

**NCSU Department of Health and Exercise Studies**  
**HESM 304: Dance Practicum**  
**Fall 2016**

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**Class Times:** Arranged  
**Credit Hours:** One (1)  
**Course Prerequisites:** Requires departmental consent, and may require First Aid/CPR Certification or equivalent, and internship liability insurance  
**Required Text:** None

**Course Description:** A 30-hour practical experience in the dance field. Assigned internships could include dance teaching, performing, choreographing, research, or other dance-related work dependent upon the student's experiences and interests. Specific placement will be determined by the student and the instructor. Students may be required to purchase internship liability insurance to participate in the practicum. Contact university insurance & risk management for details on acquiring the insurance and the current charge.

***Health Information Statement:** Physical activities in this class are considered moderate to vigorous and are considered limited contact. The NC State Department of Health and Exercise Studies supports the development and improvement of physical health, while doing so safely. If you have a known medical condition that could be adversely affected by participating in the typical activities of this class, please contact your usual physician for recommendations about how to participate safely or whether it is more appropriate to choose a different Health and Exercise Studies course. If your physician has provided you with recommendations to modify participation in this class, please share those recommendations with the instructor within the first week of class, if possible. If you are not certain whether you have a medical condition that puts you at risk for participation in this class or have a medical condition and cannot access your usual physician in a timely manner for recommendations for safe participation, consider making an appointment at Student Health to discuss your concerns (appointment number is 919.515.7107 or book online at [healthweb.ncsu.edu](http://healthweb.ncsu.edu)).*

**Course and Student Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to work in the dance field.
2. Apply the theoretical and practical knowledge gained through HES dance coursework to solve concrete problems in the professional dance world.

**Course Requirements:**

**Internship**

Students will be required to complete a minimum of 30 hours in a practical dance experience. Possible internships could include teaching dance in an academic or studio setting, choreographing for a dance or theatre production, performing with a professional dance company, completing a research project in a dance-related field of study, or other opportunities based on the student's interests. Candidates are encouraged to research potential opportunities on their own, then work with the instructor to secure an approved internship position. Every effort will be made to provide internship opportunities that coincide with student goals. All internship plans must be approved by the instructor no later than the first two weeks of the semester in which the internship will be completed.

The internship position may or may not provide a stipend or monetary compensation. Additionally, the student may be required to purchase liability insurance, pay for a criminal background check, pay application fees, and provide transportation to and from the internship location. Many of these requirements and fees should be included in the internship plan of work when applicable.

### **Plan of Work**

This form should be submitted to the instructor as soon as possible prior to the start of the internship assignment. This information will be used to confirm the internship requirements of the dance practicum are met. It is important that the student provide accurate information regarding the location of the internship, the contact information for the direct supervisor, and a brief description of the job responsibilities, including projected hours to be fulfilled during the practicum.

### **Internship Journal**

During the internship opportunity students will be required to submit a one-page report for each week describing job activities, positive and negative experiences, and any significant or unique events that have impacted the student's understanding of dance. This journal is only required to cover the minimum 30-hour period of the internship responsibilities. A minimum of three journal reports are required.

### **Project Presentation**

At the completion of the internship students must present a final report detailing their experiences with the practicum. This report must include photos and/or video and address the student's goals and objectives. (It is recommended students use PowerPoint or another multimedia presentation tool.)

**Grading:** This course will be graded on a S/U (or credit only) basis. Students are expected to complete all of the course requirements at a satisfactory level to receive credit for the dance practicum. Additionally, all assignments and forms must be submitted in a timely manner. Failure to perform any requirement to a satisfactory level will result in an unsatisfactory grade for the course.

