Performing Arts Dance Program

1ST YEAR OVERVIEW 2018-19

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Our courses

- ▶ Dance Academics
 - DANC 1040 History of Dance I
 - DANC 1030 Dance Composition I Improvisation
 - > Upcoming Course: Intro To Dance
- Technique
 - > DANC 1020 & 1030 Modern Dance | & ||
 - DANC 1035 & 1036 Ballet I & II
 - DANC 1100 & 1102 Jazz Dance I & II
 - Upcoming Courses: Tap Dance & Dance for Musical Theatre
- Barton Dance Theatre
 - > DANC 1001
- Dancing for Mobility
 - > DANC 1003



2018-2019 Dance Enrollment

Fall 2018

- Dance class enrollment
 - # of enrollments- 44
 - # of credits- 76
- Barton Dance Theatre
 - 6 company members
- Dance Major- 1

Spring 2019

- Dance class enrollment
 - # of students- 47
 - # of credits- 75
- Barton Dance Theatre
 - 7 company members
- Dance Major- 1

Spring 2019 Enrollment Update

It is difficult to predict dance class enrollment currently. Based on new student meetings, auditions, returning students & actual enrollments, growth looks promising. Based on evidence on-hand, we can expect:

- Barton Dance Theatre members- 8-10
- ▶ Dance majors- 3-5
- Dancing for Mobility has consistently had strong enrollment, typically meeting & exceeding the class size ceiling of 12 students. This trend is expected to continue.

Dance AA Degree

- See handout of updated AA Dance Curriculum Guide
- Dance program changes made this year are based on communications with university dance departments in efforts to improve student transferability
 - > An example of curriculum changes is increasing the credit hours for some core technique classes, so they articulate better with those at universities
- University dance departments we have been working with:
 - Wichita State University
 - University of Kansas
 - Kansas State University
 - Colorado University Boulder

Studio 34

During the spring semester the dance department begun a renovation project of the dance facilities, which we call *Studio 34*. These renovations have been funded through a generous grant from the Dorothy M. Morrison Foundation, obtained through assistance from Coleen Cape and the Foundation office. The total grant amount is \$20,199.

Completed facility updates include:

- □ Sprung dance floor in Studio 34
- Marley floor covering in Studio 34
- Portable marley floor covering for dance performances in the auditorium

Upcoming facility updates (to be completed by June 2019):

- Acoustic paneling
- Freestanding ballet barres
- New stereo system
- Storage cabinet



Barton Dance Theatre: Events & Community Outreach

Barton Dance Theatre events in 2018-2019:

- Kansas Dance Day (Kansas City Ballet, MO)
- Shafer Gallery Masquerade Ball (Barton campus)
- Kansas Dance Festival (Wichita State University)
- Prairie Winds Concert (Barton)
- Eisenhower Elementary outreach visit (Great Bend)
- Holiday Concert (Barton)
- Riverbend Assisted Living outreach performance (Great Bend)
- Head Start Early Ed Center outreach visit (Great Bend)
- Valentine's Day Parent's Night Out (Barton campus)
- Advisement Day Tour (danced at high schools in Claflin, Otis-Bison & Larned)
- Recruitment Tour of Western Kansas/Eastern Colorado (performed at high schools in Hoisington, Russell, Limon CO, as well as Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Company in Denver, and Colorado University Boulder)

Dance Program Events & Activities

- □ Fall 2018
- National Dance Educators Conference in San Diego, CA
- History of Dance Presentation
 - > 8 students participated & 27 people attended event
- Spring 2019
- Facilitated workshop in Art Vortex Day
- Beyond Words, Spring Dance Concert
 - Included 59 students from all dance technique classes, Barton Dance Theatre, Barton Ballroom Dance class, & three local dance studios
 - > 177 people attended



Spring Dance Concert Images



Barton Jazz Dance Class



Danceography Studio



Euphoria Dance Centre

Next Steps...

- Heavy engagement in recruitment activities for dance degreeseeking students
- Increase exposure on campus to increase recreational dance enrollment
- Expand the Dancing for Mobility classes
- Finalize transfer articulations with university dance departments
- Develop summer classes & summer dance workshop
- Implement a fund-raising plan for Barton Dance Theatre

Questions?