



WACO, TEXAS

**COURSE SYLLABUS
AND
INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

**INTERMEDIATE BALLET - DANC 2241 – 01
JOSEPH TAYLOR**

This is a 16-week course

COVID 19 Notice:

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals including your safety. We will continue to monitor the evolving situation with COVID 19 and adjust our safety guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. Please make sure to consult your faculty and the MCC website at <https://www.mclennan.edu/crisis-management/coronavirus-updates/index.html> on any changes to these guidelines.

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Course Description:

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:

Prerequisite: DANC 1241

It is advisable that the student be in relatively good health, with no prior injuries, fractured and/or broken bones, or any other physical ailments that could hinder physical participation in this class. It is recommended that the student inform the instructor, prior to registration, of any medical concerns and/or physician's ongoing care that could affect the student's participation in the class.

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:

It is recommended that the student enhance muscle development and overall well-being by combining this class with participation in aerobic exercises and/or other physical development such as weight-training, in order to help prevent injuries.

Dress Code:

Ladies – Leggings or yoga pants with an appropriate T-shirt. If shorts are worn you are asked to wear tights under your shorts that extend past the knee.

Men – sweat pants or athletic shorts with an appropriate T-shirt. If shorts are worn you are asked to wear compression shorts underneath for additional support.

All – No clothes that are not dance/athletic related. Just because they are stretchy doesn't mean it is appropriate for class. Shoes are needed for class; Jazz booties or sneakers are preferred.

Instructor Information:

Instructor Name: Joseph Taylor

MCC E-mail: jataylor@mclennan.edu

Office Phone Number: 254-299-8173

Office Location: MTA #105-B

Office/Teacher Conference Hours: By Appointment. Zoom option is always available.

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Methods of Teaching and Learning:

All classes meet in the MCC Dance Studio (Room 020) in the Physical Education Building and can be physically demanding. Each class is broken down into three or four separate phases: Stretching and conditioning; The Ballet Barre; Center floor combinations; Across the floor combinations.

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Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

1. To acquire a deeper working knowledge of classical ballet terminology, body awareness, and studio etiquette.
2. To develop correct alignment, including flexibility, turn-out, strength, and coordination, with emphasis on extension and tone of muscles.
3. To develop an awareness of performance theory, musicality, and dance pedagogy as it pertains to classical ballet.
4. To acquire a knowledge of ballet history.
5. To understand how to see dance, write and discuss it intelligently.

Course Outline and Schedule

Weeks 1 – 4 – Working basic barre, center, and across of the floor material and alignment.

Weeks 5 – 9 – Building strength and flexibility while deepening barre, center and across the floor material.

Weeks 10 – 15 – Understanding Terminology, History and Pedagogy of Ballet.

Week 16 –Practicum Final

Course Grading Information:

Each student will be graded on the following: Class participation/Improvement: 65%; Terminology Exam 25%; Video Coursework 10%. Each student will be graded on his or her own potential and the ability to develop the technical skills required for Basic Beginning Ballet Pedagogy.

A - 100 – 91; B - 90 – 81; C - 80 – 71; D - 70 – 61; F - 60 – below

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Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:

All dance courses rely on repetition in developing the appropriate skills inherent in gaining the mental and physical requirements associated with proper alignment, flexibility, strength, and repertoire. Therefore, attendance is MANDATORY!

Make-up classes: Students may attend any other technique class that will count as a make-up class. Please make sure that the instructor has prior knowledge that you are attending a class for make-up. After the class is complete, the student is responsible for emailing the instructor asking that their make-up class be recorded. This option is only available twice in a semester.

The instructor will be available before and after each class to answer questions pertaining to technique and alignment. Therefore, attendance is obligatory so the student will not be behind in the analysis and performance of technique. According to official campus policy, “students whether present or absent, are responsible for all material presented or assigned for a course and will be held accountable for such materials in the determination of course grades”. Please refer to the Highlander Guide for the complete policy.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

Each student will be required to exercise focus, discipline, and strict adherence to the normally accepted protocols from professional dance classes: There will be no talking when the instructor is demonstrating via lecture and/or demonstration; students shall not interrupt the instructor or speak to any other student during lecture and/or demonstrations; students will be obliged to hold all questions pertaining to performance skills and/or technique until the instructor has opened the floor for inquiries; students will respect the physical aspects of floor, barres, mirrors, music equipment: no chewing of gum, no liquids besides water, no shoes other than required dance/foot wear; students will observe the utmost in decorum by keeping within safe distances from other students during combinations; students will not illustrate frustrations via swearing; students shall develop a professional attitude during all exercises: Ballet Barre, Adagio, Center Floor, Combinations, Across the Floor, and shall respect and adhere to the custom of Reverence.

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(www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity)

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ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES

Accommodations/ADA Statement:

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit www.mclennan.edu/disability.

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

disabilities@mclennan.edu

254-299-8122

Room 319, Student Services Center

Title IX:

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Chief of Staff for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion/Title IX) at (254) 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC at (254) 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>.

Go to McLennan's Title IX webpage at www.mclennan.edu/titleix/. It contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence, or domestic violence.

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