

Specialised Dance

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The ACT Senior Secondary System

The ACT senior secondary system recognises a range of university, vocational or life skills pathways.

The system is based on the premise that teachers are experts in their area: they know their students and community and are thus best placed to develop curriculum and assess students according to their needs and interests. Students have ownership of their learning and are respected as young adults who have a voice.

A defining feature of the system is school-based curriculum and continuous assessment. School-based curriculum provides flexibility for teachers to address students' needs and interests. College teachers have an opportunity to develop courses for implementation across ACT schools. Based on the courses that have been accredited by the BSSS, college teachers are responsible for developing programs of learning. A program of learning is developed by individual colleges to implement the courses and units they are delivering.

Teachers must deliver all content descriptions; however, they do have flexibility to emphasise some content descriptions over others. It is at the discretion of the teacher to select the texts or materials to demonstrate the content descriptions. Teachers can choose to deliver course units in any order and teach additional (not listed) content provided it meets the specific unit goals.

School-based continuous assessment means that students are continually assessed throughout Years 11 and 12, with both years contributing equally to senior secondary certification. Teachers and students are positioned to have ownership of senior secondary assessment. The system allows teachers to learn from each other and to refine their judgement and develop expertise.

Senior secondary teachers have the flexibility to assess students in a variety of ways. For example: multimedia presentation, inquiry-based project, test, essay, performance and/or practical demonstration may all have their place. College teachers are responsible for developing assessment instruments with task specific rubrics and providing feedback to students.

The integrity of the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate is upheld by a robust, collaborative, and rigorous structured consensus-based peer reviewed moderation process. System moderation involves all Year 11 and 12 teachers from public, non-government and international colleges delivering the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate.

Only students who desire a pathway to university are required to sit a general aptitude test, referred to as the ACT Scaling Test (AST), which moderates student scores across courses and colleges. Students are required to use critical and creative thinking skills across a range of disciplines to solve problems. They are also required to interpret a stimulus and write an extended response.

Senior secondary curriculum makes provision for student-centred teaching approaches, integrated and project-based learning inquiry, formative assessment, and teacher autonomy. ACT Senior Secondary Curriculum makes provision for diverse learners and students with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities, so that all students can achieve an ACT Senior Secondary Certificate.

The ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies (BSSS) leads senior secondary education. It is responsible for quality assurance in senior secondary curriculum, assessment, and certification. The Board consists of nominees from colleges, professional bodies, universities, industry, parent/carer organisations and unions. The Office of the Board of Senior Secondary Studies (OBSSS) consists of professional and administrative staff who support the Board in achieving its objectives and functions.

ACT Senior Secondary Certificate

Courses of study for the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate:

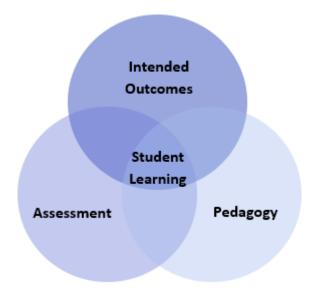
- provide a variety of pathways, to meet different learning needs and encourage students to complete their secondary education
- enable students to develop the essential capabilities for twenty-first century learners
- empower students as active participants in their own learning
- engage students in contemporary issues relevant to their lives
- foster students' intellectual, social, and ethical development
- nurture students' wellbeing, and physical and spiritual development
- enable effective and respectful participation in a diverse society.

Each course of study:

- comprises an integrated and interconnected set of knowledge, skills, behaviours, and dispositions that students develop and use in their learning across the curriculum
- is based on a model of learning that integrates intended student outcomes, pedagogy, and assessment
- outlines teaching strategies which are grounded in learning principles and encompass quality teaching
- promotes intellectual quality, establish a rich learning environment, and generate relevant connections between learning and life experiences
- provides formal assessment and certification of students' achievements.

Underpinning beliefs

- All students are able to learn.
- Learning is a partnership between students and teachers.
- Teachers are responsible for advancing student learning.



Learning Principles

- 1. Learning builds on existing knowledge, understandings, and skills. (*Prior knowledge*)
- 2. When learning is organised around major concepts, principles, and significant real world issues, within and across disciplines, it helps students make connections and build knowledge structures. (Deep knowledge and connectedness)
- Learning is facilitated when students actively monitor their own learning and consciously develop ways of organising and applying knowledge within and across contexts. (Metacognition)
- Learners' sense of self and motivation to learn affects learning.
 (Self-concept)
- Learning needs to take place in a context of high expectations.
 (High expectations)
- 6. Learners learn in different ways and at different rates. (Individual differences)
- Different cultural environments, including the use of language, shape learners' understandings and the way they learn.
 (Socio-cultural effects)
- 8. Learning is a social and collaborative function as well as an individual one. *(Collaborative learning)*
- Learning is strengthened when learning outcomes and criteria for judging learning are made explicit and when students receive frequent feedback on their progress.
 (Explicit expectations and feedback)

General Capabilities

All courses of study for the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate should enable students to develop essential capabilities for twenty-first century learners. These 'capabilities' comprise an integrated and interconnected set of knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions that students develop and use in their learning across the curriculum.

The capabilities include:

- literacy
- numeracy
- information and communication technology (ICT)
- critical and creative thinking
- personal and social
- ethical understanding
- intercultural understanding

Courses of study for the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate should be both relevant to the lives of students and incorporate the contemporary issues they face. Hence, courses address the following three priorities. These priorities are:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures
- Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia
- Sustainability

Elaboration of these General Capabilities and priorities is available on the ACARA website at www.australiancurriculum.edu.au.

Literacy

Students develop literacy as they learn how to communicate ideas, concepts, and proposals to a variety of audiences. They read and interpret analysis and criticism of dance works and traditions. As they research cultures, histories and lineages of dance practice and explore theories and contexts from which dance practices emerge, they refine and improve their literacy for general purposes and for communicating about dance. Students understand and use terminology specific to dance, in both written and oral forms, to communicate ideas about dance. They engage with the complex literacy of marketing, navigating the grant application process, and communicating with the public.

Further, students develop dance and physical literacy. They come to understand the communicative and conceptual power of movement and bodies. They learn to embody and communicate meaning and thus better understand self and the world around them by reading and communicating physically through dance.

Numeracy

Dance gives students opportunities to interpret and use mathematical knowledge and skills in a range of real-life situations. In researching and understanding themes and issues, students interpret and draw conclusions from data. They develop their spatial reasoning in choreographing and performing and understand and apply practical concepts related to dimensions, angles, lines of sight and trajectories. Students understand and apply tempo and timing and use mathematics to calculate movement in relation to music and message. They develop numeracy skills necessary to engage with entrepreneurship and make business calculations.

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Capability

Dance enables students to develop an understanding of the characteristics of digital systems and platforms for accessing and engaging with target audiences. They apply this understanding when they investigate performance and create production and stage craft solutions to communicate with audiences. They develop facility with innovative technology and means of public engagement. Students learn to formulate problems, logically organise, and analyse data, and represent creative solutions in communicative and engaging forms. Students use ICT when they investigate and analyse information, evaluate dance practice and traditions, and communicate and collaborate online.

Critical and Creative Thinking

Students develop capability in critical and creative thinking through analysing and solving problems. They communicate that understanding through dance and in prose. Students identify and deconstruct problems of interest; refine concepts and dance techniques and reflect on the success in implementing their artistic vision using the creative process. They identify, explore, and clarify dance lineages and well-known creative practice, technologies, information from research and use that knowledge for a range of purposes. Students consider how data, information, systems, and dance practice impact on our lives, and how they can engage with analysing problems and proposing solutions with dance. Visualising possibilities, experimenting, and testing solutions, helps students to build their capacity to be critical, use visual and spatial thinking, and take creative risks through making dance works.

Personal and Social Capability

Students develop personal and social capability as they engage in creating works independently or in a collaborative workspace. They direct their own learning, plan, and carry out creative inquiry, and become independent learners who can apply creative practice, dance technique, and technological understanding and skills when making and presenting dance works. Students develop social and employability skills through showing initiative, working cooperatively in teams, sharing resources and processes, making group decisions, resolving conflict, and showing leadership.

Further, students use dance practice to explore the self and understand their own place world. They develop physical literacy and embody their own knowledge of self and the world. Through experimentation, creative risk taking, setbacks and persistence they develop productive habits to become resilient and flexible people with the determination to see projects through to completion.

