

DANC 202
Music for Dance
3 Credits

Community College of Baltimore County
Common Course Outline

Description

DANC 202 – Music for Dance: provides students with basic music knowledge and application of rhythm as it applies to dance. This course includes an introduction to rhythmic analysis, music compositional structures, how to select music to accompany dance class, how to work with an accompanist, and an introduction into the application (playing and moving) of basic rhythms.

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. identify note values and time signatures;
2. repeat rhythmic sequences by clapping;
3. analyze a rhythmic score and clap or drum it;
4. demonstrate appropriate use of musical accompaniment for movement combinations;
5. create accompaniment for a movement phrase utilizing a percussion instrument;
6. identify the components of musical dynamics;
7. identify the commonalities between dance and music;
8. compare the metric organization and tempo of several pieces of music;
9. devise a rhythmic pattern using syncopation and rests;
10. analyze the structure of a musical score;
11. use a variety of technological resources to search for music; and
12. discuss the basic considerations of copyright laws.

Major Topics

- I. Basic elements of music theory
- II. Dance accompaniment
 - a. Score reading
 - b. Listening Skills
- III. Musical forms
- IV. Developing musical ideas
- V. Relating dance to music
- VI. Copyright laws and the implications for dancers and musicians

Course Requirements

Grading will be determined by the individual faculty member, but shall include the following, at minimum:

- Weekly assignments
- Two written exams (mid-term and final)
- Two practical exams

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- Creative project applying knowledge about how to accompany dance movement
- CCBC Dance Concert attendance and response

Written assignments and research projects: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources in their research and cite sources according to the style selected by their professor.

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