TIME: M W 3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

PLACE: Exercise Desk (F. Mitchell Johnson Physical Education Center Rm. 201)

INSTRUCTOR: Ms. Linda Jean Harvey

OFFICE: F. Mitchell Johnson Physical Education Center

OFFICE HOURS: W 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. by appointment

OFFICE PHONE: 953-5558

PREREQUISITES: None


COURSE DESCRIPTION: African Dance is a course that broadens and enhances the cultural scope of African Dance as far as origin, performing arts techniques, suggested realism and expressionism of the art form are concerned.

REQUIRED TEXT: N/A

REQUIRED MATERIAL: Course handouts

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
1. Exhibit a picturesque image of African Dance as it depicts authenticity, originality, and diversity through its art form.
2. Provide students an opportunity to explore the art of African Dance and relate its technique, orgin, and expressionism to any medium of dance.
3. Engage the students through improvisational choreography, study groups and lecture demonstrations to create a culminating experience that will result in a performance involving all class participants.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
27% Skill objectives recorded, performed and documented
20% Class participation and pop quizzes
28% Examinations
25% Final choreographed work per each study group

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS:
1. Completion of the skill objectives properly recorded, performed, and documented
   Students will earn these points by regular participation in the skilled objectives whether physical (choreographed or improvisational movements) or documented.
2. Class participation and pop quizzes
   Students will be responsible for all reading materials and assignments which are expected to be prepared for each class and to take pop quizzes when deemed necessary by the Instructor.
3. Examinations
   Exam #1 (14%) will encompass everything learned (physical and documented) through first phase of course.
   Exam #2 (14%) will entail everything learned (physical and documented) through second phase of course.
4. Final choreographed work per each study group
   Students will be divided into small groups and will display before an audience a learned improvisational choreographed dance as well as perform a work they themselves have choreographed.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: This instructor does feel that because this is an activity class, students should attend every class. However, the instructor will allow two unexcused absences during the semester for which the student will not be penalized. After the second cut, the student will lose two points from the final grade for each additional cut. Illness will be excused at the discretion of the instructor and verification may be required. Three unexcused tardies (after 5 minutes after the hour) will result in a cut. The student is responsible to make-up all work immediately.

EXAMINATION POLICY: Exams must be taken on the day assigned unless arrangements are made prior to the test date. If a student is absent on the day of the exam, he/she will receive a zero if the professor is not notified before class time. If an emergency arises, call 953-5558 and leave a message between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

MAKE-UP POLICY: Exams must be made up within one week of the original exam date. This is the student’s responsibility, provided prior notification had been received by the instructor.

HONOR SYSTEM: See the 2011-2012 Student Handbook (Academic Honor System)

BONUS POINT OPPORTUNITIES: The student may earn three (3) points by attending all classes. There could be other extra credit assignments throughout the semester.
JANUARY
  09 M  Introduction to Course
  11 W  History (Background and Overview) of the Continent as it relates to the Art of Dance
  18 W  Techniques of African Dance
  23 M  Lecture and Demonstration
  25 W  Lecture and Demonstration
  30 M  Lecture and Demonstration

FEBRUARY
  01 W  Lecture and Demonstration
  06 M  Trace the Origin of African Dance ~ Lecture and Demonstration
  08 W  Trace the Origin of African Dance as it relates to Stagecraft (Blocking) ~ Lecture and Demonstration
  13 M  Breakdown of Study Groups to incorporate techniques of the art through Improvisational dance
  15 W  Lecture and Demonstration
  20 M  Lecture and Demonstration
  22 W  Lecture and Examination
  27 M  Lecture and Demonstration
  29 W  Lecture and Demonstration ~ Improvisational choreography per each study group

MARCH
  12 M  Lecture and Demonstration ~ Choreography per each study group
  14 W  Lecture and Demonstration
  19 M  Lecture and Demonstration
  21 W  Lecture and Demonstration ~ Discussions per costumes to be used for final performance
  26 M  Lecture and Demonstration ~ Improvisational choreography per each study group
  28 W  Lecture and Demonstration ~ Improvisational choreography per each study group

APRIL
  02 M  Lecture and Demonstration ~ Improvisational choreography per each study group
  04 W  Lecture and Demonstration with emphasis on improvisational study groups
  09 M  Lecture and Demonstration
  11 W  Lecture and Demonstration
  16 M  Lecture and Demonstration
  18 W  Lecture and Demonstration ~ Preparation for Staged presentation
  23 M  Final Presentation (tentative)