Ethical Understanding

Students develop the capacity to understand and apply ethical and socially responsible principles when collaborating with others, creating, sharing, and exploring concepts and issues of concern. When engaged in creative inquiry, students evaluate their findings against the criteria of legality, environmental sustainability, economic viability, health, social and emotional responsibility, and social awareness. Students learn about safe and ethical procedures for investigating and working in dance. They consider their own roles and responsibilities as discerning citizens and learn to detect bias and inaccuracies. Understanding the protection of data, intellectual property, academic integrity, cultural sensitivity, and respectful communication in the school environment helps students to be ethical citizens.

Intercultural Understanding

Students consider dance in diverse communities and local, national, regional, and global contexts. They explore ways in which dance enables people to interact with one another across cultural boundaries. Through dance they develop intercultural understanding and communication and collaboration practices that encompass the needs and assumptions of a wide range of abilities and cultures. Students investigate how cultural identities, traditions and histories influence the function and form of dance. In their interactions in class and in the wider community, students consider the dynamic and complex nature of cultures, including values, beliefs, practices, and assumptions.

Cross-Curriculum Priorities

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures

The curriculum may provide an opportunity for students to engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures. It acknowledges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have longstanding dance knowledge and a tradition of embodying place and culture, and the role dance plays in sustaining culture and expressing personal and communal identity. Teachers may reference these as appropriate to course content. This will inform understanding of the Australian environment, history and cultures, and the ways in which indigenous people have adapted to ongoing colonisation and responded to dispossession and conflict.

Asia and Australia's Engagement with Asia

Students investigate a range of contexts that draw on Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia. Students explore dance traditions within the Asia region and develop an appreciation of the aesthetics and ways of knowing and communicating expressed through the techniques of dance. Students engage with diasporic experience in Australia and the role dance plays in sustaining culture and expressing personal and communal identity.

Sustainability

Dance provides many opportunities for students to creatively inquire into the challenges and opportunities of global, regional, national, and local issues around sustainability. The sustainability priority provides the opportunity for students to develop an appreciation of the necessity of acting for a more sustainable future and so address the ongoing capacity of Earth to maintain all life and meet the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations. Further, in developing stagecraft and production skills, they consider the impact of energy and materials use on the environment.

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Rationale

In Specialised Dance, students learn as artists, innovators, leaders, and entrepreneurs, by making and interpreting dance performances that communicate ideas and interdisciplinary concepts to audiences. They learn as audiences, by responding critically to dance. Students develop skills in appreciating, choreographing, teaching, leading, performing and producing dance.

In Dance, movement is a knowledge. Students learn as they engage with the history, lineage, technical dance skills, practices, innovations, leadership and entrepreneurship of the dancers and choreographers that come before them and become literate in the vocabularies of a range of styles and forms. Students experiment engage in calculated risks and accept setbacks when realising their artistic vision. They develop their own creative practice, and that of others, to explore self, life, and the world. Students learn to use, and teach others to use, their body as an instrument to skilfully express knowledge and understanding both of dance and of themselves and their world. They develop proficiency, artistry, leadership, entrepreneurship, innovative practice, and use their physical literacy and dance literacy to solve problems, embody knowledge and express their understanding of issues of concern. They develop their voices as people, artists and leaders and engage with the world aesthetically and intellectually.

Students develop transferable skills useful in any academic, professional, and vocational context, such as independence, collaboration, teamwork, and leadership. Dancers develop highly skilled at working with others and communicating clearly to achieve joint enterprises. They develop skills as researchers and engage with theories and ideas critically and creatively. Students engage with technologies and become adept at pivoting to new technologies that help them achieve their goals. They develop production skills and hone practices that present ideas and projects in ways that engage target audiences. Students develop empathetic awareness and skilled in the practice of collaborating with others respectfully and using Work Health and Safety standards.

Goals

This course should enable students to:

- critically analyse how meaning is created and interpreted
- communicate meaning in a range of forms and mediums
- use inquiry and problems solving to synthesise styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories creatively to produce dance works
- apply critical and creative thinking skills
- refine and apply technical skills to create and present meaningful dance works
- critically analyse the influence of a diverse range of contexts in dance
- reflect on creative processes and own learning
- apply skills to work safely, ethically, independently, and collaboratively.

Unit Titles

- Innovation in Dance
- Leadership in Dance
- Entrepreneurship in Dance
- Interdisciplinary Inquiry in Dance
- Independent Study

Organisation of Content

Innovation in Dance

Students learn about innovative dance practice. They explore innovations in technique, choreography, digital platforms, technology, and criticism. They examine barriers to innovation, how innovation occurs, and how innovation changes perceptions of dance. Students apply their expanded knowledge of creative choices to engage in ethical and aesthetic issues as dance artists and audiences.

Leadership in Dance

Students learn about leadership in the context of creating Dance performance. They explore techniques and methodologies used to create dance works. Students draw on pedagogical, choreographic, artistic direction, stage production, communication, and facilitation skills to lead a variety of dance activities.

Entrepreneurship in Dance

Students learn about the connections between dance and business. They examine the business aspects of dance and the opportunities and risks in projecting their practice into the commercial arena. They explore the tension between the creative and commercial. Students apply their understanding of the dance industry to produce dance for a range of audiences.

Interdisciplinary Inquiry in Dance

Students learn about how dance works can be used to understand and embody concepts from other disciplines. They explore styles and techniques to interpret and represent information creatively. Students apply inquiry skills and dance practices to create works that position an audience on the chosen concept.

Independent Study

An Independent study unit has an important place in senior secondary courses. It is a valuable pedagogical approach that empowers students to make decisions about their own individual learning. An Independent study unit must be proposed by an individual student, be for their own independent study, and negotiated with their teacher. An Independent study unit requires the principal's written approval. The program of learning for an Independent study unit must meet the unit goals and content descriptions as they appear in the course. Students must have studied at least three standard 1.0 units from this course.

Assessment

The identification of criteria within the Achievement Standards and assessment tasks types and weightings provide a common and agreed basis for the collection of evidence of student achievement.

Assessment Criteria (the dimensions of quality that teachers look for in evaluating student work) provide a common and agreed basis for judgement of performance against unit and course goals, within and across colleges. Over a course, teachers must use all these criteria to assess students' performance but are not required to use all criteria on each task. Assessment criteria are to be used holistically on a given task and in determining the unit grade.

Assessment Tasks elicit responses that demonstrate the degree to which students have achieved the goals of a unit based on the assessment criteria. The Common Curriculum Elements (CCE) is a guide to developing assessment tasks that promote a range of thinking skills (see Appendix C). It is highly desirable that assessment tasks engage students in demonstrating higher order thinking.

Rubrics are constructed for individual tasks, informing the assessment criteria relevant for a particular task, and can be used to assess a continuum that indicates levels of student performance against each criterion.

Assessment Criteria

Students will be assessed on:

- making
- · responding.

Assessment Task Types

The table below outlines making and responding weightings for the Arts: dance, drama, media, music, photography, and visual arts.

	The Ar	rts			
Task Types	Schools ensure that assessment programs use a variety of task types include elements from Making, Responding, or a combination of both, to enable students to demonstrate the knowledge, skills and understandings reflected in the Achievement Standards. Tasks may include, but not limited to:				
	 performance curating installation multimodal composition choreography short films ensemble theatre sculpture script writing 	 portfolio or body of work critical essay aural examination research tasks podcast visual process diary digital process diary blog directing website 			
Weightings in A/T/M 1.0 and 0.5 Units	No task to be weighted more than 60% for a standard 1.0 unit and half- standard 0.5 unit				

Additional Assessment Information for A/T/M Courses

- For a standard unit (1.0) students must complete a minimum of three assessment tasks and a maximum of five.
- For a half standard unit (0.5) students must complete a minimum of two and a maximum of three assessment tasks.
- Assessment tasks for a standard (1.0) or half-standard (0.5) unit must be informed by the Achievement Standards.
- Students must experience a variety of task types and different modes of communication to demonstrate the Achievement Standards.
- Duration, scope, or length of student responses should be determined by the nature of the task and requirements of the Achievement Standards.
- For tasks completed in unsupervised conditions, schools need to have mechanisms to uphold academic integrity, for example: student declaration, plagiarism software, oral defence, process journal, interview, or other validation tasks.

Achievement Standards

Years 11 and 12 Achievement Standards are written for A/T courses. A single achievement standard is written for M courses.

A Year 12 student in any unit is assessed using the Year 12 achievement standards. A Year 11 student in any unit is assessed using the Year 11 achievement standards. Year 12 achievement standards reflect higher expectations of student achievement compared to the Year 11 achievement standards. Years 11 and 12 achievement standards are differentiated by cognitive demand, the number of dimensions and the depth of inquiry.

