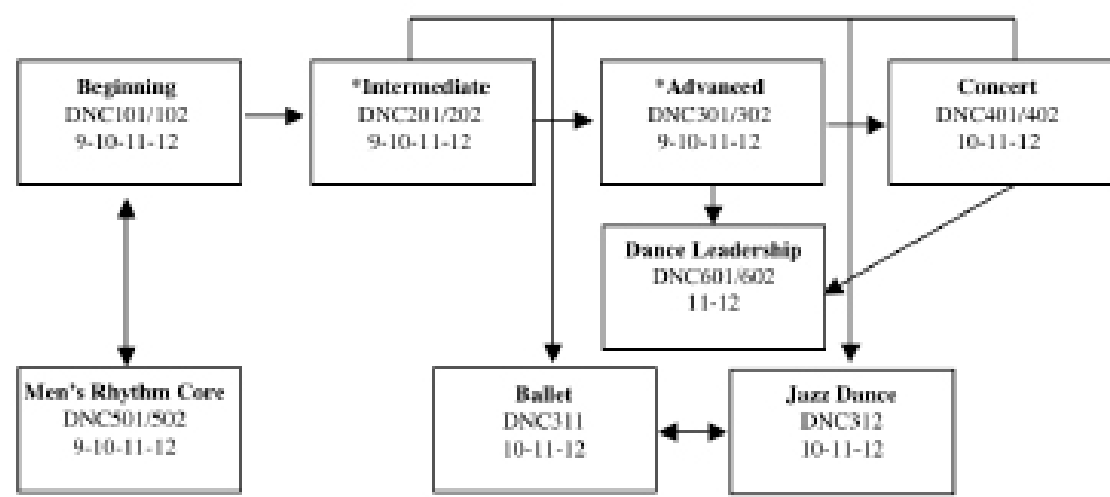


Dance Department Sequence



There is no placement assessment necessary for students wishing to enroll in Beginning Dance or Men's Rhythm Core.

*Freshman desiring placement in either Intermediate or Advanced Dance should attend a two-day assessment for placement. Current students not enrolled in dance may register for Beginning Dance and may audition for placement in Intermediate or Advanced Dance during a daytime assessment during their Physical Education class or study hall. Such placement requires extensive experience in Ballet, Jazz and Modern Dance. See assessment date information below. Enrollment in Dance satisfies the physical education requirement.

Assessment Dates

Incoming Freshmen
 February 15 and 16, 2012
 (Wednesday and Thursday)
 3:30 to 7:30 PM
 Room 2010
Must attend both dates.

Current Student Placement
 February 16 and 17, 2012
 (Thursday and Friday)
 During scheduled P.E. class or study hall
 Room 2010
*All Students should attend February 16.
 February 17 will be a makeup/call-back date.*

DANCE DEPARTMENT



Stevenson High School provides dance as a creative and rewarding art experience where artistic integrity and appreciation are developed. Dance is a physical and mental discipline. Students are provided opportunities to develop body strength, agility, coordination, creative problem solving skills, organizational skills and the ability to work effectively in cooperative learning groups. They gain self-confidence, self-discipline, and satisfaction in movement. All dance students are required to purchase and wear appropriate attire as designated by the dance teacher.

Beginning Dance (College Prep)

GPA Waiver Option

DNC101-Semester 1, DNC102-Semester 2

Open to 9-10-11-12

Full Year

Prerequisite: None

Students are introduced to contemporary dance techniques, dance vocabulary, choreographic concepts, and dance anatomy. Students will work independently and in groups, engaging in self, peer and teacher assessments. Students are required to attend and critique the Winter and Spring Dance concerts. Students will have the option of participating in a recital at the end of the year.

