledge while increasing strength, flexibility and stamina. Emphasis on ability to quickly learn material and replicate accurately. Projects build an understanding of precedents, and contemporary practices. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 314: *Intermediate Ballet II*. 1-3 credits.

Provides continued expansion of ballet technique and vocabulary with focus on development of dynamic range, and rhythmic facility while maintaining high technical standards. Emphasizes increasing technical

proficiency, improving anatomical awareness, and developing deeper understanding of skills and principles of ballet technique. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 315: *Intermediate Modern/Contemporary Dance II*. 1-3 credits.

Continued expansion of modern dance vocabulary while emphasizing somatic alignment principles as applied to contemporary technique. Focus on developing increased dynamic range and rhythmic sensitivity. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 318: *Global Dance Perspectives II*. 3 credits.

Continued in-depth study of global dance form including technique, music, and culture. Texts, video, performances, music, participatory events, and guest artist presentations. Lecture, studio. Area of concentration varies to include as many cultures as possible. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Mason Core: Mason Core (All), Global Understanding (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (DANC 118^C, 118^{XS} or 119^C).

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 324: *Introduction to Dance Conditioning*. 1-3 credits.

Course involves intensive rehabilitation and conditioning exercises and realignment training geared for the individual dancer. In-depth understanding of injury prevention and neuromuscular re-education are applied to ballet and modern technique classes. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 12 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 325: *Modern/Contemporary Dance III*. 1-3 credits.

Explores intermediate level of modern dance technique. Emphasizes improving anatomical awareness, increasing strength and flexibility, expanding modern dance vocabulary, and developing flow and dynamic range. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 12 credits.

Mason Core: Mason Core (All) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 331: *Advanced Jazz Dance*. 3 credits.

In-depth studio study of 21st century jazz dance forms. Continues concepts and vocabulary introduced in DANC 231, and further emphasizes alignment, technical clarity and virtuosity. Emphasizes mastery of rhythm and syncopation. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Mason Core: Mason Core (All), Arts (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Recommended Prerequisite: DANC 231 or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 345: *Ballet III*. 1-3 credits.

Provides continued ballet training for intermediate-level dancer. Emphasizes increasing technical proficiency, improving anatomical awareness, and developing deeper understanding of skills and principles of ballet technique and how they provide foundation to teach and perform. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 24 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 360: *Choreography*. 3 credits.

Continued choreographic exploration and research, culminating in bringing completed works to production. Offered by School of Dance

(<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). Limited to three attempts.

Specialized Designation: Mason Impact.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: ((DANC 150^C or 150^{XS}) and (DANC 251^C or 251^{XS}) and (DANC 252^C or 252^{XS})).

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 362: *RS: Directed Choreography*. 1 credit.

Faculty-guided, individual learning experience where students learn to choreograph a dance work by auditioning dancers, costuming, staging, lighting, selecting musical accompaniment, and composing original movement material. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 6 credits.

Specialized Designation: Research/Scholarship Intensive, Topic Varies

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: ((DANC 150^C or 150^{XS}) and (DANC 251^C or 251^{XS}) and (DANC 252^C or 252^{XS}) and (DANC 360^C or 360^{XS})).

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 370: *Dance Performance*. 1 credit.

Practical experience in performance, repertory, and choreography through rehearsal and public performance of university dance concerts or guest artist programs. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 3 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: Audition.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 371: *Residency Workshop*. 1 credit.

This course offers experience in guest artist or faculty residency including rehearsals and performance of new or re-staged choreographic work. May be repeated for total 3 credits. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 3 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: Audition.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 372: *Advanced Dance Production*. 1 credit.

Methodology and practice of costume and lighting design, as dictated by specific needs of dance performance. Notes: Taught in series of workshop settings. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). Limited to three attempts.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: ((DANC 170^C or 170^{XS}) and (DANC 270^C or 270^{XS})).

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Laboratory

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 390: *Dance History I*. 3 credits.

Examines dance as it developed as Western theatrical form from its beginnings in social and folk dance through evolution into ballet. Emphasizes romantic and classical ballet. Also studies American dance forms as they evolved in spectacles, burlesques, minstrelsy, and social dance. All forms of dance placed in social, political, cultural, aesthetic, and historical contexts. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core (All), Arts (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Writing Intensive in Major

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 391: *Dance History II*. 3 credits.