An achievement standard cannot be used as a rubric for an individual assessment task. Assessment is the responsibility of the college. Student tasks may be assessed using rubrics or marking schemes devised by the college. A teacher may use the achievement standards to inform development of rubrics. The verbs used in achievement standards may be reflected in the rubric. In the context of combined Years 11 and 12 classes, it is best practice to have a distinct rubric for Years 11 and 12. These rubrics should be available for students prior to completion of an assessment task so that success criteria are clear.

Achievement Standards for The Arts A Course – Year 11

	A student who achieves an A	A student who achieves a B	A student who achieves a C	A student who achieves a D	A student who achieves an E
	grade typically	grade typically	grade typically	grade typically	grade typically
	analyses styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories to communicate meaning	explains styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories to communicate meaning	describes styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories to communicate meaning	describes some styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories to communicate meaning	identifies styles, forms, processes and practices, theories to communicate meaning
Responding	 analyses the significance of art works in a diverse range of contexts 	explains the significance of art works in in a broad range of contexts	describes the significance of art works in a range of contexts	identifies the significance of art works in context	identifies art works with little or no reference to their significance
Resp	 communicates complex ideas with coherent and sustained arguments using evidence and metalanguage and applies the principles of academic integrity 	 communicates complex ideas and coherent arguments using appropriate evidence, metalanguage and applies the principles of academic integrity 	communicates ideas and arguments using appropriate evidence, metalanguage and applies the principles of academic integrity	applies the principles of academic integrity with some use of appropriate evidence and metalanguage to communicate ideas	communicates limited ideas and information with little or no application of academic integrity
	analyses art practice, using the creative process to investigate and solve complex problems and evaluates own application of technology	explains art practice, using the creative process to investigate and solve problems and explains own application of technology	describes art practice, using the creative process to investigate and solve problems and describes own application of technology	identifies features of art practice, using the creative process to solve problems with application of technology	identifies features of art practice, with little or no connection to creative processes or use of technology
20	 creates imaginative and innovative art works with control and precision; analyses technical experimentation and reflects on strengths and opportunities 	creates imaginative and innovative art works with control; explains technical experimentation and reflects on strengths and opportunities	creates imaginative art works with control; describes familiar technical skills, and reflects on strengths and opportunities	creates art works using familiar technical skills and reflects on strengths and opportunities	creates art works using familiar technical skills with little or no reflection on strengths and opportunities
Making	 creatively and insightfully presents own and/or group art practice; drawing on theories and using familiar and unfamiliar techniques to communicate meaning to targeted audiences 	creatively presents own and/or group art practice; drawing on theories and using familiar and unfamiliar techniques to communicate meaning to targeted audiences	creatively presents own and/or group art practice; drawing on theories and using familiar techniques to communicate meaning to targeted audiences	presents own and/or group art practice using familiar techniques to communicate meaning to target audiences	 presents own and/or group art practice using familiar techniques to communicate messages with assistance
	 reflects with insight on their own art practice, thinking processes; and analyses inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively 	reflects on their own art practice, thinking and that of others and explains inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively	reflects on their own art practice, thinking and that of others and describes inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively	reflects on their own art practice, thinking with some reference to inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively	reflects on their own art practice, thinking with little or no reference to inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively

Achievement Standards for The Arts T Course – Year 11

	A student who achieves an A	A student who achieves a B	A student who achieves a C	A student who achieves a D	A student who achieves an E
	grade typically	grade typically	grade typically	grade typically	grade typically
	 critically analyses styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories to communicate meaning to an audience 	 analyses styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories to communicate meaning to an audience 	explains styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories to communicate meaning to an audience	describes styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories to communicate meaning to an audience	identifies styles, forms, processes and practices, theories, and techniques to communicate meaning to an audience
ding	evaluates the significance of art works in a diverse range of contexts	 analyses the significance of art works in in a broad range of contexts 	explains the significance of art works in a range of contexts	describes the significance of art works in context	identifies the significance of art works in context
Responding	synthesises research on theories and ideas	• compares and analyses research on theories and ideas	• compares and explains research on theories and ideas	describes research on theories and ideas	• identifies research on theories and ideas
~	communicates complex ideas with coherent and sustained arguments with analysis of evidence, using metalanguage and applying the principles of academic integrity	communicates complex ideas and coherent arguments using relevant evidence, metalanguage and applying the principles of academic integrity	communicates ideas and arguments using relevant evidence, metalanguage and applying the principles of academic integrity	applies the principles of academic integrity with some use of relevant evidence and metalanguage to communicate ideas	communicates limited ideas and information with little or no application of academic integrity
	critically analyses art practice, using the creative process to investigate and solve complex problems	analyses art practice, using the creative process to investigate and solve problems	explains art practice, using the creative process to investigate and solve familiar problems	describes art practice, using the creative process to investigate problems	identifies basic features of art practice, with little or no connection to creative processes
	creates and refines imaginative and innovative art works with control and precision; synthesises technical experimentation and reflects on strengths and opportunities	creates imaginative and innovative art works with control; analyses technical experimentation and reflects on strengths and opportunities	creates imaginative art works with control using familiar technical skills, and reflects on strengths and opportunities	creates art works using familiar technical skills and reflects on strengths and opportunities	creates art works using familiar technical skills with little or no reflection on strengths and weaknesses
Making	creatively and insightfully presents own and/or group art practice; drawing on theories and using familiar and unfamiliar techniques to communicate intended meaning to targeted audiences	creatively presents own and/or group art practice; drawing on theories and using familiar and unfamiliar techniques to communicate intended meaning to targeted audiences	creatively presents own and/or group art practice; drawing on theories and using familiar techniques to communicate intended meaning to targeted audiences	presents own and/or group art practice using familiar techniques to communicate intended meaning to target audiences	presents own and/or group art practice using familiar techniques to communicate messages
	reflects with insight on their own art practice, thinking processes; and evaluates inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively	 reflects on their own art practice, thinking and that of others and analyses inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively 	reflects on their own art practice, thinking and that of others and explains inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively	reflects on their own art practice, thinking with some reference to inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively	reflects on their own art practice, thinking with little or no reference to inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively

Achievement Standards for The Arts A Course – Year 12

	A student who achieves an A	A student who achieves a B	A student who achieves a C	A student who achieves a D	A student who achieves an E
	grade typically	grade typically	grade typically	grade typically	grade typically
		,, ,	, , ,	,, ,	, , ,
	 analyses styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories to communicate meaning to an audience 	explains styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories to communicate meaning to an audience	describes styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories to communicate meaning to an audience	 describes styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories; and identifies how some techniques communicate meaning 	identifies styles, forms, processes and practices, theories, and techniques with little or no reference to meaning
g _L	analyses the significance of art works in a diverse range of contexts	explains the significance of art works in in a broad range of contexts	describes the significance of art works in a range of contexts	describes the significance of art works in context	identifies the significance of art works in context
Responding	 compares and analyses research on theories, ideas, and practices to present a reasoned and independent response 	compares and explains research on theories, ideas, and practices to present an independent response	describes research on theories, ideas, and practices with some evidence of an independent response	identifies research on theories, ideas, and practices with some evidence of an independent response	identifies research on theories, ideas, and practices with little or no evidence of an independent response
	 communicates complex ideas with coherent and sustained arguments with analysis of evidence and metalanguage and applies the principles of academic integrity 	communicates complex ideas and coherent arguments using appropriate evidence, metalanguage and applies the principles of academic integrity	communicates ideas and arguments using appropriate evidence, metalanguage and applies the principles of academic integrity	applies the principles of academic integrity with some use of appropriate evidence and metalanguage to communicate ideas	communicates limited ideas and information with little or no application of academic integrity
	 analyses ideas using sustained and innovative creative practice, employing a range of familiar and unfamiliar techniques 	explains ideas using sustained and creative practice, employing familiar and unfamiliar techniques	describes ideas using creative practice, employing familiar techniques	describes creative practice, employing some familiar techniques	uses creative practice, employing little or no techniques
	 analyses art practice, using the creative process to investigate and solve complex problems and evaluates own application of technology 	explains art practice, using the creative process to investigate and solve problems and explains own application of technology	describes art practice, using the creative process to investigate and solve familiar problems and describes own application of technology	describes art practice, using the creative process to investigate familiar problems and identifies own application of technology	identifies basic features of art practice, with little or no connection to creative processes or use of technology
Making	 creates imaginative and innovative art works with control and precision; analyses technical experimentation and reflects on strengths and opportunities 	creates imaginative and innovative art works with control; explains technical experimentation and reflects on strengths and opportunities	creates imaginative art works with control; describes familiar technical skills, and reflects on strengths and opportunities	creates art works using familiar technical skills and reflects on strengths and opportunities	creates art works using familiar technical skills with little or no reflection on strengths and opportunities
	 creatively and insightfully presents own and/or group art practice; drawing on theories and using familiar and unfamiliar techniques to communicate meaning to targeted audiences 	creatively presents own and/or group art practice; drawing on theories and using familiar and unfamiliar techniques to communicate meaning to targeted audiences	creatively presents own and/or group art practice; drawing on theories and using familiar techniques to communicate meaning to targeted audiences	presents own and/or group art practice using familiar techniques to communicate intended meaning to target audiences	presents own and/or group art practice using familiar techniques to communicate messages with assistance
	 reflects with insight on their own art practice, thinking processes; and analyses inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively 	 reflects on their own art practice, thinking and that of others and explains inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively 	reflects on their own art practice, thinking and that of others and describes inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively	reflects on their own art practice, thinking with some reference to inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively	reflects on their own art practice, thinking with little or no reference to inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively

