

Fall Semester 2000

EDUC 330 - 3
Movement Language Elements for
Dance In Education

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PREREQUISITE

60 hours of credit

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course, a prerequisite for Educ 430 Designs for Learning Dance, is designed for people with or without dance training, who want to teach dance in arts, P.E., or classroom contexts. In this experiential class students will develop an understanding of the movement concepts (action, space, time, force, and relationship) which are the framework for making and teaching dance. This course will explore dance as a nonverbal and artistic language, and students will be introduced to the creative process involved when using and teaching dance as an expressive art form. Opportunity will also be given to utilize the art of improvisation as a way of discovering movement and integrating dance within the wider curriculum. Students will explore a variety of planning and presenting dance lessons. Please wear comfortable clothes for dancing.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Movement Journal

Students will be required to keep a journal to explore their own connections concerning movement, the body and knowledge (20%).

2. Create and Teach Group Dance

Create and teach a group dance to the class (20%).

3. Lesson Plan

Develop an eight-lesson teaching unit to integrate movement concepts in a curriculum (20%).

4. Movement Reflection Writing

Elaborate on one experience from your journal and explore how this could have implications for teaching dance within an educational context (20%).

5. Class Participation

Active participation in individual and group movement activities (20%).

REQUIRED READING

Gilbert, Anne G. Creative Dance for All Ages. National Dance Association: AAHPERD.

Selected Articles.