

Modern and Contemporary Dance History

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Contact Hours	TBD
Learning resources:	See course section on website for links to course readings.
Course description	In depth study of western modern and contemporary dance theatre practices with
Course description	particular focus on 20th century to present. This course may not be repeated for
	credit.
Course learning	
Course learning	By the completion of this course, successful students will be able to: 1. Recognize, compare, and contrast choreographers and dance practices from
outcomes	different historical moments
	2. Identify the key conceptual features of distinct dance periods
	3. Critically discuss historical research methods and issues
	4. Present information in a clear and effective manner in written and oral format
Course schedule	EARLY MODERN DANCE (1890s to 1930s)
	Week 1 Introduction
	Week 2 – Duncan, Fuller, St Denis
	Week 3 – Ballet Russes
	Week 4 Laban, Wigman, Jooss
	"CLASSIC" MODERN DANCE— (1920s to 1950s)
	Week 5 - Graham, Tamiris, Holm
	Week 6 – Review and assignment preparation
	Week 7 - Humphrey, Weidman, Limon
	<u>LATE MODERN DANCE— (1940s to 1970s)</u>
	Week 8 - Dunham, Ailey, Primus
	Week 9 - Balanchine, Cunningham
	POSTMODERN DANCE— (1960s to 1990s)
	Week 10 - Judson, Rainer, Halprin
	Week 11 – Contact Improvisation
	CONTEMPORARY DANCE— (1980s to today)
	Week 12 – Urban Bush Women, Jones, Harris
Assessment	Quizzes:
components	Value: 3 quizzes 5% each (15% overall)
	Dates: TBD
	Type: Online pop quiz
	Assignment 1:
	Value: 15%
	Due date: Week 2
	Type: Reflection paper
	Assignment 2:
	Value: 30%
	Due date: Week 6
	Type: Virtual presentation
	Assignment 3
	Value: 40%
	Due date: Last week of class
	Type: Historical analysis paper