

# PDP DA 400, Repertory and Performance

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Meets by arrangement in L240: 1.0 Credit

## Dance Program Mission:

Our dance program provides students with technical, historical and compositional courses in multiple genres of dance designed to prepare and enhance their skills in communication, critical thinking and self-expression. Our curriculum choices offer multiple ways of investigating dance as a physical, aesthetic, intellectual and cultural practice. As part of *One BU /Recommendations for Accessing the Arts at BU*, we encourage our students to use their imaginative spirit to find opportunities to create innovative cross-discipline research and practice.

## Course Description:

Prereq: Previous dance training and the instructor's consent. Students are part of the choreographic process in works by students. The pieces are mentored and critiqued by three dance faculty in scheduled showings in preparation for performance. Dances are performed in Dance Theatre Group's concert.

## Required Attire:

- Form fitted clothing required (dance, aerobic or bike wear); supportive undergarments (i.e., sports bras, athletic supporters) recommended to ensure comfort and ease - individuals can determine best options for their body and can consult instructors with any questions.
- Please, no gum or dangerous jewelry.
- Hair secured away from face.

## Learning Outcomes:

- Students will become increasingly skilled as a performer and/or choreographer.
- Students will become more practiced in the process of choreographing a dance.
- Students will be more adept at incorporating feedback from mentors.
- Students will be able to display increased confidence as a performer and/or choreographer.

**Lockers: Lockers:** Permanent lockers are available. All lockers are issued on a first come, first serve basis. Members use a Day Locker for free. See the staff at ProShop. Otherwise, bring your valuables into the studio.

## Grading Policy:

This class will be graded Pass/Fail, based on attendance. Please visit the [Registrar's website](#) often to view relevant deadlines! Below is a list of possible grades you may receive in this class:

P – Pass: Completed course requirements including weekly meetings/rehearsals and all performances.

W – Withdraw: If you drop this class after the specified deadline, you will receive a “W” grade.

MG - Missing Grade: If you decide you do not want to take this course, but forget to drop it, this grade will appear on your transcript. You will still be allowed to graduate and it will not affect your overall

GPA, however you are strongly encouraged to drop this course within the allotted deadline to avoid this grade. Dropping before the deadline will remove this class from your transcript entirely.

I – Incomplete: If you fail to meet the attendance requirements of this course, you will receive an “I” until you have made up all missed classes. Please make arrangements with your instructor to do so within the following semester. Your grade will be changed to a “P” once you have made up all classes.

F- Fail: It is very unlikely that you will receive a failing grade. Your instructor is happy to work with you to make up any missed classes. A grade of “F” will only be given in extenuating circumstances.

Letter Grade: Dance Minors will receive a letter grade (A, B, C, D) indicative of their attendance, skill and improvement throughout the semester. (Note that these factors are directly correlated; good attendance leads to improvement and success.)

- Attendance: regular and consistent attendance at rehearsals; tech rehearsal unless academic conflict; required at dress and performances.
- Skill: as performer, demonstrated ability to contribute, learn, retain, and perform choreography; as choreographer, demonstrated ability to create original vocabulary and structure a dance for the concert stage.
- Improvement: demonstrates willingness to engage, consider, and incorporate mentor feedback to improve choreography and/or performance.

#### **Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Antiracism Statement**

The BU Dance Program commits to actively improve our diversity, inclusion and equity programming and practice antiracism. We are committed to listening, assessing, and doing better to bring about change within our classes, programs, and in our community. We support FitRec’s pledge.

FitRec is committed to:

- Listening to the voices of Black and Indigenous POC and the lessons of history
- Learning as individuals and as a staff, including stretching ourselves and knowing we will make mistakes
- Creating space, both physical and mental, to expand the dialog about inclusion, equity and equality
- Challenging the status quo and pushing past “what is” and moving into genuine inclusion and belonging

In our dance classes, faculty and students will be expected to:

- Be attentive and self-aware of biases and prejudices that impact choices and interactions
- Create thoughtful and intentional actions
- Be respectful of each other’s opinions and be open to changing our mind
- Assume positive intent and recognize we are all growing and learning

We ask our students and members of the BU dance community to share their experiences, recommendations, and concerns.

Respectfully,

Micki Taylor-Pinney, Coordinator of Dance, [mtaypin@bu.edu](mailto:mtaypin@bu.edu); Lynda Rieman, Assistant Coordinator of Dance/Theater Manager, [lrrieman@bu.edu](mailto:lrrieman@bu.edu); Liz Roncka, Assistant Coordinator of Dance, [lizonck@bu.edu](mailto:lizonck@bu.edu)

**Attendance Policy & Make-Up Classes:**

Students are expected to adhere to a higher standard than is dictated by the BU Dance Department's attendance policy. Students are expected to have 100% attendance. Acceptable absences are illness, medical and/or family emergencies. Full participation for the entire class is expected from all students; injured students may observe class. Students who will be missing class, arriving late or leaving early for any reason should please notify instructor in advance.

**Standard Make-Up Options:**

- By arrangement.
- Please feel free to ask questions and/or make appointments for consultations with your choreographer or Micki Taylor-Pinney, Director of Dance, at (617) 353-1597 ([mtaypin@bu.edu](mailto:mtaypin@bu.edu)).

**Compliance**

Access to FitRec and class demands full compliance with the University policies. Be informed. Be safe.

**Safety/compliance protocols**

- Students will be wearing masks throughout class. Class content will be modified appropriately to limit exertion with masks on.
- Students will wear appropriate and clean foot attire.
- Students will sanitize hands and dance footwear before entering and as they exit the space.

**Blackboard, FitRec Website & Course Evaluation:**

A Blackboard course site may be available for this class online at <http://www.learn.bu.edu> and can be accessed by entering your BU username and password. All students enrolled in this class should have access to this site, even if your school does not use Blackboard. This site will give you access to the course syllabus, any additional content, and allow you to email other students in this class. Emergency cancelations as well as other announcements may also be posted here.

For a detailed explanation of PDP credit class policies, information on registration, or schedules please visit the FitRec's website: <http://www.bu.edu/fitrec/about/physical-education/>

Course evaluations will be sent via email at midterm and at the end of the semester. Please take the time to fill these out – your feedback is very important to us!

**Student Conduct:**

Boston University's codes of conduct are enforced at the Fitness and Recreation Center at all times. Use of Boston University facilities is a privilege and participants are expected to be good citizens and respect the rights of others. Individuals who engage in unacceptable or irresponsible behavior may have their access to the Fitness and Recreation Center revoked or modified indefinitely as determined by the Executive Director of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Students may be subject to further university disciplinary action as outlined in the Boston University Code of Student Responsibilities ([www.bu.edu/dos/policies/student-responsibilities](http://www.bu.edu/dos/policies/student-responsibilities)).

**Schedule:**

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| Second Thursday of the semester    | Meeting, 7pm  |
| First Friday to following Thursday | Auditions, by arrangement   |
| Weekly                             | Two hour block rehearsals, per dance, by arrangement              |
| Three times during the semester    | Showing of choreography/feedback from mentors                     |
| Tech week of concert weekend       | 30-45 minute tech per dance, Mon., Tues., or Wed., by arrangement |
| Dress Rehearsal                    | Thursday night before concert weekend                             |
| Concert, week 11 or 12             | Friday, 8pm and Saturday, (4pm and) 8pm in Dance Theater          |