



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:

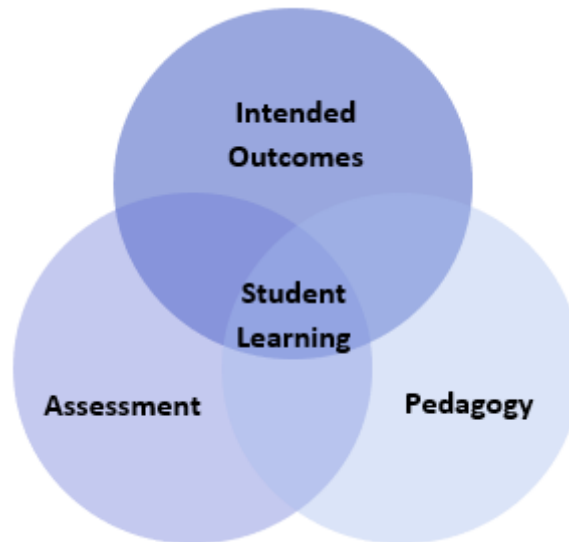
- provide a variety of pathways, to meet different learning needs and encourage students to complete their secondary education
- enable students to develop the essential capabilities for twenty-first century learners
- empower students as active participants in their own learning
- engage students in 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)
3. Learning is facilitated when students actively monitor their own learning and consciously develop ways of organising and applying knowledge within and across contexts.
(Metacognition)
4. Learners' sense of self and motivation to learn affects learning.
(Self-concept)
5. 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)
7. 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)
9. 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

Specialised 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

Specialised 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 culturally appropriate, 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

Specialised Dance may provide an opportunity for students to engage with First Nations Australian histories, enduring cultures, and contemporary experiences. It acknowledges that First Nations Australians 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, cultures, and contemporary experiences, 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 and 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 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.

Entrepreneurship in Dance

Students learn about the connections between dance and business. They examine aspects of the dance industry and the opportunities and risks in projecting their practice into the commercial and subsidised arts sectors. 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 interact with and embody concepts with other disciplines. They explore dance styles and techniques to interpret and represent perspectives and insights. Students apply inquiry skills and dance practices to create interdisciplinary dance works.

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 learning. An Independent Study unit can be proposed by an individual student for their own independent study and negotiated with their teacher. The program of learning for an Independent Study unit must meet the unit goals and content descriptions as they appear in the course.

Independent Study units are only available to individual students in Year 12. A student can only study a maximum of one Independent Study unit in each course. Students must have studied at least three standard 1.0 units from this course. An Independent Study unit requires the principal's written approval. Principal approval can also be sought by a student in Year 12 to enrol concurrently in an Independent Study unit and their third 1.0 unit in this course of study.

Assessment

The identification of criteria within the Achievement Standards and assessment task types and weightings provides 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 Arts	
Task Types	<p>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.</p> <p>Tasks may include, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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

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Achievement Standards for The Arts T Course – Year 11

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Achievement Standards for The Arts A Course – Year 12

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Achievements Standards for The Arts T Course – Year 12

