

**BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY**  
**COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE**  
**Department of Dance**

Student Syllabus for Dance 563R  
Modern Dance Improvisation, Advanced

Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Hours: \_\_\_\_\_  
BYU Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ and by appointment

**1. Catalog Course Description:**

This advanced improvisation course focuses on the development of advanced skills of immediate movement response to enhance nonverbal communication. It is typically offered during the last four weeks of Summer Term and taught by one guest artist/teacher for four weeks, or by two guest artist/teachers for two weeks each.

**2. Prerequisite(s):**

Dance 363R or instructor's consent.

**3. Course Alignment with University and Program Mission and Aims:**

**4. Required Course Materials:**

Appropriate BYU dance attire.  
Instructor specific materials

**5. Course Intended Learning Outcomes:**

- Master new approaches to, ideas about, and methods of creating successful dance improvisation experiences, different from, yet supportive of those taught by Brigham Young University faculty members throughout the rest of the academic school year.
- Successfully learn and assimilate large amounts of new information, quickly and accurately, in a relatively short period of time.
- Interact with professional modern dance artist/teachers from beyond the BYU campus in a concentrated and meaningful way.

**6. Learning Activities/Course Requirement:**

- Prompt, regular attendance and total investment and engagement in the improvisation process each and every day.

**7. Assessment Procedures:**

Grading Formula

- Grading will reflect the degree of professional level participation in class experiences. Tardies and absences will negatively affect the final grade.
- Grading will also reflect the quality of the advanced improvisation processes generated on a daily basis throughout the course.

## 8. Course Policies

## 9. University Policies

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Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination against any participant in an educational program or activity that receives federal funds. The act is intended to eliminate sex discrimination in education. BYU's policy against sexual harassment extends not only to employees of the university but to students as well. If you encounter unlawful sexual harassment or gender-based discrimination, contact the Equal Employment Office at 422-5895 or visit the website at <http://www.byu.edu/hr/eo/info.html>.

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Brigham Young University exists to provide an education in an atmosphere consistent with the ideals and principles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. That atmosphere is created and preserved through commitment to conduct that reflects those ideals and principles. Observance of such standards is a condition of employment and admission. Those individuals who are not members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are also expected to maintain the same standards of conduct, except church attendance. If you have any concerns, please contact the Honor Code Office at 422-2848. For more information on the following related topics, visit the Honor Code office website at [http://www.byu.edu/honorcode/honor\\_code.htm](http://www.byu.edu/honorcode/honor_code.htm)

- Be honest
- Live a chaste and virtuous life
- Obey the law and all campus policies
- Use clean language
- Respect others
- Abstain from alcoholic beverages, tobacco, tea, coffee, and substance abuse
- Observe Dress and Grooming Standards
- Participate regularly in church services
- Encourage others in their commitment to comply with the BYU Honor Code
- Academic Honesty
- Dress and Grooming Standards