Atlantic County Institute of Technology

COURSE PROFICIENCY AND CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

COURSE NAME: Advanced/Honors Dance- Performing Arts
INSTRUCTOR: Ms. Zeuner
ROOM: Dance Studio, 1321
CONTACT: Lzeuner@acitech.org

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Honors Dance emphasizes development of the total dancer by integrating each student's unique abilities through their kinesthetic development; analytical, and creative growth. Students will engage in somatic movement investigations and individualized assessment; where they will clarify anatomical functioning within a variety of dance techniques and styles. Through observation and discussion, students will analyze the artistic philosophies of significant historical and contemporary modern dance artists, integrating movement experiences within the study of the philosophies and theories that have shaped the art and its practice. This honors level class is designed to challenge students to become leaders, independent thinkers and role models in the process of developing their own particular artistic vision. Students will apply knowledge of aesthetic and analysis skills to the dance making process by developing assessment criteria for creating dance compositions, developing performance works, and writing reflective observations. Students will refine dance concepts utilizing investigative, creative and technical approaches to understanding dance within a variety of dance styles and forms, and apply them to the development of dance production. Students must audition for placement into this course.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:
To challenge students to become leaders, independent thinkers, and role models within the field of study. This course is designed to further student confidence as ensemble members, solo performers, choreographers and directors, enhancing their craft and preparing them for real world dance opportunities. Dancers will conceive, create, develop and refine ensemble and solo performance works to add to their industry ready digital portfolios.

Students are awarded credit per semester for their Academy/CTE class.

Marking Period Grade	**Semester 1 Final Grade**	**Semester 2 Final Grade**
Summative (45%)	1st Marking Period 40%	1st Marking Period 40%
Formative (45%)	2nd Marking Period 40%	2nd Marking Period 40%
Benchmarks 10%	Final Exam 20%	Final Exam 20%

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:
- Students are expected to arrive to class wearing their appropriate dance attire/uniforms.
- **All students are expected to dress appropriately for class and follow the class/school dress code.**
- **Uniforms will be worn to class for all Ballet Classes & Performance Assignments.** Students who are unprepared will receive a loss of points towards their daily or project grade.
- Students are required to utilize their Chromebooks and have them charged before attending class.
- Students will access the school email and Google Classroom daily.
- Students should submit the Dance Alternate Assignment in the event of an absence.
- Students are required to work in diverse groups, sometimes with those having different skill levels or work ethics. It is within the scope of Career and Technical Education classes that students learn to act professionally, problem solve, and complete the task together to the best of their ability.
- Students are required to attend scheduled field trips and complete written reflections.
- Students will be required to participate and perform in the **Choreoproject Concert (Dec. 11th 2026) and the SPRING DANCE CONCERT (May 13, 2027)**. Participation will require after school rehearsals and evening performances.

REQUIRED DANCE ACADEMY PERFORMANCE & EVENT DATES:

- **Performing Arts Dance Choreoproject: Dec. 11th 2026**. ACIT Performing Arts Center at 7:00PM. Mandatory Concert Tech & Dress Rehearsals will take place from 2:30pm. to 5:15pm. on 12/07, 12/08, 12/9 & 12/10
- **Experience Dance Day:** (Juniors & Seniors only) Stockton University. Friday October 16th, 2026
- **New Jersey High School Dance Festival:** Union City High School. Saturday March 2027, TBA
- **Philadanco Performance:** The Kimmel Center. Thursday April 15th, 2027
- **Spring Dance Concert: Thursday May 13, 2027**. ACIT Performing Arts Center at 7:00pm Mandatory Concert Tech & Dress Rehearsals will take place from 2:30pm to 5:30PM. on 04/27, 04/28, 04/29, 04/30, 05/03, 05/04, 05/05, 05/06, 05/07, 05/10, 05/11 & 05/13
- **Atlantic County Teen Arts Festival**, Eagle Theater Hammonton: May 2027, TBA
- **Performing Arts Awards:** ACIT Performing Arts Center. Wednesday June 2nd, 2027

