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1. **Course Number: DAN102**
Course Title: Musical Theater Dance
2. **Description:** This course is designed to develop students' classic musical theatre dance skills. The class covers the basic steps, vocabulary, and variations of jazz, tap and contemporary choreography as they relate to musical theatre. The course explores the influence of award winning choreographers such as Bob Fosse, Jerome Robbins, Gower Champion and/or Susan Stroman. Students will cultivate acting skills and character development as channeled through dance, and although singing is not taught, the instructor will emphasize the importance of vocal training to complement musical theatre dance training.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes** (instructional objectives, intellectual skills):
Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following.
 - Exhibit basic jazz, tap and contemporary dance skills and terminology
 - Demonstrate skills in diction, technique, character analysis, and stage presence
 - Rehearse and perform "numbers" from various musicals and/or popular songs
 - Effectively perform a musical theatre dance audition
 - Develop critical awareness of music, singing, acting and dance as they intersect in the performing arts
 - Conduct self and peer analysis/critique of work to aid in future development.
4. **Credit(s):** 3 credit hours
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** No
6. **Prerequisite(s):** ENL025 (Reading & Writing Essentials or satisfactory basic skills assessment score; THR103 (Acting I) recommended
7. **Semester(s) Offered:** Varies
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:**
Students will be evaluated on the successful completion of in class exercises and assignments as well as outside projects. Criteria for evaluation include: preparation, attendance, participation, and development of overall skills.
9. **General Topical Outline** (Optional):