Achievements Standards for The Arts T Course – Year 12

	A student who achieves an A	A student who achieves a B	A student who achieves a C	A student who achieves a D	A student who achieves an E
	grade typically	grade typically	grade typically	grade typically	grade typically
	critically analyses styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories; and evaluates how they are integrated to position an audience and communicate meaning	analyses styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories; and analyses how they are integrated to position an audience and communicate meaning	explains styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories; and explains how they are integrated to position an audience and communicate meaning	 describes styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories; and identifies how some techniques communicate meaning 	identifies styles, forms, processes and practices, theories, and techniques with little or no reference to meaning
nding	evaluates the significance of art works in a diverse range of contexts; and critically analyses attitudes and values	analyses the significance of art works in in a broad range of contexts; and explains attitudes and values	explains the significance of art works in a range of contexts; and describes attitudes and values	describes the significance of art works in context; with some reference to attitudes and values	identifies the significance of art works in context; with little or no reference to attitudes and values
Responding	synthesises wide research on theories, ideas, and practices to present a coherent and independent response	compares and analyses wide research on theories, ideas, and practices to present a reasoned and independent response	compares and explains research on theories, ideas, and practices to present an independent response	describes research on theories, ideas, and practices with some evidence of an independent responses	identifies research on theories, ideas, and practices own with little or no evidence of an independent response
	 communicates complex ideas with coherent and sustained arguments; analysing evidence and metalanguage and applies the principles of academic integrity 	communicates complex ideas and coherent arguments using relevant evidence, metalanguage and applies the principles of academic integrity	communicates ideas and arguments using relevant evidence, metalanguage and applies the principles of academic integrity	applies the principles of academic integrity with some use of relevant evidence and metalanguage to communicate ideas	communicates limited ideas and information with little or no application of academic integrity
	synthesises ideas using sustained and innovative creative practice, employing a range of familiar and unfamiliar techniques	analyses ideas using sustained and creative practice, employing familiar and unfamiliar techniques	explains ideas using creative practice, employing familiar techniques	describes creative practice, employing some familiar techniques	uses creative practice, employing little or no techniques
	critically analyses art practice, using the creative process to investigate and solve complex problems and evaluates own application of technology	analyses art practice, using the creative process to investigate and solve problems and explains own application of technology	explains art practice, using the creative process to investigate and solve familiar problems and describes own application of technology	describes art practice, using the creative process to investigate problems and identifies own application of technology	identifies basic features of art practice, with little or no connection to creative processes or use of technology
Making	creates and refines imaginative and innovative art works with control and precision; synthesises technical experimentation and reflects on strengths and opportunities	creates imaginative and innovative art works with control; analyses technical experimentation and reflects on strengths and opportunities	creates imaginative art works with control using familiar technical skills, and reflects on strengths and opportunities	creates art works using familiar technical skills and reflects on strengths and opportunities	creates art works using familiar technical skills with little or no reflection on strengths and opportunities
	creatively and insightfully presents own and/or group art practice; drawing on theories and using familiar and unfamiliar techniques to communicate meaning to targeted audiences	creatively presents own and/or group art practice; drawing on theories and using familiar and unfamiliar techniques to communicate meaning to targeted audiences	creatively presents own and/or group art practice; drawing on theories and using familiar techniques to communicate meaning to targeted audiences	presents own and/or group art practice using familiar techniques to communicate meaning to target audiences	presents own and/or group art practice using familiar techniques to communicate messages with assistance
	reflects with insight on their own art practice, thinking processes; and evaluates inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively	reflects on their own art practice, thinking and that of others and analyses inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively	reflects on their own art practice, thinking and that of others and explains inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively	reflects on their own art practice, thinking with some reference to inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively	 reflects on their own art practice, thinking with little or no reference to inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively

Achievement Standards for The Arts M Course – Years 11 and 12

	A student who achieves an A grade typically	A student who achieves a B grade typically	A student who achieves a C grade typically	A student who achieves a D grade typically	A student who achieves an E grade typically
	 responds to a variety of artworks for differing purposes and audiences, with independence 	 responds to a variety of artworks for differing purposes and audiences, with some independence 	 responds to artworks for differing purposes and audiences, with assistance 	 responds to artworks for differing purposes, with repeated cueing 	responds to artworks, with direct instruction
Responding	 explains ideas, attitudes, and points of views in creative practice, with independence 	 explains ideas, attitudes, and points of view in creative practice, with some independence 	 explains ideas and points of view in creative practice, with assistance 	 explains ideas in creative practice, with repeated cueing 	 identifies ideas in creative practice, with direct instruction
	 reflects with insight on their thinking, creating, and learning, with independence 	 reflects with insight on their thinking, creating, and learning, with some independence 	 reflects on their thinking, creating, and learning, with assistance 	 reflects on their thinking, creating, and learning, with repeated cueing 	 reflects in a limited way on their thinking, creating, and learning, with direct instruction
	 applies creative and technical skills in a variety of contexts, with independence 	 applies creative and technical skills in a variety of contexts, with some independence 	 applies creative and technical skills in different contexts, with assistance 	 applies creative and technical skills in a designated context, with repeated cueing 	 applies creative and technical skills in a designated context, with direct instruction
Making	 creates a variety of artworks using research and inquiry in different modes for different purposes, with independence 	 creates a variety of artworks using research and inquiry different modes for different purposes, with some independence 	 creates artworks using research and inquiry in different modes for different purposes, with assistance 	 creates artworks using research and inquiry for different purposes, with repeated cueing 	 creates different artworks using research and inquiry, with direct instruction
	 creates using individual or collaborative organisational and/or communication methods, with independence 	 creates using individual or collaborative organisational and/or communication methods, with some independence 	 creates using individual or collaborative organisational and/or communication methods, with assistance 	 creates using individual or collaborative organisational and/or communication methods, with repeated cueing 	 creates using individual or collaborative organisational and/or communication methods, with direct instruction

Innovation in Dance

Innovation in Dance a Innovation in Dance b

Value: 1.0

Value 0.5 Value 0.5

Unit Description

Students learn about innovative dance practice. They explore innovations in technique, choreography, digital platforms, technology, and criticism. They examine barriers to innovation, how innovation occurs, and how innovation changes perceptions of dance. Students apply their expanded knowledge of creative choices to engage in ethical and aesthetic issues as dance artists and audiences.