DANCE ACADEMY UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Dance Uniform supplies can also be purchased locally at Dance & Fitness Factory or Online.
Dance Shoes:
● Modern, Jazz: Adult Slip-On Jazz Shoes
(Capezio EJ2) Color: Caramel or Maple or (Balera Dancewear B80) Caramel, Hazelnut or Sunatan
● Option 1. Tap: Character Tap Shoes (Capezio Style No: 561) Caramel
● Option 2. Tap: Adult Lace Up Tap Shoe (Flex MASTR CG16), Color: Caramel
● Ballet: Split-Sole Ballet Shoes, (Capezio 2037W) Colors: Nude, Lt. Suntan or Nude

Daily Class Dress Code * NO short crop tops/ sports bras/ sheer leggings
Any of the following is permitted:
● Black: Dance Leotard, Tights with Dance Shorts
● Black: Fitted T-Shirt, Leggings, Athletic Pants or Joggers

Required Uniform for Ballet Class, Performances & Master Classes
*Additional layers of clothing other than the required items are to be removed at the beginning of class. All pants must not exceed the ankle in length. If pants are too long, the dancer can lose control and fall.
Dancers may choose from the following options or find comparable brands in the same styles.
● Adult Short Sleeve Leotard (Balera MT2438) or comparable brand. Color: Black
● Ultra Soft Transition Tights (Capezio Style #1916) Choose the color that is closest to your skin tone.
● High Waist Dance Leggings (Theatricals Style No: TH5602) . or comparable brand. Color: Black
● Adult Camisole Double Layer Bra (Capezio Style No: 3683), or comparable flesh tone bra.
● Optional: Ballet Tie Wrap Skirt. Color: Black
● T shirt or Fitted Crewneck Short Sleeved Shirt, Color: Black
● Jogger Pants (Augusta Sportswear Style# AUG229548), or comparable brand. Color: Black
● Stretch Cotton Bike Shorts (Hanes 7") Color: Black
● Men's Yoga/Athletic Shorts. (CRZ Yoga) or comparable brand. Color: Black

Dance Locker

Students will be given a locker in the dance studio to store dance supplies and personal belongings. All items of value must be put in the lockers. Students will need to purchase a combination lock place on lockers, to secure items.

Cell Phones

Cell phones and smart watches are not allowed during class and must be turned off and put away.

Hair

Hair must be pulled up and secured to the head so as not to obscure the line of the neck. It should be arranged so that it does not move during class or otherwise distract the dancer. Short hair must be pinned out of the face or held back with a headband.

Jewelry Dress Code

Jewelry must be removed & placed with belongings before class. No dangling earrings, necklaces, bracelets, watches, etc.Students will lose participation points for the day if they do not adhere to the dress code, including jewelry and watches.

Costumes

Many costumes will be supplied by the PA Dance Academy. Students are responsible for contributing to additional costume needs for class and stage performances.

Contact Lzeuner@acitech.org with questions about the course or if you need help locating the required uniform or dance shoes.

It is the expectation of the student to care for and clean their uniforms regularly. If you are unable to provide a clean uniform regularly, please call Erin Higman, Supervisor of Guidance at 609-625-2249 ext 1147 for proper accommodations.

More information on the course can be found on the ACIT DANCE website:
https://sites.google.com/a/acitech.org/acit-dance-academy/home

Atlantic County Institute of Technology Uniform Policy:

Career and Technical Education Program Uniforms
The following uniform and violation requirements apply to all CTE programs. Students are expected to arrive to class prepared and dress in their appropriate uniforms. Students without the required uniform may not be permitted to participate. Arriving to class unprepared will result in a loss of points towards their daily grade.

ACIT Uniform Violation:

First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
A 70% is recorded for daily grade upon completion of an alternate assignment; parent notification will be made by the teacher. If a student does not complete the alternate assignment, a zero will be recorded for the daily grade.	A 70% is recorded for daily grade upon completion of an alternate assignment; written warning will be issued and parent notification will be made. If a student does not complete the alternate assignment, a zero will be recorded for the daily grade.	A 70% is recorded for daily grade upon completion of an alternate assignment; guidance counselors will be contacted and a parent meeting will be required prior to the student returning to class. If a student does not complete the alternate assignment, a zero will be recorded for the daily grade.

(SIGN AND RETURN TO TEACHER)

Atlantic County Institute of Technology

Course Name: Performing Arts Advanced Dance

Date: _____

I have read and understand the above course proficiency, dress code & curriculum requirements.

_____ _____

Student Name (Please Print) Student Signature Student Email (Please Print)

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print) Parent Signature

Parent/Guardian Email _____

Parent Phone Number: Home _____ Cell:_____