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SEMESTER: DEPARTMENTAL SYLLABUS

COURSE TITLE: Introduction to Tap Dance

COURSE NUMBER: THTR0125

CREDIT HOURS: 01

INSTRUCTOR: DEPARTMENTAL SYLLABUS

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PREREQUISITES: None

REQUIRED TEXT AND MATERIALS: Please check with the KCKCC bookstore, http://www.kckccbookstore.com/, for the required texts for your particular class.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: An introduction to tap dance techniques emphasizing fundamentals of body placement, vocabulary, and styles in tap. Students will develop dance combinations to enhance technical skills, memory, and performance qualities.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION: A variety of instructional methods may be used depending on content area. These include but are not limited to: lecture, multimedia, cooperative/collaborative learning, labs and demonstrations, projects and presentations, speeches, debates, and panels, conferencing, performances, and learning experiences outside the classroom. Methodology will be selected to best meet student needs.

COURSE OUTLINE:
I. Introduction to Tap
   II. A. Tap Terminology
        B. Understanding of Tap Styles
   III. Strengthening Exercises
        A. Alignment and weight shifting
B. Perception of sound/toning/shading

IV. Performance qualities
   A. Movement Combinations
   B. Choreographic exercises
   C. Musicality
   D. Classroom Performances

EXPECTED LEARNER OUTCOMES:
Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to:
   A. Develop a movement vocabulary.
   B. Develop strength, flexibility and coordination through tap dance
   C. Demonstrate performance abilities.

COURSE COMPETENCIES:
   Develop a movement vocabulary.
   1. The learner will define basic tap dance terminology.
   2. The learner will identify basic tap dance terminology in choreographic form.
   3. The learner will identify basic tap dance terminology visually in performance.
   4. Develop critical/creative thinking enabling students to make decisions about dance movements.
   
   Develop strength, flexibility and coordination through tap dance
   5. The learner will demonstrate balance, coordination, and control in performing footwork.
   6. The learner will demonstrate sensitivity to tempo and rhythm of musical accompaniment.
   7. The learner will master movement principles and techniques pertinent to tap styles that enable dancers to move expressively, efficiently and safely.
   8. The learner will distinguish and execute variations in tone and timing.
   
   Demonstrate performance abilities
   9. The learner will utilize kinesthetic perception and concentration in order to self-evaluate and self-correct.
   10. The learner will execute tap dance skills and routines developed during the class with effective technique.

ASSESSMENT OF LEARNER OUTCOMES:
Assessment methods may include, but are not limited to, the following: Homework, Quizzes, Class Participation, Journals, Tests, Essay papers, Improvisations, and a Final Examination. The grading scale and the process for calculating the course grades are to be determined by the individual instructors. This information will be included in each instructor's syllabus.

SPECIAL NOTES:
This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor. Material included is intended to provide an outline of the course and rules that the instructor will adhere to in evaluating the student’s progress. However, this syllabus is not intended to be a legal contract. Questions regarding the syllabus are welcome any time.

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