Specific Unit Goals

This unit should enable students to:

Α	Т	M
 analyse the process of innovation and the effect of disruption in dance and explore examples of innovative practice 	 critically analyse the process of innovation and the effect of disruption in dance and explore examples of innovative practice 	explain how dance has changed over time
 apply familiar and unfamiliar dance technique and/or technology skills to the creative process 	 apply familiar and unfamiliar dance technique and technology skills to the creative process 	apply technical dance skills from innovative forms
conduct creative inquiry into significant innovation in dance	 conduct creative inquiry into significant innovation in dance 	 create dances or dance sequences using innovative techniques and forms
analyse dance works	 critically analyse dance works 	describe dance works

Content Descriptions

All knowledge, understanding and skills below must be delivered:

A	Т	M
Concepts and Theories		
analyse dance works to understand that innovation in dance has produced a range of disruptive styles and forms for exploring and presenting ideas creatively	critically analyse dance works to understand that innovation in dance has produced a range of disruptive styles and forms for exploring and presenting ideas creatively, for example, the rise of MTV and music videos, Isadora Duncan, post-modernism and Merce Cunningham	explain some ways innovative works have explored ideas

A	Т	М
analyse dance contexts, forms, and genres to understand that innovation can be radical or incremental, may overcome obstacles, or disrupt traditional roles	 critically analyse dance contexts, forms and genres to understand that innovation can be radical or incremental, may overcome obstacles, or disrupt traditional roles, for example, incremental-changes to classical ballet over time, such as invention of pointe shoe; radical-pandemic forced alternative modes of audience engagement; Diaghilev and Ballet Russes: The Rite of Spring 	describe radical and incremental change in dance
analyse opportunities for innovation in their own work	 evaluate opportunities for innovation in their own work, for example, new technology, new digital platforms, unfamiliar styles, and forms 	identify new techniques and forms to learn
Context		
analyse the impact of chosen innovation/s on the creative process to understand dance works	 critically analyse the impact of chosen innovation/s on the creative process to understand dance works evaluate critical perspectives on innovation/s in dance 	 describe changes that resulted from innovation in dance
Creative Process	·	
analyse research into innovative artistic practice to inform arguments and judgements	 evaluate research into innovative artistic practice to inform arguments and judgements, for example, DV8 Physical Theatre 	explain some innovative dance practices
analyse innovative creative dance practices through creative inquiry to inform own creative practice and conclusions	 critically analyse innovative creative dance practices through creative inquiry to inform own creative practice and conclusions, for example, dance for screen 	apply some features of innovative dance practices

А	Т	М
analyse issues using creative inquiry to develop arguments in a range of narrative or conceptual forms and styles	 critically analyse issues using creative inquiry to develop arguments in a range of narrative or conceptual forms and styles, for example, Matthew Bourne's: Swan Lake 	describe some issues raised by innovative dance works
 create dance works using well-researched innovative artistic practice 	 create dance works using well-researched innovative artistic practice 	 create dance works or sequences drawn from innovative practice
Communication and Technical	•	
 perform using control, expression, energy, focus, precision, and musicality, including teacher led technique 	 perform using sustained control, expression, energy, focus, precision, and musicality, including teacher led technique 	 perform using accurate recall, energy, and musicality
 apply creativity, collaboration and/or production skills to create dance works 	 synthesise creativity, collaboration, and production skills to create dance works 	
 create dance works using composition skills and choreographic devices and taking creative risks with unfamiliar and familiar practices 	 create dance works using composition skills and choreographic devices and taking creative risks with unfamiliar and familiar practices 	create short sequences or dance works
 apply forms, styles, and compositional choices to enhance creative goals, and choreographic intention in order to communicate to a target audience 	 evaluate forms, styles, and compositional choices to enhance creative goals, and choreographic intention in order to communicate to a target audience 	
 communicate clear arguments in a range of modes, incorporating metalanguage, and academic integrity 	 communicate complex ideas and coherent and sustained arguments in a range of modes, incorporating metalanguage, and academic integrity 	communicate ideas coherently
 apply safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance 	 apply safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance 	 follow safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance

A	Т	М
Reflection		
 reflect on learning habits, time-management, dance practices and processes and refines their knowledge, understanding and skills in response 	 reflect on learning habits, time-management, dance practices and processes and refines their knowledge, understanding and skills in response 	 reflect on learning habits, time-management, dance practices to improve their knowledge, understanding and skills

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Assessment

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Leadership in Dance

Leadership in Dance a Leadership in Dance b Value: 1.0

Value 0.5 Value 0.5

Unit Description

Students learn about leadership in the context of creating dance performances. They explore techniques and methodologies used to create dance works. Students draw on pedagogical, choreographic, artistic direction, stage production, communication, and facilitation skills to lead a variety of dance activities.

Specific Unit Goals

This unit should enable students to:

Α	T	M
analyse some methods and styles of leadership in dance	 critically analyse methods and styles of leadership in dance 	explain leadership behaviours
 apply leadership, pedagogical, choreographic, artistic direction, stage production communication, and/or facilitation skills to the creative process 	 apply leadership, pedagogical, choreographic, artistic direction, stage production communication, and facilitation skills to the creative process 	assist others to follow directions or a plan
 conduct creative inquiry into the practice of significant dance leaders and producers 	 conduct creative inquiry into the practice of significant dance leaders and producers 	create dances or dance sequences and shares with others
analyse dance works	 critically analyse dance works 	describe dance works

Content Descriptions

All knowledge, understanding and skills below must be delivered:

Α	Т	М
Concepts and Theories		
analyse leadership styles and forms and their application to other contexts	 critically analyse leadership styles and forms and their application to other contexts, for example, Martha Graham, Busby Berkeley 	describe identified leadership styles

A	Т	М
 analyse the merits of dispersed and autocratic styles of leadership and their communication styles and techniques analyse different pedagogical approaches for dance education 	 evaluate the merits of dispersed and autocratic styles of leadership and their communication styles and techniques, for example, Bolshoi Ballet, Sydney Dance Company evaluate different pedagogical approaches for dance education, for example, rote learning, 	 explain pedagogical approaches for dance education
	teacher directed, guided discovery, curation of website, podcast/ webcast instructive series	
Context		
analyse the impact of context on leadership styles	 critically analyse the impact of context on leadership styles evaluate critical perspectives on the intentions, successes, and weaknesses of particular leaders in dance, for example, critiques of Abby Lee Miller on <i>Dance Moms</i>, reviews of recent dance performances 	explain how dance leadership is different in different places and times
Creative Process		
 analyse leadership styles and systems to inform own practices in creating dance works 	 evaluate leadership styles and systems to inform own practices in creating dance works, for example, improvisation, explicit direction, Meryl Tankard, Pina Bausch 	complete a performance plan or dance sequence
 analyse pedagogical styles to inform own practices in creating dance works and apply in simulated settings 	 evaluate pedagogical styles to inform own practices in creating dance works and apply in simulated settings, for example, experiential learning 	apply identified pedagogical style in a simulated setting

Α	Т	М
analyse issues using creative inquiry to develop arguments in a range of narrative or conceptual forms and styles	critically analyse issues using creative inquiry to develop arguments in a range of narrative or conceptual forms and styles, for example, student- choreographer leads group to develop a response to a festival/competition theme	
Communication and Technical S	Skills	
 perform using control, expression, energy, focus, precision, and musicality, including teacher led technique 	 perform using sustained control, expression, energy, focus, precision, and musicality, including teacher led technique 	 perform using accurate recall, energy, and musicality
 apply creativity, collaboration, leadership, pedagogy and/or production skills to create dance works 	 synthesise creativity, collaboration, leadership, pedagogy, and production skills to create dance works 	
 create dance works demonstrating leadership, composition skills and choreographic devices and taking creative risks with unfamiliar and familiar practices 	 create dance works demonstrating leadership, composition skills and choreographic devices and taking creative risks with unfamiliar and familiar practices 	create short sequences or dance works
 apply forms, styles, and compositional choices to enhance creative goals, and choreographic intention in order to communicate to a target audience 	 evaluate forms, styles, and compositional choices to enhance creative goals, and choreographic intention in order to communicate to a target audience 	
 communicate clear arguments in a range of modes, incorporating metalanguage, and academic integrity 	 communicate complex ideas and coherent and sustained arguments in a range of modes, incorporating metalanguage, and academic integrity 	communicate ideas coherently
 apply safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance 	 apply safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance 	 follow safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance

A	Т	M
Reflection		
 reflect on learning habits, time-management, dance practices and processes and refines their knowledge, understanding and skills in response 	 reflect on learning habits, time-management, dance practices and processes and refines their knowledge, understanding and skills in response 	 reflect on learning habits, time-management, and dance practices to improve their knowledge, understanding and skills

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Assessment

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Entrepreneurship in Dance

Entrepreneurship in Dance a Entrepreneurship in Dance b

Value: 1.0
Value 0.5

Value 0.5

Unit Description

Students learn about the connections between dance and business. They examine the business aspects of dance and the opportunities and risks in projecting their practice into the commercial arena. They explore the tension between the creative and commercial. Students apply their understanding of the dance industry to produce dance for a range of audiences.

