

Course Description

DAN2630 | Literature & Materials of Music for Dance 1 | 2.00 - 3.00 credits

This course serves to develop the personal musical interest of choreographers and dance artists. The composition and performance of simple musical works will be taught. Actual hands-on skills with dance accompaniment will be developed.

Course Competencies

Competency 1: The student will acquire the knowledge needed to interface with the disciplines of dance and music by:

- 1. Developing the ability to physicalize rhythm
- 2. Understanding basic music compositional techniques
- 3. Exploring different music vocabulary as it relates to style, form, and composition

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate the ability to perceive rhythm by:

- 1. Developing an understanding of musical pulse, meter, and phrasing
- 2. Practicing using musical exercises such as rhythmic dictation, note reading and score study
- 3. Becoming familiar with basic music notation relating to rhythm, tempo, dynamics, and articulation

Competency 3: The student will practice artistic expression by:

- 1. Using music as a performance tool
- 2. Increasing musical sensitivity through guided listening and rhythmic studies
- 3. Practicing basic music improvisation as it relates to dance composition

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Demonstrate an appreciation for aesthetics and creative activities

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