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Dance 303 revised catalog description for C form:

Examines the relationship between Ballet Folklorico and Modern/Contemporary dances practices through theoretical approaches and consideration of hybrid dance genres. Includes instruction in how to perform traditional folk dances in the context of contemporary practice as well as covers embodied history. Requires studio time and lecture.

## **DNCE 303**

# **Contemporary Folklorico**

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Created in consultation with choreographer-scholar Alfonso Cervera, MFA candidate, University of California Riverside

### **Course Description**

This course is designed to engage undergraduate students in theoretical approaches, embodied history, and contemporary dance practice in order to research the relationship between Ballet Folklorico and Modern/Contemporary dance. As a class, we will discuss Mexican Ballet Folklorico and navigate contemporary thought and choreography as a way to analyze political, social, and cultural identity through exploration of Contemporary Folklorico. Students will be assigned readings, view video documentation, write, and will learn traditional folk dances and modern improvisational structures as a way to investigate and understand a contemporary, fused dance genre. This course will work to problem solve how (authentic and) traditional dances use contemporary aesthetics to navigate through the marginalized spaces that limit bodies of color and gender in the dance field.

This course fulfills Upper Division General Education CC credit.

### **Course Requirements**

Attendance and Participation: Students are required to attend every class. The class will depend on your active presence and critical analysis of the required readings in order to have strong discussions in class.

\*The art form of dance and its methods call on the whole person. Since this is also a studio course, students are required to be alert and ready to dance. Each absence will affect your grade. Repeated tardiness and/or leaving early will similarly affect participation and grading--three tardies will equal an absence. Students arriving after roll is taken are responsible for signing in with the Instructor after class, or they will be counted absent.

**NOTE:** Students enrolled in the course who miss either of the first two class meetings may, at the instructor's discretion, lose their place in the class. However, it is the student's responsibility to officially drop the course; otherwise, he/she will receive an "F."

Written Response to Readings & Videos: Every other week students will submit a one-page (12pt, single space, Times New Roman, 500 words) response relating, comparing, and contrasting the videos and readings assigned. Students are expected to pose questions and critically think about the videos and their relation to the topics and mission of this class.

<u>Dress/decorum:</u> You will be dancing barefoot unless instructed otherwise by the Instructor. LEAVE YOUR STREET SHOES BY THE BENCHES. NO FOOD OR DRINKS OTHER THAN WATER. The dance floor must be kept as clean as possible. Wear comfortable dance or exercise attire, sweats or other appropriate clothing that permits freedom of movement. AVOID

overly baggy clothes, jeans, hats, hazardous jewelry or belts, and tie your hair back. Please turn your cell phones off and store them away.

**NOTE**: Some portions of the class may be videotaped as a reference and as part of the dance-making process.

Midterm: A two-part midterm will test your comprehension of the material and your ability to present a choreographic project. The structure for the midterm will require students to write both analytically and critically, responding to the readings and video clips discussed in class. The second part of the midterm will require students to create a choreographic project of a minimum of 2-3 minutes. The project, that embraces Folklorico and Modern/Contemporary dance structures, will be presented to the class. Students will be asked questions regarding their process in and discuss their approach and process of fusing both genres. Students will meet with the professor regarding their choreographic project and obtain approval and guidance by Week 8.

Proposal and Collaborative Presentation: Students will write a paper (double spaced, 12pt, Times New Roman, 500 words) in which they will investigate an artist explored outside of this class. The paper is a way to research a new artist who creates dance work in relation/similarly to our discoveries/conversations in class. Finding an artist outside of the Western demographic is encouraged, in order to give a different understanding of how dance is seen outside of our norm. This is an opportunity to expand on the terminologies learned in class and apply them to the new artist being researched. More will be discussed in class during the weeks to come.

Students will create a collaborative presentation that expands our conversation of folk-contemporary dance forms in relation to our class. The presentation should take 15 minutes, along with a 5-10 minute discussion led by the presenter. The presenter should find ways to relate the artist of their choice to the readings and lectures from class. Remember, it is important for us to think of the presentation as more of conversation between artists and genres.

### (If offered in Fall Semester)

<u>Final Showing:</u> This course will culminate in a final showing during the last week of class. This final showing will be made up of all assignments learned through our investigation and dance practice of Modern Folklorico. Participation is mandatory.

### (If offered in Spring Semester)

<u>Final Performance:</u> This course will culminate in a final performance in the annual Spring Dance Concert (2 nights) during week 14. This final showing will be a directed choreography derived from assignments and our investigation of the dance practice of Modern Folklorico. Participation is mandatory. Students participating in athletic tournaments please be advised to plan ahead with your instructor in case of complications.