**Electronic Hosted Course Components:** Students may be required to disclose personally identifiable information to other students in the course, via electronic tools like email or web postings, where relevant to the course. Examples include online discussions of class topics, and posting of student coursework. All students are expected to respect the privacy of each other by not sharing or using such information outside the course. *\*We will be using Moodle for this course. Please log in with your unity id to <http://wolfware.ncsu.edu> to access handouts and assignments.*

**Incomplete Grades:** [http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/academic\\_affairs/grades\\_undergrad/REG02.50.3.php](http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/academic_affairs/grades_undergrad/REG02.50.3.php)  
Incomplete grades will be assigned only if unavoidable and unforeseen events occur, such as a medical emergency, preventing the student from completing a course requirement before the final grades are submitted. Incompletes must be made up before the end of the next regular semester in which the student is enrolled and in no case may be made up more than 12 months after the end of the semester in which the IN is awarded, unless the teacher or department offering the course is not able to provide the student with an opportunity to make up incomplete work, in which case the period can be extended. Make up work is to be limited to accomplishing the work not completed.

**Proper attire:** Students are required to dress in a professional manner appropriate to their practicum assignment for all internship work hours.

**Online class evaluations** will be available for students to complete during the last 2 weeks of semester. Students will receive an email message directing them to a website where they can login using their Unity ID and complete evaluations. All evaluations are confidential; instructors will not know how any one student responded to any question, and students will not know the ratings for any instructors.

Evaluation website: <https://classeval.ncsu.edu/>

Student help desk: [classeval@ncsu.edu](mailto:classeval@ncsu.edu)

More information about ClassEval: <http://www.ncsu.edu/UPA/classeval/>

### General Information:

1. **Academic Integrity:** For all written assignments, students will be expected to adhere to the **University Honor Code:** “I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this test or assignment.” It is the understanding and expectation of the instructor that the student’s signature on any test or assignment means that the student neither gave nor received unauthorized aid. Consult the university website: [http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/student\\_services/student\\_discipline/POL11.35.1.php](http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/student_services/student_discipline/POL11.35.1.php)
2. **Students with Disabilities:** Reasonable accommodations will be made for students with verifiable disabilities. In order to take advantage of available accommodations, student must register with the Disability Services Office (<http://www.ncsu.edu/dso>) located at 1900 Student Health Center, Campus Box 7509, 515-7653. For more information on NC State's policy on working with students with disabilities, please see the Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities Regulation at [http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/academic\\_affairs/courses\\_undergrad/REG02.20.1.php](http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/academic_affairs/courses_undergrad/REG02.20.1.php).
3. **Anti-Discrimination Statement:** NC State University provides equality of opportunity in education and employment for all students and employees. Accordingly, NC State affirms its commitment to maintain a work environment for all employees and an academic environment for all students that is free from all forms of discrimination. Discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, creed, national origin, age, disability, veteran status or sexual orientation is a violation of state and federal law and/or NC State University policy and will not be tolerated. Harassment of any person (either in the form of quid pro quo or creation of a hostile environment) based on color, religion, sex, creed, national origin, age, disability, veteran status or sexual orientation is also a violation of state and federal law and/or NC State University policy and will not be tolerated. Retaliation against any person who complains about discrimination is also prohibited. NC State’s policies and regulations covering discrimination, harassment, and retaliation may be accessed at [http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/campus\\_environ](http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/campus_environ) or [http://www.ncsu.edu/equal\\_op](http://www.ncsu.edu/equal_op) . Any person who feels that he or she has been the subject of prohibited discrimination, harassment, or retaliation should contact the Office for Equal Opportunity (OEO) at 515-3148.
4. Due to the nature of the activities in this class, it may be necessary for the instructor and students to have some amount of physical contact to assist in acquiring the proper form/technique. The student should inform the instructor if they do not want any physical contact to assist in acquiring the proper form/technique.
5. Every fitness activity has certain inherent risks, and regardless of precautions taken it is impossible to ensure total safety. Adhere to all safety guidelines to reduce your risk of injury.
6. The use of illegal drugs, tobacco products, or alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
7. It may be appropriate to inform the instructor within the first week of class if you have any medical issues that would affect your participation throughout the semester in this course.
8. Pets and visitors are not allowed during class periods. Firearms, weapons, and/or fireworks are prohibited from class.
9. Please turn off cell phones during class time.