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Responding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyses styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories; and evaluates how they are integrated to position an audience and communicate meaning evaluates the significance of art works in a diverse range of contexts; and critically analyses attitudes and values synthesises wide research on theories, ideas, and practices to present a coherent and independent response communicates complex ideas with coherent and sustained arguments; analysing evidence and metalanguage and applies the principles of academic integrity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyses styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories; and analyses how they are integrated to position an audience and communicate meaning analyses the significance of art works in a broad range of contexts; and explains attitudes and values compares and analyses wide research on theories, ideas, and practices to present a reasoned and independent response communicates complex ideas and coherent arguments using relevant evidence, metalanguage and applies the principles of academic integrity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explains styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories; and explains how they are integrated to position an audience and communicate meaning explains the significance of art works in a range of contexts; and describes attitudes and values compares and explains research on theories, ideas, and practices to present an independent response communicates ideas and arguments using relevant evidence, metalanguage and applies the principles of academic integrity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describes styles, forms, processes, practices, and theories; and identifies how some techniques communicate meaning describes the significance of art works in context; with some reference to attitudes and values describes research on theories, ideas, and practices with some evidence of an independent responses applies the principles of academic integrity with some use of relevant evidence and metalanguage to communicate ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> identifies styles, forms, processes and practices, theories, and techniques with little or no reference to meaning identifies the significance of art works in context; with little or no reference to attitudes and values identifies research on theories, ideas, and practices own with little or no evidence of an independent response communicates limited ideas and information with little or no application of academic integrity
Making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> synthesises ideas using sustained and innovative creative practice, employing a range of familiar and unfamiliar techniques critically analyses art practice, using the creative process to investigate and solve complex problems and evaluates own application of technology creates and refines imaginative and innovative art works with control and precision; synthesises technical experimentation and reflects 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 reflects with insight on their own art practice, thinking processes; and evaluates inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyses ideas using sustained and creative practice, employing familiar and unfamiliar techniques analyses art practice, using the creative process to investigate and solve problems and explains own application of technology creates imaginative and innovative art works with control; analyses technical experimentation and reflects on strengths and opportunities creatively presents own and/or group art practice; drawing on theories and using familiar and unfamiliar techniques to communicate meaning to targeted audiences 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explains ideas using creative practice, employing familiar techniques explains art practice, using the creative process to investigate and solve familiar problems and describes own application of technology creates imaginative art works with control using familiar technical skills, and reflects on strengths and opportunities creatively presents own and/or group art practice; drawing on theories and using familiar techniques to communicate meaning to targeted audiences 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describes creative practice, employing some familiar techniques describes art practice, using the creative process to investigate problems and identifies own application of technology creates art works using familiar technical skills and reflects on strengths and opportunities presents own and/or group art practice using familiar techniques to communicate meaning to target audiences reflects on their own art practice, thinking with some reference to inter and intrapersonal skills and capacity to work both independently and collaboratively 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses creative practice, employing little or no techniques identifies basic features of art practice, with little or no connection to creative processes or use of technology creates art works using familiar technical skills with little or no reflection on strengths and opportunities presents own and/or group art practice using familiar techniques to communicate messages with assistance 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

	<i>A student who achieves an A grade typically</i>	<i>A student who achieves a B grade typically</i>	<i>A student who achieves a C grade typically</i>	<i>A student who achieves a D grade typically</i>	<i>A student who achieves an E grade typically</i>
Responding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responds to a variety of artworks for differing purposes and audiences, with independence • explains ideas, attitudes, and points of views in creative practice, with independence • reflects with insight on their thinking, creating, and learning, with independence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responds to a variety of artworks for differing purposes and audiences, with some independence • explains ideas, attitudes, and points of view in creative practice, with some independence • reflects with insight on their thinking, creating, and learning, with some independence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responds to artworks for differing purposes and audiences, with assistance • explains ideas and points of view in creative practice, with assistance • reflects on their thinking, creating, and learning, with assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responds to artworks for differing purposes, with repeated cueing • explains ideas in creative practice, with repeated cueing • reflects on their thinking, creating, and learning, with repeated cueing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responds to artworks, with direct instruction • identifies ideas in creative practice, with direct instruction • reflects in a limited way on their thinking, creating, and learning, with direct instruction
Making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • applies creative and technical skills in a variety of contexts, with independence • creates a variety of artworks using research and inquiry in different modes for different purposes, with independence • creates using individual or collaborative organisational and/or communication methods, with independence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • applies creative and technical skills in a variety of contexts, with some independence • creates a variety of artworks using research and inquiry different modes for different purposes, with some independence • creates using individual or collaborative organisational and/or communication methods, with some independence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • applies creative and technical skills in different contexts, with assistance • creates artworks using research and inquiry in different modes for different purposes, with assistance • creates using individual or collaborative organisational and/or communication methods, with assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • applies creative and technical skills in a designated context, with repeated cueing • creates artworks using research and inquiry for different purposes, with repeated cueing • creates using individual or collaborative organisational and/or communication methods, with repeated cueing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • applies creative and technical skills in a designated context, with direct instruction • creates different artworks using research and inquiry, with direct instruction • creates using individual or collaborative organisational and/or communication methods, with direct instruction

Innovation in Dance

Value: 1.0

Innovation in Dance a

Value 0.5

Innovation in Dance b

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:

