

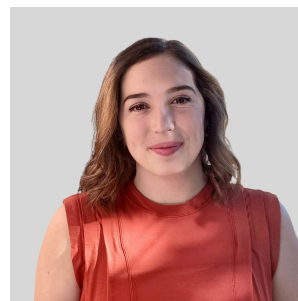
**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH
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**Department of Dance &
Theatre
Fall 2024**

**DANC 4850: Dance & Gender Studies
Monday/Wednesday 11:00 AM - 12:20 PM
DATH 131**

Faculty Information

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Teaching Philosophy (Excerpt): I feel that learning is an ongoing, evolving, and continuous process. Everything we take in is something that informs, introduces, reinforces, adapts, transforms, or questions – regardless if that stems from academic readings, passing conversations, things we witness, or even long walks we take. In this sense, I believe that we learn by doing. This means that learning draws connections, considers new perspectives, tries unfamiliar things, and forms artistic views with agency.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an introduction to Dance and Gender studies, examining intersections of dance, gender, and activism as well as exploring how these inform and influence each other within societal and cultural contexts. Students will consider and investigate elements ranging from embodied identities and performative expressions, to dance learning environments, to organizational and financial structures through published dance criticism surrounding vis-a-vis gender studies topics. Research, discussion, and community engagement frame the trajectory of this course.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- Reflect upon self and group perspectives, experiences, and contexts as they relate to course material through verbal discussions and written assignments.
- Identify key concepts of relevant theory derived from, but not limited to, the fields of gender theory, feminist theory, dance theory, and cultural theory.
- Consider connections within the complex web of political and socio-cultural elements that influence the body and the expression of various identities.
- Analyze how gender may be performed, embodied, enacted, constrained, and challenged in dance practices as well as life practices.
- Discover opportunities for dance and gender activism within local communities, culminating in an end-of-semester research/outreach project.

Each of the above student learning outcomes must be completed at an appropriate level as stated in each course assignment requirements, grading scale or rubric.

COURSE MATERIALS

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: *Dance and Gender: An Evidence-Based Approach* by Wendy Oliver (Editor) and Doug Risner (Editor). 2018.

ISBN-10: 0813064686. ISBN-13: 978-0813064680.

Note-taking materials, paper or electronic, required at each class session. Supplemental readings/viewings may be assigned during the course and provided by the instructor via Canvas.

COURSE ETIQUETTE

- Arrive on time and ready to engage in meaningful discussions, reflections, and other activities. This means arriving ahead of class time to stow belongings and enter the space ready for class by the designated class period and using the bathroom before or after class.
- Remove street shoes before entering the studio. No chewing gum, and no food/beverages other than water in the studio during class.
- Cell phones will not be permitted unless explicitly used for a research tool when asked to during class. PLEASE SILENCE THEM.
- Be kind to your fellow classmates. We will be exploring topics together that may feel emotionally, experientially, etc. charged – we give in this space as well as receive in this space. This means communicating professionally, effectively, and openly.
- You will be expected to work on your own and in groups. Recognize the pace in which you work and allot the necessary time to complete your assignments.

ACTIVITIES, ASSIGNMENTS, & GRADING POLICY

Rubrics for each of the following activities will be supplied by the instructor.

1. Daily In-Class Participation/Engagement	50%
2. Assignments	20%
3. Midterm	10%
4. Final	20%

Daily Grading and Evaluation:

A student may receive 10 points per day based on the following grading criteria:

“A” 9-10 pts (Daily)

The student demonstrates *exemplary* ability to consistently integrate, analyze, initiate, and otherwise engage and attend to individual and collective tasks during the class time.

"B" 8-9 pts (Daily)

The student demonstrates *proficient* ability to consistently integrate, analyze, initiate, and otherwise engage and attend to individual and collective tasks during the class time.

"C" 6-7 pts (Daily)

The student demonstrates *marginal* ability to consistently integrate, analyze, initiate, and otherwise engage and attend to individual and collective tasks during the class time.

"D" 1-5 pts (Daily)

The student demonstrates *insufficient* ability to consistently integrate, analyze, initiate, and otherwise engage and attend to individual and collective tasks during the class time.

"F" 0 (Daily) Student is absent.

Attendance Grading Policy for Department of Dance studio classes:

Evaluations are based on development from class to class, week to week, and the course of the semester. There may be multiple formats for achieving the accountability standards for this course, including instructor-led practice, self-practice, articles read, viewings, self, peer, and instructor feedback, etc. Therefore, it is imperative to be present and working through class material during all class meetings.

First and second absences result in zeroes for their respective daily attendance/participation grades. The third absence from class will result in a 5% grade drop (for example, 90% becomes 85%). **At the fourth absence, the student will fail the course.** There are no excused absences beyond UNT's [Student Attendance and Authorized Absences Policy](#). Students are responsible for requesting an excused absence in writing, providing satisfactory evidence to substantiate the request (including COVID illness/quarantine). A reasonable deadline will be agreed upon between faculty of record and student. A student needing assistance verifying absences due to illness or extenuating circumstances for all courses should contact the Dean of Students office. The Dean of Students office will verify the student's documentation and advocate on the student's behalf, as appropriate, to instructors.