Specific Unit Goals

This unit should enable students to:

Α	Т	M
analyse entrepreneurship and the entrepreneurial opportunities and risks offered by dance	 critically analyse entrepreneurship and the entrepreneurial opportunities and risks offered by dance 	explain entrepreneurship in dance
 apply familiar and unfamiliar dance technique, entrepreneurial and/or technology skills in their creative process 	 apply familiar and unfamiliar dance technique, entrepreneurial and technology skills in their creative process 	apply dance technique in an entrepreneurial context
 conduct creative inquiry into entrepreneurship in dance analyse dance works 	 conduct creative inquiry into entrepreneurship in dance critically analyse dance works 	 create dance or dance sequences for an entrepreneurial context describe dance works

Content Descriptions

All knowledge, understanding and skills below must be delivered:

Α	т	M
Concepts and Ideas		
analyse concepts and theories of entrepreneurship and evaluate defining features	 critically analyse concepts and theories of entrepreneurship, for example, resilience, salesmanship, creativity, and empathy, understanding target audience 	explain features of successful dance businesses

Α	Т	М
analyse the dance ecosystem and different pathways for entrepreneurial opportunities and risks	critically analyse the dance ecosystem and different pathways for entrepreneurial opportunities and risks, for example, online environment, amateur, semi-professional, freelance, independent artist, not for profit and commercial dance	describe examples of entrepreneurship in dance
analyse theories to explain the tension between the commercial and aesthetics	evaluate theories to explain the tension between the commercial and aesthetics, e.g. art for art's sake, self- expression, Smash (TV show), sociological, psychological, and economic theories of entrepreneurship	
Context		
analyse dance practice appropriate to chosen entrepreneurial contexts	 critically analyse dance practice appropriate to chosen entrepreneurial contexts, for example, particular audiences and digital platforms, social climate evaluate critiques of entrepreneurial dance works, for example, commercialisation, "selling out", cultural appropriation, stereotyping, orientalism 	describe opinions about the quality of examples of dance from dance businesses
Creative Process		
analyse examples of entrepreneurship in the dance world to understand opportunities and risks	 evaluate examples of entrepreneurship in the dance world to understand opportunities and risks, for example, marketing campaigns for shows, guest speakers from companies, Tap Dogs, Riverdance, Stomp 	describe dance careers in a range of dance companies and businesses

A	Т	М
 analyse simulated or authentic entrepreneurial opportunities in dance to inform own creative practice and decisions, e.g. grant applications, festival applications, pitching ideas, devising shows for a brief, develop a trailer 	critically analyse simulated or authentic entrepreneurial opportunities in dance to inform own creative practice and decisions, for example, grant applications, festival applications, pitching ideas, devising shows for a brief, develop a trailer	
 create dance works using well-researched dance technique and/or artistic practice for an entrepreneurial purpose, for example, cultural dance for the National Multicultural Festival, dance for a particular grant, developing application portfolios 	 create dance works using well-researched dance technique and artistic practice for an entrepreneurial purpose, for example, cultural dance for the National Multicultural Festival, dance for a particular grant, developing application portfolios 	create and participates in dance to a design brief
Communication and Technical	Skills	
 perform using control, expression, energy, focus, precision, and musicality, including teacher led technique 	 perform using sustained control, expression, energy, focus, precision, and musicality, including teacher led technique 	 perform using accurate recall, energy, and musicality
 apply creativity, collaboration, production, and entrepreneurial skills to create dance works 	 synthesise creativity, collaboration, production, and entrepreneurial skills to create dance works 	
 create dance works demonstrating entrepreneurial, composition skills and choreographic devices and taking creative risks with unfamiliar and familiar practices 	 create dance works demonstrating entrepreneurial, composition skills and choreographic devices and taking creative risks with unfamiliar and familiar practices 	create short sequences or dance works for an entrepreneurial purpose
 apply forms, styles, and compositional choices to enhance creative goals, and choreographic intention in order to communicate to a target audience 	 evaluate forms, styles, and compositional choices to enhance creative goals, and choreographic intention in order to communicate to a target audience 	

А	Т	M
 communicate clear arguments in a range of modes, incorporating metalanguage, and academic integrity 	 communicate complex ideas and coherent and sustained arguments in a range of modes, incorporating metalanguage, and academic integrity 	communicate ideas coherently
 apply safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance 	 apply safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance 	 follow safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance
Reflection		
 reflect on learning habits, time-management, dance practices and processes and refines their knowledge, understanding and skills in response 	 reflect on learning habits, time-management, dance practices and processes and refines their knowledge, understanding and skills in response 	 reflect on learning habits, time-management, and dance practices to improve their knowledge, understanding and skills

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Assessment

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Interdisciplinary Inquiry in Dance

Interdisciplinary Inquiry in Dance a Interdisciplinary Inquiry in Dance b

Value: 1.0

Value 0.5 Value 0.5

Unit Description

Students learn about how dance works can be used to understand and embody concepts from other disciplines. They explore styles and techniques to interpret and represent information creatively. Students apply inquiry skills and dance practices to create works that position an audience on the chosen concept.

Specific Unit Goals

This unit should enable students to:

Α	T	M
 analyse the concepts explored through the interdisciplinary inquiry process 	 critically analyse the concepts explored through the interdisciplinary inquiry process 	explain the concepts explored through the interdisciplinary inquiry process
 apply interpretative, creative, and/or technical dance skills to embody ideas 	 apply interpretative, creative, and technical dance skills to embody ideas 	apply techniques to express interdisciplinary ideas
 conduct creative inquiry into concepts and theories raised by other disciplines 	 conduct creative inquiry into concepts and theories raised by other disciplines 	create dance or dance sequences
analyse dance works	 critically analyse dance works 	describe dance works

Content Descriptions

All knowledge, understanding and skills below must be delivered:

A	Т	M
Concepts and Theories		
analyse how interdisciplinary inquiry entails synthesising learning across disciplines	 critically analyse how interdisciplinary inquiry in Dance entails synthesising learning across disciplines, for example, History, Science, Literature, Philosophy, Language, Psychology, Mathematics 	describe interdisciplinary inquiry

A	Т	М
analyse different types of inquiry across disciplines and evaluate interdisciplinary inquiry, including Dance, as a method with which to interrogate and understand phenomena	critically analyse different types of inquiry across disciplines and evaluate interdisciplinary inquiry, including Dance, as a method with which to interrogate and understand phenomena, for example, Languages, History, Mathematics	explain ideas from other disciplines
 analyse their own success in translating concepts, knowledge and understandings into dance styles and forms 	 evaluate their own success in translating concepts, knowledge and understandings into dance styles and forms 	
Context		
analyse dance practices to identify opportunities for interdisciplinary creative inquiry	 critically analyse a range of dance practices to evaluate opportunities for interdisciplinary creative inquiry evaluate the perspectives, values, and validity of research in other disciplines to inform interdisciplinary creative inquiry 	identify ideas from other disciplines for dance inquiry
Creative Process		
analyse research into interdisciplinary inquiry to inform own dance practice	 evaluate examples of interdisciplinary inquiry to inform dance practice, for example, History of Australian settlement and frontier conflict- Bennelong - Bangarra Dance Theatre; Science Inquiry – DANscienCE - Liz Lea; Ecology and Sustainability - Still Life at the Penguin Café - David Bintley; Visual Arts-A Simple Man- Gillian Lynne 	explain ideas from other disciplines

Α	Т	М
analyse issues using creative inquiry to develop arguments concepts, knowledge, and understandings in a range of narrative or conceptual forms and styles	critically analyse issues using creative inquiry to develop arguments concepts, knowledge, and understandings in a range of narrative or conceptual forms and styles, for example, fractals, frontier conflict, environmental problems, dark matter	apply dance and stagecraft techniques to describe ideas from other disciplines
 create interdisciplinary dance works using well- researched dance technique and artistic practice 	 create interdisciplinary dance works using well- researched dance technique and artistic practice 	 create dance works or sequences about ideas from other disciplines
Communication and Technical S	Skills	
 perform using control, expression, energy, focus, precision, and musicality 	 perform using sustained control, expression, energy, focus, precision, and musicality 	 perform using accurate recall, energy, and musicality
 apply creativity, collaboration, production, interdisciplinary inquiry skills to create dance works 	 synthesise creativity, collaboration, production, interdisciplinary inquiry skills to create dance works 	
 create dance works demonstrating interdisciplinary inquiry, composition skills and choreographic devices and taking creative risks with unfamiliar practices 	 create dance works demonstrating interdisciplinary inquiry, composition skills and choreographic devices and taking creative risks with unfamiliar practices 	create short sequences or dance works
 analyse forms, styles, and compositional choices to enhance creative goals, and/or choreographic intention in order to communicate to a target audience 	 evaluate forms, styles, and compositional choices to enhance creative goals, and choreographic intention in order to communicate to a target audience 	
 communicate coherent and sustained arguments in a range of modes, incorporating metalanguage, and academic integrity 	 communicate complex ideas and coherent and sustained arguments in a range of modes, incorporating metalanguage, and academic integrity 	communicate ideas coherently

А	T	M	
 apply safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance Reflection 	 apply safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance 	follow safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance	
 reflect on learning habits, time-management, dance practices and processes and refines their knowledge, understanding and skills in response 	 reflect on learning habits, time-management, dance practices and processes and refines their knowledge, understanding and skills in response 	 reflect on learning habits, time-management, and dance practices to improve their knowledge, understanding and skills 	

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Assessment

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Independent Study

Independent Study a Independent Study b

Value: 1.0

Value 0.5 Value 0.5

Prerequisites

Students must have studied at least THREE standard 1.0 units from this course.