A	T	M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse the process of innovation and the effect of disruption in dance and explore examples of innovative practice apply familiar and unfamiliar dance technique and/or technology skills to the creative process conduct creative inquiry into significant innovation in dance analyse dance works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse the process of innovation and the effect of developments in dance and explore examples of innovative practice apply familiar and unfamiliar dance technique and technology skills to the creative process conduct creative inquiry into significant innovation in dance critically analyse dance works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explain how dance has changed over time apply technical dance skills from innovative forms create dances or dance sequences using innovative techniques and forms describe dance works

Content Descriptions

All knowledge, understanding and skills below must be delivered:

A	T	M
Concepts and Theories		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse dance works to understand that innovation in dance has produced a range of disruptive styles and forms for exploring and presenting ideas creatively 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse dance works to understand that innovation in dance has produced a range of developments in 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, Gary Stewart (ADT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe some innovative works and the ideas explored

A	T	M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse dance contexts, forms, and genres to understand that innovation can be radical or incremental, may overcome obstacles, or disrupt traditional roles analyse opportunities for innovation in their own work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <i>The Rite of Spring</i> evaluate opportunities for innovation in their own work, for example, new technology, new digital platforms, unfamiliar styles, and forms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe radical and incremental changes in dance identify new techniques and forms to learn
Context		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse the impact of chosen innovation/s on the creative process to understand dance works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse the impact of chosen innovation/s on the creative process to understand dance works evaluate critical perspectives on innovation/s in dance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe changes that resulted from innovation in dance
Creative Process		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse research into innovative artistic practice to inform arguments and judgements analyse innovative creative dance practices through creative inquiry to inform own creative practice and conclusions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> evaluate research into innovative artistic practice to inform arguments and judgements, for example, DV8 Physical Theatre critically analyse innovative creative dance practices through creative inquiry to inform own creative practice and conclusions, for example, dance for screen, Chunky Move-Gideon Obarzanek and/or Anthony Hamilton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explain some innovative dance practices apply some features of innovative dance practices

A	T	M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse issues using creative inquiry to develop arguments in a range of narrative or conceptual forms and styles create dance works using well-researched innovative artistic practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse issues using creative inquiry to develop arguments in a range of narrative or conceptual forms and styles, for example, Matthew Bourne's: <i>Swan Lake</i> create dance works using well-researched innovative artistic practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe some issues raised by innovative dance works create dance works or sequences drawn from innovative practice
Communication and Technical Skills		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> perform using control, expression, energy, focus, precision, and musicality, including teacher led technique, and/or professional repertoire apply creativity, collaboration and/or production skills to create dance works create dance works using composition skills and choreographic devices and taking creative risks with unfamiliar and familiar practices apply 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 apply safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> perform using sustained control, expression, energy, focus, precision, and musicality, including teacher led technique, and/or professional repertoire 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 evaluate forms, styles, and compositional choices to enhance creative goals, and choreographic intention in order to communicate to a target audience communicate complex ideas and coherent and sustained arguments in a range of modes, incorporating metalanguage, and academic integrity apply safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> perform using accurate recall, energy, and musicality create short sequences or dance works communicate ideas coherently follow safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance

A	T	M
Reflection		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reflect on learning habits, time-management, dance practices and processes and refines their knowledge, understanding and skills in response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reflect on learning habits, time-management, dance practices and processes and refines their knowledge, understanding and skills in response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reflect on learning habits, time-management, dance practices to improve their knowledge, understanding and skills

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Assessment

Refer to pages 9-11.

Leadership in Dance

Value: 1.0

Leadership in Dance a

Value 0.5

Leadership in Dance b

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:

A	T	M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse some methods and styles of leadership in dance apply leadership, pedagogical, choreographic, artistic direction, stage production communication, and/or facilitation skills to the creative process conduct creative inquiry into the practice of significant dance leaders and producers analyse dance works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse methods and styles of leadership in dance apply leadership, pedagogical, choreographic, artistic direction, stage production communication, and facilitation skills to the creative process conduct creative inquiry into the practice of significant dance leaders and producers critically analyse dance works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe leadership behaviours assist others to follow directions or a plan create dances or dance sequences and share with others describe dance works

Content Descriptions

All knowledge, understanding and skills below must be delivered:

