**Rhythmic Analysis – Percussion Accompaniment (DANC 2640-001)**

**Tuesday/Thursday 2-3:20PM RM 220**

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**I. Description**

This course reinforces the rhythmic knowledge students will utilize throughout their careers as dancers. The content will explore the fundamentals of rhythmic notation, performance and discovery. We will examine how rhythm operates across dance/music styles and how to integrate that knowledge into the student’s movement practice.

**II. Objectives**

At the successful completion of this semester, the student will demonstrate:

* An understanding of the fundamentals of rhythm
* The ability to notate, transcribe and perform rhythms, patterns and meters
* The ability to apply rhythmic/musical knowledge in choreography and in the classroom
* The ability to discuss rhythm/music and the many relationships it has with dance

**III. Method**

***Class*** – Classes will be a combination of lecture, discussion, listening, writing, and hands-on exploration. The lectures will focus on explaining the fundamentals of rhythm and how they are practiced in dance. Our discussions will also encourage each student to strengthen his or her ability to speak about music. Composition and performance based assignments will be used to translate this information into the student’s movement practice.

***Tests*** – There will be two tests, mid-semester and end of the semester, based on the material covered in class. Both tests will include listening, writing and performing.

**IV. Requirements and Evaluation**

* In Class Assignments – 60%
* Mid-Semester Test – 20%
* End-Semester Test – 20%
* More than 2 absences will lower your grade with each additional absence.

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