Unit Description

An Independent study unit has an important place in senior secondary courses. It is a valuable pedagogical approach that empowers students to make decisions about their own individual learning. An Independent study unit must be proposed by an individual student, be for their own independent study, and negotiated with their teacher. An Independent study unit requires the principal's written approval. The program of learning for an Independent study unit must meet the unit goals and content descriptions as they appear in the course.

Specific Unit Goals

This unit should enable students to:

Α	Т	M
analyse dance works in the chosen area of study	 critically analyse dance works in the chosen area of study 	describe dance works in the chosen area of study
demonstrate how concepts and ideas in the chosen area of study can be represented in dance works	 demonstrate how concepts and ideas in the chosen area of study can be represented in dance works 	describe concepts and ideas in the chosen area of study
 create a body of dance works related to the area of study for a target audience 	 create a body of dance works related to the area of study for a target audience 	create dance works related to the area of study for a target audience
 apply a variety of dance methods, mediums, and techniques to achieve a purpose in the related area of study 	 apply a variety of dance methods, mediums, and techniques to achieve a purpose in the related area of study 	apply dance methods, mediums and/or techniques to achieve a purpose in the related area of study

Content Descriptions

All knowledge, understanding and skills below must be delivered:

Α	T	M
Concepts and Theories		
analyse dance from the chosen area of study	critically analyse dance from the chosen area of study	 explain dance from the chosen area of study
 analyse concepts, theories and values that underpin the negotiated topic of the study 	 critically analyse concepts, theories and values that underpin the negotiated topic of the study 	 explain concepts and values that underpin the negotiated study

Α	Т	M
Context		
analyse the impact of a range of social, cultural, economic, political, and/or historical contexts on the creative process to understand and apply to dance works in the negotiated area of study	 critically analyse the impact of a range of social, cultural, economic, political, and historical contexts on the creative process to understand and apply to dance works in the negotiated area of study evaluate critical perspectives on dance and contexts in the negotiated topic of study 	describe social, cultural and/or historical contexts related to the negotiated area of study
Creative Process		
 analyse examples of dance practice through creative inquiry into the negotiated topic of study 	 evaluate examples of dance practice through creative inquiry into the negotiated topic of study 	 explain examples of dance practice that explores the topic of the negotiated study
 analyse issues using creative inquiry to communicate arguments in a range of narrative or conceptual forms in the negotiated topic of study 	 critically analyse issues using creative inquiry to communicate arguments in a range of narrative or conceptual forms in the negotiated topic of study 	 explain issues expressed in dance from the negotiated topic of study
 create and explore dance works using well-researched technique and artistic practice related to the negotiated topic of study 	 create and explore dance works using well-researched technique and artistic practice related to the negotiated topic of study 	 create dance works or sequences related to the negotiated topic of study
Communication and Technical	Skills	
 perform with control, expression, energy, focus, precision, and musicality, including teacher led technique 	 perform with sustained control, expression, energy, focus, precision, and musicality, including teacher led technique 	perform with accurate recall, energy, and musicality
 apply creativity, collaboration and/or production skills to create dance works 	 synthesise creativity, collaboration, and production skills to create dance works 	
 create dance works using composition skills and choreographic devices and taking creative risks with unfamiliar and familiar practices 	 create dance works using composition skills and choreographic devices and taking creative risks with unfamiliar and familiar practices 	create short sequences or dance works

А	Т	М
 apply forms, styles, and compositional choices to enhance creative goals, and choreographic intention in order to communicate to a target audience communicate clear 	 evaluate forms, styles, and compositional choices to enhance creative goals, and choreographic intention in order to communicate to a target audience communicate complex ideas 	communicate ideas
arguments in a range of modes, incorporating metalanguage, and academic integrity	and coherent and sustained arguments in a range of modes, incorporating metalanguage, and academic integrity	coherently
 apply safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance 	 apply safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance 	 follow safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance
Reflection		
 reflect on learning habits, time management, dance practices and processes and refines their knowledge, understanding and skills in response in the negotiated topic of study 	 reflect on learning habits, time management, dance practices and processes and refines their knowledge, understanding and skills in response in the negotiated topic of study 	 reflect on learning habits, time-management, dance practices to improve their knowledge, understanding and skills in the negotiated topic of study

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Appendix A – Implementation Guidelines

Available course patterns

A standard 1.0 value unit is delivered over at least 55 hours. To be awarded a course, students must complete at least the minimum units over the whole minor or major.

Course	Number of standard units to meet course requirements	
Minor	Minimum of 2 units	
Major	Minimum of 3.5 units	

Units in this course can be delivered in any order.

Prerequisites for the course or units within the course

For the Independent Study unit (if applicable), students must have studied a minimum of <u>THREE</u> standard 1.0 units from this course.

Arrangements for students continuing study in this course

Students who studied the previous course may undertake any units in this course provided there is no duplication of content.

Duplication of Content Rules

Students cannot be given credit towards the requirements for a Senior Secondary Certificate for a unit that significantly duplicates content in a unit studied in another course. The responsibility for preventing undesirable overlap of content studied by a student rests with the principal and the teacher delivering the course. Students will only be given credit for covering the content once.

Guidelines for Delivery

Program of Learning

A program of learning is what a school provides to implement the course for a subject. This meets the requirements for context, scope and sequence set out in the Board endorsed course. Students follow programs of learning in a college as part of their senior secondary studies. The detail, design, and layout of a program of learning are a college decision.

The program of learning must be documented to show the planned learning activities and experiences that meet the needs of particular groups of students, taking into account their interests, prior knowledge, abilities, and backgrounds. The program of learning is a record of the learning experiences that enable students to achieve the knowledge, understanding and skills of the content descriptions. There is no requirement to submit a program of learning to the OBSSS for approval. The principal will need to sign off at the end of Year 12 that courses have been delivered as accredited.

Content Descriptions

Are all content descriptions of equal importance? No. It depends on the focus of study. Teachers can customise their program of learning to meet their own students' needs, adding additional content descriptions if desired or emphasising some over others. A teacher must balance student needs with their responsibility to teach all content descriptions. It is mandatory that teachers address all content descriptions and that students engage with all content descriptions.

Half standard 0.5 units

Half standard units appear on the course adoption form but are not explicitly documented in courses. It is at the discretion of the college principal to split a standard 1.0 unit into two half standard 0.5 units. Colleges are required to adopt the half standard 0.5 units. However, colleges are not required to submit explicit documentation outlining their half standard 0.5 units to the BSSS. Colleges must assess students using the half standard 0.5 assessment task weightings outlined in the framework. It is the responsibility of the college principal to ensure that all content is delivered in units approved by the Board.

Moderation

Moderation is a system designed and implemented to:

- provide comparability in the system of school-based assessment
- form the basis for valid and reliable assessment in senior secondary schools
- involve the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies and colleges in cooperation and partnership
- maintain the quality of school-based assessment and the credibility, validity, and acceptability of Board certificates.

Moderation commences within individual colleges. Teachers develop assessment programs and instruments, apply assessment criteria, and allocate Unit Grades, according to the relevant Framework. Teachers within course teaching groups conduct consensus discussions to moderate marking or grading of individual assessment instruments and unit grade decisions.

The Moderation Model

Moderation within the ACT encompasses structured, consensus-based peer review of Unit Grades for all accredited courses over two Moderation Days. In addition to Moderation Days, there is statistical moderation of course scores, including small group procedures, for T courses.

Moderation by Structured, Consensus-based Peer Review

Consensus-based peer review involves the review of student work against system wide criteria and standards and the validation of Unit Grades. This is done by matching student performance with the criteria and standards outlined in the Achievement Standards, as stated in the Framework. Advice is then given to colleges to assist teachers with, or confirm, their judgments. In addition, feedback is given on the construction of assessment instruments.