Examines revolutions in transformation of 20th-century Western dance into forms and institutions that radically departed from predecessors. Development of contemporary dance carried with it reflections of the influence of technology and media as well as concept of global culture. Renewed interest in traditional dance forms acknowledges power of dance to serve as carrier of cultural and societal values. Dance forms placed in social, political, cultural, aesthetic, and historical contexts. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core (All), Arts (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Writing Intensive in Major

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 399: *Independent Study*. 1-3 credits.

Individual research or creative project supervised by faculty member. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 6 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: Permission of director of School of Dance.

Schedule Type: Independent Study

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

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DANC 410: *Introduction to Contemporary Movement Theories*. 3 credits.

Introduction to movement theories combining somatic theory with practical application to dance training. Focus on ways somatic practices can deepen perceptual processes and influence movement aesthetics. Theories studied may include: Alexander Technique, Feldenkrais Method, Body-Mind Centering, and Ideokinesis. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). Limited to three attempts.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: DANC 210^C or 210^{XS}.

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 418: *Global Dance Intensive*. 3 credits.

Intensive investigation of selected dance idiom within cultural and artistic contexts. Course work supplemented by participation in and observation of ambient culture. Analyzes similarities, differences, and common antecedents between selected culture and North American dance idioms. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Mason Core: Mason Core (All), Global Understanding (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 420: *Special Topics in Dance II*. 1-3 credits.

In-depth presentation and exploration of topical studies in dance or related study areas. Notes: Topic depends on instructor. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 6 credits.

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Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: 9 hours of DANC or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 424: *Advanced Ballet I*. 1-3 credits.

Advanced study of ballet technique. Emphasizes refining alignment, ability to self-correct and replicate sophisticated classical movement sequences while exploring artistic expression. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 425: *Advanced Modern/Contemporary Dance I*. 1-3 credits.

Advanced-level exploration of modern dance technique. Studio practice emphasizes increasing expressiveness, flow and dynamic range, refining alignment, ability to self-correct, and replicating sophisticated movement sequences. Offered by the School of Dance Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 12 credits.

Mason Core: Mason Core (All), Arts (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 434: *Advanced Ballet II*. 1-3 credits.

Advanced level of ballet training at the pre-professional level. Emphasis on attainment of high quality technical and performance skills, application of anatomical principles, and mastery of sophisticated movement sequences. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 435: *Advanced Modern/ Contemporary Dance II.* 1-3 credits.

Pre-professional study with an emphasis on developing individual artistry through an exploration of personal interpretation of contemporary choreography. Focus on preparing students to enter professional fields of dance. The class will include learning choreography, performance techniques, interpretation skills as well as performance analysis and audition practice. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Studio**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 445: *Ballet IV.* 1-3 credits.

Provides preprofessional ballet training for advanced-level dancer. Emphasizes attainment of high-quality technical and performance skills, application of anatomical principles, and mastery of sophisticated classical movement sequences. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 6 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Studio**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 453: *Teaching Creative Movement.* 3 credits.

Provides theory, methodology, and practicum experience in preparation for teaching creative movement to children K-12, with some application to special populations. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). Limited to three attempts.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 454: *Methods of Teaching Dance.* 3 credits.

Examines dance pedagogy, focusing on principles needed for teaching sound technique. Students learn skills, methods, and instructional procedures for classroom. Emphasizes curriculum development, proper course sequencing, implementation of teaching strategies, and classroom management techniques. Students study teaching methods appropriate for K-12, gifted and talented, and special-needs students. Intensive practice in implementing these skills includes lab, field-teaching experiences. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core (All), Oral Communication (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Senior.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 462: *Independent Choreography.* 1 credit.

Independent, in-depth choreographic exploration of the creative process. Mentored exploration guides students to verbally articulate, defend and critique their vision, effectively manage audition and rehearsals, demonstrate a clear grasp of compositional function and form to support intent, and make informed decisions. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 3 credits.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (DANC 150^C or 150^{XS}) and (DANC 251^C or 251^{XS}) and (DANC 252^C or 252^{XS}) and (DANC 360^C or 360^{XS}).

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Schedule Type: Studio**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 470: *Advanced Dance Performance.* 1 credit.

Advanced experience in performance, repertory, and choreography through rehearsal and public performance of university dance concerts. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 3 credits.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: DANC 370^C or 370^{XS}.

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Schedule Type: Studio**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 471: *Advanced Residency Workshop.* 1 credit.