If you are sick, are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or have come in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, please reach out to the instructor right away so you and the instructor can create a plan of action to support your education and absence(s). UNT recommends you follow [CDC guidelines](#) for any COVID 19 related illness. Proof of a positive test will be required.

In the event of an absence, students are responsible for notifying the instructor, prior to the absence if possible, as well as following up on and completing the material/content that was missed.

Lateness and Early Departures: Students should not arrive late to class or ask to leave early. Typically, **(2) tardies and/or early departures will equal one absence**. Students arriving 5 minutes late to class will be deducted 3 points from their daily (10) participation points. 10 minutes late and onward, 5 points will be deducted.

LATE/MAKE-UP WORK may be accepted if the student communicates with the instructor, requests an extension, and follows the instructor's guidelines. The instructor is not required to accept late or make-up work. Late work may receive diminishing percentage points each day. No late work will receive credit after 7 days past due date.

UNT POLICY STATEMENTS

Principles of Engagement

PoE refers to the way students are expected to interact with each other and with their instructors. Here are some general guidelines as provided by UNT:

- While the freedom to express yourself is a fundamental human right, any communication that utilizes cruel and derogatory language on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law will not be tolerated.
- Treat your instructor and classmates with respect in any communication online or face-to-face, even when their opinion differs from your own.
- Ask for and use the correct name and pronouns for your instructor and classmates. • Speak from personal experiences. Use "I" statements to share thoughts and feelings. Try not to speak on behalf of groups or other individual's experiences.
- Use your critical thinking skills to challenge other people's ideas, instead of attacking individuals. • Avoid using all caps while communicating digitally. This may be interpreted as "YELLING!" • Be cautious when using humor or sarcasm in emails or discussion posts as tone can be difficult to interpret digitally.
- Avoid using "text-talk" unless explicitly permitted by your instructor.
- Proofread and fact-check your sources.
- Keep in mind that online posts can be permanent, so think first before you type.

Student Behavior in the Classroom

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The University's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including University and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. Visit UNT's [Code of Student Conduct](https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct) (<https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct>) to learn more.

Academic Integrity Standards and Consequences

According to UNT Policy 06.003, Student Academic Integrity, academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviors including, but not limited to cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University.

ODA Accommodation Statement

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking reasonable accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with a reasonable accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may

request reasonable accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of reasonable accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of reasonable accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of reasonable accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student. For additional information, refer to the Office of Disability Access website at <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/office-disability-access>. You may also contact ODA by phone at (940) 565-4323.

Course Safety Procedures (for Laboratory Courses)

Students enrolled in this course are required to use proper safety procedures and guidelines as outlined in UNT Policy 06.038 Safety in Instructional Activities. While working in laboratory sessions, students are expected and required to identify and use proper safety guidelines in all activities requiring lifting, climbing, walking on slippery surfaces, using equipment and tools, handling chemical solutions and hot and cold products. Students should be aware that the UNT is not liable for injuries incurred while students are participating in class activities. All students are encouraged to secure adequate insurance coverage in the event of accidental injury. Students who do not have insurance coverage should consider obtaining Student Health Insurance. Brochures for student insurance are available in the UNT Student Health and Wellness Center. Students who are injured during class activities may seek medical attention at the Student Health and Wellness Center at rates that are reduced compared to other medical facilities. If students have an insurance plan other than Student Health Insurance at UNT, they should be sure that the plan covers treatment at this facility. If students choose not to go to the UNT Student Health and Wellness Center, they may be transported to an emergency room at a local hospital. Students are responsible for expenses incurred there.

Emergency Notification & Procedures

UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify students with critical information in the event of an emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). In the event of a university closure, please refer to Blackboard for contingency plans for covering course materials.

Access to Information

Eagle Connect. Students' access point for business and academic services at UNT is located at: my.unt.edu. All official communication from the University will be delivered to a student's Eagle Connect account. For more information, please visit the website that explains Eagle Connect and how to forward e-mail: eagleconnect.unt.edu/

Student Evaluation Administration Dates

Student feedback is important and an essential part of participation in this course. The student evaluation of instruction is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. The survey will be made available during weeks 13, 14 and 15 of the long semesters to provide students with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught. Students will receive an email from "UNT SPOT Course Evaluations via IASystem Notification" (no-reply@iasystem.org) with the survey link. Students should look for the email in their UNT email inbox. Simply click on the link and complete the survey. Once students complete the survey they will receive a confirmation email that the survey has been submitted. For additional information, please visit the SPOT website at www.spot.unt.edu or email spot@unt.edu.

Survivor Advocacy

UNT is committed to providing a safe learning environment free of all forms of sexual misconduct, including

sexual harassment sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Federal laws (Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act) and UNT policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, and therefore prohibit sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual harassment, relationship violence, stalking, and/or sexual assault, there are campus resources available to provide support and assistance. UNT's Survivor Advocates can assist a student who has been impacted by violence by filing protective orders, completing crime victim's compensation applications, contacting professors for absences related to an assault, working with housing to facilitate a room change where appropriate, and connecting students to other resources available both on and off campus. The Survivor Advocates can be reached at SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu or by calling the Dean of Students Office at 940-565-2648. Additionally, alleged sexual misconduct can be non-confidentially reported to the Title IX Coordinator at oeo@unt.edu or at (940) 565 2759.