<u>Performance Response Essay</u>: Students will be required to write an essay that critically analyzes the methodologies from the readings for the class and based on a Live Performance

Event. This paper is an opportunity for you to create a relation with another artist you have come across in this course. You may use the artist you presented in class.

### Grading:

Attendance and Participation: 30%

2 points/week Written Responses: 40%

Collaborative Presentation: 10% Performance Response Essay: 5%

Midterm: 10%

Final Performance: 5%

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Readings: All readings will be posted and uploaded onto the Cougar Course website. If you desire, you can purchase the book below if you prefer a hard copy.
The following book is recommended, but not required:
Najera-Ramirez, Olga, Norma E. Cantu, and Brenda M. Romero. Dancing across

Borders: Danzas Y Bailes Mexicanos, Urbana: U of Illinois, 2009, Print

### **Student Learning Objectives:**

- Students will demonstrate the ability to identify various strands of Contemporary Folklorico and identify the differences between traditional Ballet Folklorico and Contemporary Dance.
- Students will critically analyze dance aesthetically through the application of choreographic principles of space, time, shape and quality.
- Through discussion and writing, students will understand choreographic practices within a changing cultural, political, historical, and social context.
- Students will embody the language of Ballet Folklorico and Contemporary Dance, and thereby physically and kinesthetically understand the differences and commonalities of these disciplines.
- Through critical analysis, students will examine social, political, and cultural contexts to appreciate diverse human experiences.

- Through critical analysis of a hybridized dance form, students will investigate the ethical repercussions of globalization.
- Students will be able to identify Modern Folklorico as it relates to intellectual thought.
- Through embodied practice and intellectual engagement, students will understand the value of contemporary dance as cultural, political, and social phenomenon.

### Schedule

#### Week 1: Welcome

- Introductions
- Review syllabus/expectations
   Introduce Dr. Susan Foster"s concept "Worlding Dance"

### Week 2: Authentic/Ballet Folklorico vs Traditional Modern-Contemporary

- Read: Olga Najera-Ramirez's "Staging Authenticity: Theorizing the Development of Mexican Folklorico Dance"
- Dance Technique and Practice: Jalisco and Modern Repertoire
- Paper due

### Week 3: Amalia Hernandez and Ballet Folklorico

- Read: Sydney Hutchinson's "The Ballet Folklorico de Mexico and the Construction of the Mexican Nation through Dance"
- Read: Shay's "Viva Mexico"
- Dance Technique and Practice: Stylized versus Traditional

### Week 4: Indigeneity, Tradition, Identity

- Read: Torre Castellanos's "The Zapopan Dancers: Reinventing an Indigenous Line of Descent: Renee de la" and "Creating Agency and Identity in Danza Azteca:
- Dance Technique and Practice: Aztec Dancing
- Paper Due

### Week 5: Politics of Tradition and Innovation

- Read: Chris Goetzen's "Dance, Politics, and Cultural Tourism in Oaxaca's Guelaguetza"
- Dance Technique and Practice: Oaxaca

#### Week 6: Midterm

- 1st part of class: Writing portion of midterm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> part of class: Choreography

### Week 7: Gender and Contemporary Dance

• Read: Iris Marion's Young "Throwing Like a Girl: A Phenomenology of Feminine Bodily Comportment, Motility and Spatiality"

- Read: Foster, Susan. "Choreographies of Gender"
- Dance Technique and Practice: Contemporary Dance and Improvisation
- Paper Due

### Week 8: Ballet Body vs. Ballet Folklorico Body

- Read: Ann Daly's "The Balanchine Woman: Of Hummingbirds and Channel Swimmers"
- Dance Technique and Practice: Ballet in relation to Ballet Folklorico

### Week 9: Traditional Bodies into the Contemporary

- Read: Anusha Kedher's "Flexibility and Its Bodily Limits: Transnational Asian Dancers in the Age of Neoliberalism"
- Read: Jose Reynoso's "Choreographing Modern Mexico"
- Lecture on the contemporization of the Traditional Bodies/ Survival
- Paper Due

Week 10 Presentations/ <u>Dance Practice</u>

Week 11 Presentations/ <u>Dance Practice</u>

Week 12 Practice for Showing/Performance

Week 13 Presentations/ Dance Practice

Week 14: Class Choreographic Presentation/Showing

Week 15: Class Harvest and Discussion

Students are expected to spend a minimum of two hours outside of the classroom each week for each unit of credit engaged learning, so budget at least six hours per week of time outside of the class for reading and projects.

California State University has established a 2500-word minimum writing requirement for each course. The University writing requirement for this course will be fulfilled through essays and in class writing assignments.