A	T	M
Concepts and Theories		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse leadership styles and forms and their application to other contexts analyse the merits of dispersed and autocratic styles of leadership and their communication styles and techniques 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse leadership styles and forms and their application to other contexts, for example, Martha Graham, Busby Berkeley, Amrita Hepi evaluate the merits of dispersed and autocratic styles of leadership and their communication styles and techniques, for example, Bolshoi Ballet, Sydney Dance Company 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe identified leadership styles

A	T	M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse different pedagogical approaches for dance education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> evaluate different pedagogical approaches for dance education, for example, rote learning, teacher directed, guided discovery, curation of website, podcast/webcast instructive series 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explain pedagogical approaches for dance education
Context		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse the impact of context on leadership styles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explain how dance leadership is different in different places and times
Creative Process		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse leadership styles and systems to inform own practices in creating dance works analyse pedagogical styles to inform own practices in creating dance works and apply in simulated settings analyse issues using creative inquiry to develop arguments in a range of narrative or conceptual forms and styles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> evaluate leadership styles and systems to inform own practices in creating dance works, for example, improvisation, explicit direction, Meryl Tankard, Pina Bausch evaluate pedagogical styles to inform own practices in creating dance works and apply in simulated settings, for example, experiential learning 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> complete a performance plan or dance sequence apply an identified pedagogical style in a simulated setting

A	T	M
Communication and Technical Skills		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • perform using control, expression, energy, focus, precision, and musicality, including teacher led technique, and/or professional repertoire • apply creativity, collaboration, leadership, pedagogy and/or 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 • apply 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 • apply safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • perform using sustained control, expression, energy, focus, precision, and musicality, including teacher led technique, and/or professional repertoire • 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 • evaluate forms, styles, and compositional choices to enhance creative goals, and choreographic intention in order to communicate to a target audience • communicate complex ideas and coherent and sustained arguments in a range of modes, incorporating metalanguage, and academic integrity • apply safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • perform using accurate recall, energy, and musicality • create short sequences or dance works • communicate ideas coherently • follow safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance
Reflection		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on learning habits, time-management, dance practices and processes and refines their knowledge, understanding and skills in response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on learning habits, time-management, dance practices and processes and refines their knowledge, understanding and skills in response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

Value: 1.0

Entrepreneurship in Dance a

Value 0.5

Entrepreneurship in Dance b

Value 0.5

Unit Description

Students learn about the connections between dance and business. They examine aspects of the dance industry and the opportunities and risks in projecting their practice into the commercial and subsidised arts sectors. 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:

A	T	M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analyse entrepreneurship and the entrepreneurial opportunities and risks offered by dance • apply familiar and unfamiliar dance technique, entrepreneurial and/or technology skills in their creative process • conduct creative inquiry into entrepreneurship in dance • analyse dance works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • critically analyse entrepreneurship and the entrepreneurial opportunities and risks offered by dance • apply familiar and unfamiliar dance technique, entrepreneurial and technology skills in their creative process • conduct creative inquiry into entrepreneurship in dance • critically analyse dance works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe opportunities for entrepreneurship in dance • apply dance technique in an entrepreneurial context • create dance or dance sequences for an entrepreneurial context • describe dance works

Content Descriptions

All knowledge, understanding and skills below must be delivered:

A	T	M
Concepts and Ideas		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analyse concepts and theories of entrepreneurship and evaluate defining features 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • critically analyse concepts and theories of entrepreneurship, for example, resilience, marketing and promotion, creativity, and empathy, understanding target audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explain features of successful dance enterprises

A	T	M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse the dance sector and different pathways for entrepreneurial opportunities and risks analyse theories to explain the tension between the commercial and aesthetics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse the dance sector and different pathways for entrepreneurial opportunities and risks, for example, online environment, amateur, semi-professional, freelance, independent artist, not for profit and commercial dance evaluate theories to explain the tension between the commercial and aesthetics, for example, art for art's sake, self-expression, <i>Smash</i> (TV show), sociological, psychological, and economic theories of entrepreneurship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe examples of opportunities for entrepreneurship in dance
Context		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse dance practice appropriate to chosen entrepreneurial contexts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe opinions about the quality of examples of dance from dance businesses
Creative Process		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse examples of entrepreneurship in the dance world to understand opportunities and risks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe dance careers in a range of dance companies and businesses