Preparation for Structured, Consensus-based Peer Review

Each year, teachers of Year 11 are asked to retain originals or copies of student work completed in Semester 2. Similarly, teachers of a Year 12 class should retain originals or copies of student work completed in Semester 1. Assessment and other documentation required by the Office of the Board of Senior Secondary Studies should also be kept. Year 11 work from Semester 2 of the previous year is presented for review at Moderation Day 1 in March, and Year 12 work from Semester 1 is presented for review at Moderation Day 2 in August.

In the lead up to Moderation Day, a College Course Presentation (comprised of a document folder and a set of student portfolios) is prepared for each A, T and M course/units offered by the school and is sent into the Office of the Board of Senior Secondary Studies.

The College Course Presentation

The package of materials (College Course Presentation) presented by a college for review on Moderation Days in each course area will comprise the following:

- a folder containing supporting documentation as requested by the Office of the Board through memoranda to colleges, including marking schemes and rubrics for each assessment item
- a set of student portfolios containing marked and/or graded written and non-written
 assessment responses and completed criteria and standards feedback forms. Evidence of all
 assessment responses on which the Unit Grade decision has been made is to be included in
 the student review portfolios.

Specific requirements for subject areas and types of evidence to be presented for each Moderation Day will be outlined by the Board Secretariat through the *Requirements for Moderation Memoranda* and Information Papers.

Visual evidence for judgements made about practical performances

It is a requirement that schools' judgements of standards to practical performances (A/T/M) be supported by visual evidence (still photos or video).

The photographic evidence submitted must be drawn from practical skills performed as part of the assessment process.

Teachers should consult the BSSS guidelines at:

http://www.bsss.act.edu.au/grade moderation/moderation information for teachers

for current information regarding all moderation requirements including subject specific and photographic evidence.

Appendix B – Course Developers

Name	College

Appendix C – Common Curriculum Elements

Common curriculum elements assist in the development of high-quality assessment tasks by encouraging breadth and depth and discrimination in levels of achievement.

Organisers	Elements	Examples
create, compose, and	apply	ideas and procedures in unfamiliar situations, content, and processes in non-routine settings
apply	compose	oral, written, and multimodal texts, music, visual images, responses to complex topics, new outcomes
	represent	images, symbols, or signs
	create	creative thinking to identify areas for change, growth, and innovation, recognise opportunities, experiment to achieve innovative solutions, construct objects, imagine alternatives
	manipulate	images, text, data, points of view
analyse,	justify	arguments, points of view, phenomena, choices
synthesise, and	hypothesise	statement/theory that can be tested by data
evaluate	extrapolate	trends, cause/effect, impact of a decision
	predict	data, trends, inferences
	evaluate	text, images, points of view, solutions, phenomenon, graphics
	test	validity of assumptions, ideas, procedures, strategies
	argue	trends, cause/effect, strengths, and weaknesses
	reflect	on strengths and weaknesses
	synthesise	data and knowledge, points of view from several sources
	analyse	text, images, graphs, data, points of view
	examine	data, visual images, arguments, points of view
	investigate	issues, problems
organise,	sequence	text, data, relationships, arguments, patterns
sequence, and	visualise	trends, futures, patterns, cause, and effect
explain	compare/contrast	data, visual images, arguments, points of view
	discuss	issues, data, relationships, choices/options
	interpret	symbols, text, images, graphs
	explain	explicit/implicit assumptions, bias, themes/arguments, cause/effect, strengths/weaknesses
	translate	data, visual images, arguments, points of view
	assess	probabilities, choices/options
	select	main points, words, ideas in text
identify,	reproduce	information, data, words, images, graphics
summarise and	respond	data, visual images, arguments, points of view
plan	relate	events, processes, situations
	demonstrate	probabilities, choices/options
	describe	data, visual images, arguments, points of view
	plan	strategies, ideas in text, arguments
	classify	information, data, words, images
	identify	spatial relationships, patterns, interrelationships
	summarise	main points, words, ideas in text, review, draft and edit

Appendix D – Glossary of Verbs

Verbs	Definition
Analyse	Consider in detail for the purpose of finding meaning or relationships, and identifying patterns, similarities, and differences
Apply	Use, utilise or employ in a particular situation
Argue	Give reasons for or against something
Assess	Make a Judgement about the value of
Classify	Arrange into named categories in order to sort, group or identify
Compare	Estimate, measure or note how things are similar or dissimilar
Compose	The activity that occurs when students produce written, spoken, or visual texts
Contrast	Compare in such a way as to emphasise differences
Create	Bring into existence, to originate
Demonstrate	Give a practical exhibition an explanation
Describe	Give an account of characteristics or features
Discuss	Talk or write about a topic, taking into account different issues or ideas
Evaluate	Examine and judge the merit or significance of something
Examine	Determine the nature or condition of
Explain	Provide additional information that demonstrates understanding of reasoning and /or application
Extrapolate	Infer from what is known
Hypothesise	Put forward a supposition or conjecture to account for certain facts and used as a basis for further investigation by which it may be proved or disproved
Identify	Recognise and name
Interpret	Draw meaning from
Investigate	Planning, inquiry into and drawing conclusions about
Justify	Show how argument or conclusion is right or reasonable
Manipulate	Adapt or change
Plan	Strategize, develop a series of steps, processes
Predict	Suggest what might happen in the future or as a consequence of something
Reflect	The thought process by which students develop an understanding and appreciation of their own learning. This process draws on both cognitive and affective experience
Relate	Tell or report about happenings, events, or circumstances
Represent	Use words, images, symbols, or signs to convey meaning
Reproduce	Copy or make close imitation
Respond	React to a person or text
Select	Choose in preference to another or others
Sequence	Arrange in order
Summarise	Give a brief statement of the main points
Synthesise	Combine elements (information/ideas/components) into a coherent whole
Test	Examine qualities or abilities
Translate	Express in another language or form, or in simpler terms
Visualise	The ability to decode, interpret, create, question, challenge and evaluate texts that communicate with visual images as well as, or rather than, words

Appendix E – Glossary for ACT Senior Secondary Curriculum

Courses will detail what teachers are expected to teach and students are expected to learn for Years 11 and 12. They will describe the knowledge, understanding and skills that students will be expected to develop for each learning area across the years of schooling.

Learning areas are broad areas of the curriculum, including English, mathematics, science, the arts, languages, health, and physical education.

A **subject** is a discrete area of study that is part of a learning area. There may be one or more subjects in a single learning area.

Frameworks are system documents for Years 11 and 12 which provide the basis for the development and accreditation of any course within a designated learning area. In addition, frameworks provide a common basis for assessment, moderation and reporting of student outcomes in courses based on the framework.

The **course** sets out the requirements for the implementation of a subject. Key elements of a course include the rationale, goals, content descriptions, assessment, and achievement standards as designated by the framework.

BSSS courses will be organised into units. A unit is a distinct focus of study within a course. A standard 1.0 unit is delivered for a minimum of 55 hours generally over one semester.

Core units are foundational units that provide students with the breadth of the subject.

Additional units are avenues of learning that cannot be provided for within the four core 1.0 standard units by an adjustment to the program of learning.

A **negotiated study unit** makes provision for students, classes, groups, or individuals to negotiate the program of learning based on the specific unit goals, content descriptions, assessment, and achievement standards of the course.

An **elective** is a lens for demonstrating the content descriptions within a standard 1.0 or half standard 0.5 unit.

A lens is a particular focus or viewpoint within a broader study.

Content descriptions refer to the subject-based knowledge, understanding and skills to be taught and learned.

A **program of learning** is what a college develops to implement the course for a subject and to ensure that the content descriptions are taught and learned.

Achievement standards provide an indication of typical performance at five different levels (corresponding to grades A to E) following completion of study of senior secondary course content for units in a subject.

ACT senior secondary system **curriculum** comprises all BSSS approved courses of study.

Appendix F – Course Adoption Form

Condition of Adoption

The course and units of this course are consistent with the philosophy and goals of the college and the adopting college has the human and physical resources to implement the course.

Adoption Process

Course adoption must be initiated electronically by an email to bssscertification@ed.act.edu.au by the principal or their nominated delegate.

The email will include the **Conditions of Adoption** statement above, and the table below adding the **College** name, and **A** and/or **T** and/or **M** and/or **V** to the **Classification/s** section of the table.

College:					
Course Title:	Specialised Dance				
Classification/s:	A	т	M		
Framework:	The Arts Course Framework 2021				
Dates of Course Accreditation:		From	2022	to	20XX