This course offers advanced experience in guest artist or faculty residency including rehearsals and performance of new or re-staged choreographic work. May be repeated for total 6 credits. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: DANC 371^C or 371^{XS}.

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Schedule Type: Studio**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 490: *Senior Dance Seminar*. 3 credits.

Culminating seminar devoted to analyzing and synthesizing knowledge and skills gained through undergraduate course work as it applies to dance, arts education, and professional development. Students develop senior project including written and oral presentation in public forum. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core (All), Mason Apex (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Senior Plus or Senior.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Dance.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

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DANC 501: *Graduate Dance Seminar*. 1-3 credits.

Presentation and discussion of current issues in dance specific to education, research, and professional development in the field. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree.

Recommended Prerequisite: Admission to MFA in Dance program.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 510: *Contemporary Movement Theories*. 3 credits.

In-depth study of movement theories combining somatic theory with practical application to dance training. Focus is on ways somatic practices can deepen perceptual processes and influence movement aesthetics. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: Admission to Dance MFA program.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

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Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 520: *Special Topics in Dance*. 1-3 credits.

In-depth presentation and exploration of topical studies in dance and/or related study areas. Notes: Topic depends on instructor. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 9 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: Admission to Dance MFA program.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 525: *Advanced Modern Dance*. 1-3 credits.

Advanced study of modern technique, emphasizing sophisticated technical ability and performance skills, includes comparison of pedagogical perspectives. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 18 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: Admission to Dance MFA program.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

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Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 545: *Advanced Ballet*. 1-3 credits.

Advanced study of ballet technique with an emphasis on high technical ability, performance skills and ballet vocabulary, includes comparison of pedagogical perspectives. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 18 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: Admission to Dance MFA program.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 560: *Advanced Choreography*. 3 credits.

Intensive study and exploration of choreographic forms. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 12 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: Admission to Dance MFA program.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Laboratory

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 570: *Advanced Dance Performance*. 1-3 credits.

Public performance/presentations in university or professional productions. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 12 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: Admission to Dance MFA program.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 571: *Residency Workshop*. 3 credits.

Rehearsal direction of a new or restaged work by a guest choreographer in an intensive rehearsal process. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 9 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: Admission to Dance MFA program.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Studio

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 598: *Philosophy and Aesthetics of Dance*. 3 credits.

Study of philosophical theories and aesthetic principles of dance as a performing art. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: DANC 390 and DANC 391, or permission of instructor.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 599: *Independent Study*. 3 credits.

Individual research or creative project. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 6 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: Admission to Dance MFA program.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

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Schedule Type: Independent Study

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Special scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

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DANC 615: *Contemporary Trends*. 3 credits.

Study of contemporary art and artists and their philosophical theories, aesthetics and practices as they relate to the creation of new work.

Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: Admission to Dance MFA program.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 627: *Advanced Teaching Seminar*. 3 credits.

Discussion and readings from varied pedagogical theories examining diverse approaches to teaching technique and theory culminating in development of a teaching portfolio. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: Admission to Dance MFA program.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 672: *Dance Production*. 3 credits.

Artistic Direction of university or professional performance including mentoring of choreographers, adjudication of work, coordination with lighting designer, costumer, sound technician and managing director. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: Admission to Dance MFA program.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Laboratory

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 680: *Dance Management*. 3 credits.

Exploration of the technical, financial and economical aspects of dance management including areas of marketing, fundraising, publicity, incorporation, booking non-profit vs. profit making organizations and issues relating to current practices in the performing arts industry. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: Admission to Dance MFA program.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

700 Level Courses

DANC 790: *Internship*. 1-3 credits.

In depth study in selected subject area of interest. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 9 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: Admission to Dance MFA program.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Internship

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 798: *Directed Choreography/Project*. 1-3 credits.

This course provides intensive independent choreographic study, culminating in the creation of a significant dance work or body of works, presented in a professional level public performance. The choreography must demonstrate the student's mastery of choreographic craft, an original concept and compelling artistry. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: Admission to MFA in Visual and Performing Arts: Dance Concentration and DANC 560.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Thesis

Grading:

This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

DANC 799: *Thesis*. 1-6 credits.

Creation and documentation of original research including planning, performance, recording and written reflecting under direction of thesis committee. Offered by School of Dance (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/dance/>). May be repeated within the degree.

Recommended Prerequisite: Admission to Dance MFA program.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Thesis

Grading:

This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)