A	T	M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, Keir Choreographic Awards 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> create and participates in dance to a design brief
Communication and Technical Skills		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> perform using control, expression, energy, focus, precision, and musicality, including teacher led technique, and/or professional repertoire apply 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 apply forms, styles, and compositional choices to enhance creative goals, and choreographic intention in order to communicate to a target audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> perform using sustained control, expression, energy, focus, precision, and musicality, including teacher led technique, and/or professional repertoire 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 evaluate forms, styles, and compositional choices to enhance creative goals, and choreographic intention in order to communicate to a target audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> perform using accurate recall, energy, and musicality create short sequences or dance works for an entrepreneurial purpose

A	T	M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> communicate clear arguments in a range of modes, incorporating metalanguage, and academic integrity apply safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> communicate complex ideas and coherent and sustained arguments in a range of modes, incorporating metalanguage, and academic integrity apply safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> communicate ideas coherently follow safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance
Reflection		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reflect on learning habits, time-management, dance practices and processes and refines their knowledge, understanding and skills in response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reflect on learning habits, time-management, dance practices and processes and refines their knowledge, understanding and skills in response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

Value: 1.0

Interdisciplinary Inquiry in Dance a

Value 0.5

Interdisciplinary Inquiry in Dance b

Value 0.5

Unit Description

Students learn about how dance works can be used to interact with and embody concepts with other disciplines. They explore dance styles and techniques to interpret and represent perspectives and insights. Students apply inquiry skills and dance practices to create interdisciplinary dance works.

Specific Unit Goals

This unit should enable students to:

A	T	M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse the concepts explored through the interdisciplinary inquiry process apply interpretative, creative, and/or technical dance skills to embody ideas conduct creative inquiry into concepts and theories raised by engaging in dialogue other disciplines analyse dance works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse the concepts explored through the interdisciplinary inquiry process apply interpretative, creative, and technical dance skills to embody ideas conduct creative inquiry into concepts and theories raised by engaging in dialogue other disciplines critically analyse dance works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe the concepts explored through the interdisciplinary inquiry process apply techniques to express interdisciplinary ideas create dance or dance sequences describe dance works

Content Descriptions

All knowledge, understanding and skills below must be delivered:

A	T	M
Concepts and Theories		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse how interdisciplinary inquiry entails synthesising learning across disciplines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse how interdisciplinary inquiry in Dance entails synthesising learning across disciplines, for example, History, Science, Literature, Philosophy, Language, Psychology, Mathematics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe interdisciplinary inquiry

A	T	M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse different types of inquiry with disciplines and evaluate interdisciplinary inquiry, including Dance, as a method with which to interrogate and understand phenomena analyse their own success in interpreting and representing perspectives and insights into concepts, knowledge and understandings using dance styles and forms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse different types of inquiry with other disciplines and evaluate interdisciplinary inquiry, including Dance, as a method with which to interrogate and understand phenomena, for example, Languages, History, Mathematics evaluate their own success in interpreting and representing perspectives and insights into concepts, knowledge and understandings using dance styles and forms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explain ideas from other disciplines
Context		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse dance practices to identify opportunities for interdisciplinary creative inquiry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse a range of dance practices to evaluate opportunities for interdisciplinary creative inquiry, for example, Shelley Lasica, Meryl Tankard, Pina Bausch evaluate the perspectives, values, and validity of research in other disciplines to inform interdisciplinary creative inquiry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify ideas from other disciplines for dance inquiry
Creative Process		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse research into interdisciplinary inquiry to inform own dance practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> evaluate examples of interdisciplinary inquiry to inform dance practice, for example, History of Australian settlement and frontier conflict- <i>Bennelong</i> - Bangarra Dance Theatre; Science Inquiry – <i>DANscienCE</i> - Liz Lea; Ecology and Sustainability - <i>Still Life at the Penguin Café</i> - David Bintley; Visual Arts- <i>A Simple Man</i>- Gillian Lynne, Sue Healey- <i>The Curiosities</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explain ideas from other disciplines