Intermediate Dance (College Prep)

GPA Waiver Option

DNC201-Semester 1, DNC202-Semester 2

Open to 9-10-11-12

Full Year

Prerequisite: Placement by instructor

Designed for students with previous dance training. This course concentrates on contemporary dance techniques and composition. The continued development of the student's dance knowledge, creative expression, and dance vocabulary is achieved through the study of locomotor and axial techniques, dance anatomy, choreographic projects, and movement vocabulary. Students

are required to attend and critique the Winter and Spring Dance concerts. Students are required to participate in a recital during second semester.

Advanced Dance (College Prep)

GPA Waiver Option

DNC301-Semester 1, DNC302-Semester 2

Open to 9-10-11-12

Full Year

Prerequisite: Placement by instructor

Designed for students who have achieved a high degree of skill in contemporary dance, this course explores different contemporary dance styles and focuses on the detailed aspects of contemporary dance technique at an accelerated pace. This course concentrates on movement qualities, composition, and dance anatomy. Students are required to assess their progress. Students must attend and critique the Winter and Spring Dance concerts. Students are required to participate in a recital during second semester.

Concert Dance (College Prep)***GPA Waiver Option***

DNC401-Semester 1, DNC402-Semester 2

Open to 10-11-12

Full Year

Prerequisite: Placement by invitation from Advanced Dance

This course is designed for students who have had advanced training in contemporary dance, as well as a strong background in ballet, jazz and composition. Concert dancers are responsible for maintaining a high quality of technical skill. The Concert Dance class will work toward developing and enhancing performance and choreographic skills in preparation for college level dance study and/or professional studio experience. Concert dancers will perform in the Winter and Spring Dance concerts. Daily and after school rehearsals will be scheduled a week to two weeks prior to the opening of the Winter and Spring concerts. Rehearsals may also be scheduled after school for the guest choreographer. These rehearsals are required if the student auditions and is cast in a piece.

Ballet (College Prep)***GPA Waiver Option***

DNC311

Open to 10-11-12

One Semester

Prerequisite: Two semesters of Intermediate or Advanced Dance

Ballet is the base of all classical dance styles, and is based on posture, turnout of hips, alignment of the body and fluid movement. This course will stress strict academic technique. Students will explore technical skill and theory, history of ballet dance, and anatomy. This course may be repeated once for credit.

Jazz Dance (College Prep)***GPA Waiver Option***

DNC312

Open to 10-11-12

One Semester

Prerequisite: Two semesters of Intermediate or Advanced Dance

This course will examine different elements of jazz dance as well as its origin. Students will begin to understand dynamics, syncopated rhythms and explore a mixture of jazz dance styles including classical, funk, and lyrical. This course may be repeated once for credit.

Men's Rhythm Core (Men's Dance) (College Prep)***GPA Waiver Option***

DNC501-Semester 1, DNC502-Semester 2*

Open to 9-10-11-12

One Semester

Prerequisite: None – No experience required

This course is designed for male students who want to enhance their flexibility, musicality, endurance, and creativity. Students will develop an improved movement capacity in a dance setting. Students are introduced to conditioning systems used by dancers, actors, and athletes. This course also addresses core strengthening and injury prevention. Students will occasionally watch themselves on video and critique their work. Students will have the option of participating in a performance at the end of the semester. This course may be repeated once for credit.

*Student may opt to take full year.

Dance Leadership: (College Prep)***GPA Waiver Option***

DNC601-Semester 1, DNC602- Semester 2

Open to 11-12

Full Year

Prerequisites: Students must complete a minimum of one year in Advanced Dance and approval of instructors

Dance Leadership is a one-year course where students will intern and assist with dance instruction in beginning level dance classes. The student leader will learn and demonstrate, the teacher created combinations including warm-ups, across the floor, and center combinations. Dance leaders will model proper technique and assist students. Students will periodically work one-on-one with dance students in a peer mentoring fashion. While taking this course the Dance Leadership student will also meet individually with the teacher outside of class to learn dance pedagogy. The leadership student will create exercises and a lesson that they will instruct at the end of each semester. This course may be repeated once for credit. Dance Leadership applications are available through the Dance office on December 5 and are due on December 12.