

Performance Psychology

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Virtual Office Hours	TBD	
Learning resources:	Readings will be available through the website upon registration.	
Course description	This course will introduce students to the study of performance psychology as it	
	pertains to dance practice. Psychological theories such as the theory of self	
	determination and self concordance will be analyzed and reflected upon using	
	research conducted on dancers in the field of dance science.	
Course learning	By the completion of this course, successful students will be able to:	
outcomes	 Understand how psychology affects performance practices 	
	 Reflect on the role of imagery in dance 	
	 Familiarize themselves with the structure of motivation 	
	 Apply basic psychological strategies to improve performance 	
Course schedule	Week 1 – Introduction to topics in performance psychology	
	Week 2 – The role of imagery	
	Week 3 – Motivational climates	
	Week 4 – Review and Exam 1	
	Week 5 – Considerations in age groups for dance training psychology	
	Week 6 – Upper Extremities	
	Week 7 – Review and Exam 2	
	Week 8 – Performance anxiety in dance	
	Week 9 – Perfectionism in dance	
	Week 10 – Dropouts in dance	
	Week 11 – Dance addiction	
	Week 12 – Review and Final Exam	

Assessment	Exam 1:
components	Value: 30%
	Due date: Week 4
	Type: Multiple choice and short answer
	Exam 2:
	Value: 30%
	Due date: Week 7
	Type: Multiple choice and short answer
	Exam 3:
	Value: 30%
	Due date: Week 13
	Type: Multiple choice and short answer
	Pop Quizzes:
	Value: 5% each (10% overall)
	Due Date: TBD
	Type: Short answer quiz