A	T	M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse issues using creative inquiry to develop arguments concepts, knowledge, and understandings in a range of narrative or conceptual forms and styles create interdisciplinary dance works using well-researched dance technique and artistic practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 create interdisciplinary dance works using well-researched dance technique and artistic practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> apply dance and stagecraft techniques to describe ideas from other disciplines create dance works or sequences about ideas from other disciplines
Communication and Technical Skills		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> perform using control, expression, energy, focus, precision, and musicality apply 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 analyse forms, styles, and compositional choices to enhance creative goals, and/or 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 apply safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> perform using sustained control, expression, energy, focus, precision, and musicality 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 evaluate forms, styles, and compositional choices to enhance creative goals, and choreographic intention in order to communicate to a target audience communicate complex ideas and coherent and sustained arguments in a range of modes, incorporating metalanguage, and academic integrity apply safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> perform using accurate recall, energy, and musicality create short sequences or dance works communicate ideas coherently follow safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance

A	T	M
Reflection		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reflect on learning habits, time-management, dance practices and processes and refines their knowledge, understanding and skills in response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reflect on learning habits, time-management, dance practices and processes and refines their knowledge, understanding and skills in response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reflect on learning habits, time-management, and dance practices to improve their knowledge, understanding and skills

A guide to reading and implementing content descriptions

Content descriptions specify the knowledge, understanding and skills that students are expected to learn and that teachers are expected to teach. Teachers are required to develop a program of learning that allows students to demonstrate all the content descriptions. The lens which the teacher uses to demonstrate the content descriptions may be either guided through provision of electives within each unit or determined by the teacher when developing their program of learning.

A program of learning is what a college provides to implement the course for a subject. It is at the discretion of the teacher to emphasise some content descriptions over others. The teacher may teach additional (not listed) content provided it meets the specific unit goals. This will be informed by the student needs and interests.

Assessment

Refer to pages 9-11.

Independent Study

Value: 1.0

Independent Study a

Value 0.5

Independent Study b

Value 0.5

Prerequisites

Independent Study units are only available to individual students in Year 12. A student can only study a maximum of one Independent Study unit in each course. Students must have studied at least three standard 1.0 units from this course. An Independent Study unit requires the principal's written approval. Principal approval can also be sought by a student in Year 12 to enrol concurrently in an Independent Study unit and their third 1.0 unit in this course of study.

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 learning. An Independent Study unit can be proposed by an individual student for their own independent study and negotiated with their teacher. 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:

A	T	M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse 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 create a body of 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse 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 create a body of 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe dance works in the chosen area of study describe concepts and ideas in the chosen area of study create dance works related to the area of study for a target audience 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:

A	T	M
Concepts and Theories		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse dance from the chosen area of study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse dance from the chosen area of study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explain dance from the chosen area of study

A	T	M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse concepts, theories and values that underpin the negotiated topic of the study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse concepts, theories and values that underpin the negotiated topic of the study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explain concepts and values that underpin the negotiated study
Context		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe social, cultural and/or historical contexts related to the negotiated area of study
Creative Process		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse examples of dance practice through creative inquiry into the negotiated topic of study analyse issues using creative inquiry to communicate arguments in a range of narrative or conceptual forms in the negotiated topic of study create and explore dance works using well-researched technique and artistic practice related to the negotiated topic of study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> evaluate examples of dance practice through creative inquiry into 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 create and explore dance works using well-researched technique and artistic practice related to the negotiated topic of study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explain examples of dance practice that explores the topic of the negotiated study explain issues expressed in dance from the negotiated topic of study create dance works or sequences related to the negotiated topic of study
Communication and Technical Skills		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> perform with control, expression, energy, focus, precision, and musicality, including teacher led technique, and/or professional repertoire apply creativity, collaboration and/or production skills to create dance works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> perform with sustained control, expression, energy, focus, precision, and musicality, including teacher led technique, and/or professional repertoire synthesise creativity, collaboration, and production skills to create dance works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> perform with accurate recall, energy, and musicality

A	T	M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create dance works using composition skills and choreographic devices and taking creative risks with unfamiliar and familiar practices • apply 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 • apply safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create dance works using composition skills and choreographic devices and taking creative risks with unfamiliar and familiar practices • evaluate forms, styles, and compositional choices to enhance creative goals, and choreographic intention in order to communicate to a target audience • communicate complex ideas and coherent and sustained arguments in a range of modes, incorporating metalanguage, and academic integrity • apply safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create short sequences or dance works • communicate ideas coherently • follow safe dance, and work, health and safety practices to classwork, experimentation, rehearsal, and performance
Reflection		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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Assessment

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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

Students must have studied at least three standard 1.0 units from this course in order to access the Independent Study unit. An Independent Study unit requires the principal's written approval. Principal approval can also be sought by a student in Year 12 to enrol concurrently in an Independent Study unit and their third 1.0 unit in this course of study.

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.

Relationship to other courses

Students may complete units of study selected from both *Dance* and *Specialised Dance* to form a *Studies of Dance* Minor, Major or Double Major.

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 consideration 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.

System Moderation

System moderation begins in schools whereby teachers cooperate to develop assessment, and grade and score student assessment according to the relevant curriculum.

Moderation Day is an essential component of the ACT senior secondary system which empowers school autonomy in curriculum and assessment. Moderation Day is a collaborative and professional event whereby schools undertake system quality assurance activities on behalf of their current and future students. Moderation Day fosters and enriches the development of quality assessment and validates student achievement. Continued best practice in teaching and learning is ensured through the formation of valid, constructive, and detailed feedback.

System Moderation:

- provides comparability of school-based assessment
- forms the basis for valid and reliable assessment in senior secondary schools
- involves the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies (BSSS) and schools in cooperation and partnership
- maintains the integrity of the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate.

The Moderation Model

Moderation within the ACT senior secondary system encompasses structured, consensus-based peer review of Unit Grades and quality of assessment for all BSSS courses twice per year. In addition to System Moderation, there is statistical moderation of course scores.

Moderation by Structured, Consensus-based Peer Moderation

Consensus-based peer moderation involves the review of student assessment against system wide criteria and standards and the validation of Unit Grades. This is done by matching student performance with the Framework Achievement Standards. In addition, feedback will be provided on the quality of the task.

Preparation for Structured, Consensus-based Peer Review

Schools retain originals or copies of student assessment evidence completed in the delivery of the unit and all unit documentation. Student assessment evidence must be sufficient to allow reviewing teachers to make an accurate judgment of grade standard. Schools will use ACS to present this information for System Moderation. Criteria for each Moderation Day will be communicated to schools in the proceeding calendar year.

Feedback from System Moderation

Feedback is provided to schools to affirm good practice and inform continuous improvement. This feedback is based on the BSSS Quality Assessment Guidelines and relevant course documents. It is expected that schools engage with feedback and address any longitudinal trends as outlined in the *BSSS Policy and Procedures Manual*.

Appendix B – Course Developers

Name	College
Associate Professor Judith Dinham	Curtin University
Dr Amanda Card	University of Sydney
Dr Julie-Anne Long	Macquarie University
Louise Chapman	Daramalan College
Laura Pearce	Merici College
Jo Perry	Lake Tuggeranong 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	apply	ideas and procedures in unfamiliar situations, content, and processes in non-routine settings
	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, synthesise, and evaluate	justify	arguments, points of view, phenomena, choices
	hypothesise	statement/theory that can be tested by data
	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, and explain	sequence	text, data, relationships, arguments, patterns
	visualise	trends, futures, patterns, cause, and effect
	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, summarise and plan	reproduce	information, data, words, images, graphics
	respond	data, visual images, arguments, points of view
	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
Critically analyse	Analysis that engages with criticism and existing debate on the issue
Demonstrate	Give a practical exhibition an explanation
Describe	Give an account of characteristics or features
Discuss	Talk or write about a topic, taking into consideration 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.

An **independent study unit** is a pedagogical approach that empowers students to make decisions about their own learning. Independent study units can be proposed by a student and negotiated with their teacher but must meet the specific unit goals and content descriptions as they appear in 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

Conditions 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 from the principal or their nominated delegate to bssscertification@ed.act.edu.au. A nominated delegate must CC the principal.

The email will include the **Conditions of Adoption** statement above, and the table below adding the **College** name, and circling the **Classification/s** required.

College:	
Course Title:	Specialised Dance
Classification/s:	A T M
Accredited from:	2022
Framework:	The Arts Framework 2021