

**SPECIAL STUDIES: ADVANCED DANCE (3 credit hours)**

Winter 2022  
T/Th 8:30-9:45 a.m.  
Room OT09

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course offers an advanced look at dance within the musical theatre genre. Emphasis will be placed on the technical aspects of a variety of dance disciplines which are prevalent in the art form. This includes jazz, ballet, tap and contemporary movement.

The course focuses on taking your performance abilities to the next level while developing your technical and interpretive skills. Attention will be paid to the incorporation of characterization and style in addition to your physical expertise. Proper placement and alignment will be emphasized and stylistic elements will be explored.

Classic and contemporary repertoire will be studied and dance choreographies will be selected from a list of award-winning Broadway choreographers. There will be a combination of group and solo dance numbers as well as some partnering work (if Covid protocols allow)

The choreographies presented are designed, through attentive repetitive practice, to enable the student to understand and execute the movement with a sense of style and musicality. In addition, emphasis is placed on developing the techniques necessary to convey the story behind the movements including timing, delivery, and intention. Major focus will be placed on the ability of the student to interpret each style to the best of their ability.

The program is assessed with a 60% grade for practical application, 35% for written assignments and 5% for attendance, participation & working attitude.

The student's responsibility includes: professionalism, i.e. regular attendance, preparation, assignments and practical work completed on time, professional etiquette and disciplined working attitude, ability to work well with peers, prompt communication with the teachers if problems arise, and a conscientious effort to meet course goals.

**TEXTS**

**For reference; NOT required**

*Discovering Musicals- A Liberal arts Guide to Stage and Screen*, Marc Raymond Strauss,  
(Mcfarland & Co)

*Jerome Robbins and the Great Choreographer-Directors, 1940 to the Present*, Robert Emmet Long  
(Continuum)

*Creating Musical Theatre: Conversations with Broadway Directors & Choreographers*, Lyn Cramer  
(Methuen Drama)

*So You Want To Dance On Broadway*, Tina Paul  
(Heinemann)

**REQUIRED DANCEWEAR**

Comfortable but form fitting tops and bottoms: Jazz pants/leggings/yoga wear/bike shorts are recommended.

\*No midriff tops \* No jewellery \* No chewing gum

Footwear: jazz oxfords or jazz runners, track shoes with flexible soles or socks (required)

Tap shoes (required)

\* Hair should be pulled back

\* Bring a water bottle.

\* Cell phones must be turned off during class; only to be used as reference tools or to record dance sequences as directed

**MARK BREAKDOWN**

Term Test (February 1st)* .....	15%
Mastery of physical patterns (10% of grade issued by Feb.3) .....	30%
Final paper (due March 31)** .....	20%
Practical Dance Exam (April 5th)*** This will be a practical exam on three choreographies and will take the form of a physical dance audition.....	30%
Professionalism and participation (see definition under Course Description) .....	5%
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<b>Total</b> .....	<b><u>100%</u></b>

Late work will **NOT** be accepted without prior arrangement.

All homework assignments are due on the date assigned.

Description of Class-Work Assignments:

\*1. Written quiz based on in-class usage of dance terminology and technical knowledge. Students will receive hand-outs supplementing this information as well as some video clips to demonstrate specific steps. There will also be a demo component. i.e. students will be expected to identify movements with proper terminology based on physical delivery Grading: 15%

\*\*2. Final written assignment will be based on a specific dance-related topic. It will require personal research into the field of musical theatre and will be graded on a combination of clarity of ideas, critical commentary, and overall writing ability. Grading: 20%

\*\*\*3. April 5 – Dance exam date. Formal dance presentation. Grading: 30%

Students will receive an ongoing critique of their practical work through personal consultation with the instructor.

**CONVERSION SCALE**

For the calculation of the final grade the following conversion table will be used:

A+	90 – 100%	GPA	4.5	C+	65 – 69.9%	GPA	2.5
A	85 – 89.9%	GPA	4.25	C	60 – 64.9%	GPA	2.0
A-	80 – 84.9%	GPA	4.0	D	50 – 59.9%	GPA	1.0
B+	75 – 79.9%	GPA	3.5	F	below 50%	GPA	0
B	70 – 74.9%	GPA	3.0				

Work not submitted will be graded as 0%.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

January 6 (to be made up), 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27

- Intro to warm-up and warm-down exercises
- Work on advanced jazz-based dance technique
- Introduction to advanced dance terminology including dance styles
- First selection of dance choreography (standard audition repertoire for ensemble)

February 1\* (Term test), 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, March 1st

- Continued work on jazz and contemporary technique
- Introduction to solo choreography (dance solo with use of props)

**TAP SHOES REQUIRED (TBD)**

March 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29

- Tap technique including terminology
- Centre work warm-ups and traveling tap combinations
- Third selection of dance choreography based on tap technique
- Continued work on previous choreographies
- Completion of choreographic elements

\*\*March 31 - Review and refinement of all work (Final paper Due)

\*\*\*April 5 - Dance exam date. Formal dance presentation.

**ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS for 2nd- through 4th-year Performance classes**

Given that this is a practical studio course, extensive participation and professionalism are required. As a result, punctuality and attendance at on-line and in-person classes and at out-of-class rehearsals are of the utmost importance. The following will apply:

- **Attendance and punctuality will be recorded at the beginning of every class.**
- Unexcused absences from lectures, labs, or rehearsals will be penalized at a rate of 2% per instance.
- Unexcused lateness for lectures, labs, or rehearsals will be penalized at a rate of 1% per instance.
- After a **THIRD** late or absence, the instructor will schedule a meeting with the student to discuss withdrawal from the course.
- After a **FIFTH** unexcused absence the student will be required to meet with the Chair of the department to discuss withdrawal from the course.

- In performance courses in which casts rehearse a show, unexcused lateness and absence will not be tolerated and may result in the recasting of your role after **ONE** incident.
- Excused absences or lates require a medical note or prior arrangement with the instructor. It is at the instructor's discretion whether or not to excuse a non-medical absence.
- After **FIVE** excused absences the student will be required to meet with the Instructor to discuss whether it is realistic for him/her to continue in the course.

**HOWEVER, this will be an unusual and unpredictable year so some latitude will be afforded.**

Given the rigorous, practical nature of studio courses, and the demands these courses make in terms of attendance and punctuality, students with chronic medical conditions that require extensive absence should meet with the instructor at the beginning of the term to discuss whether the course is appropriate for them.

### **NOTES FOR PERFORMANCE COURSES**

- Senior acting students scheduled to perform in a departmental public exercise will be expected to attend rehearsals, either online or in person depending on the Instructor's schedule. Rehearsals for final presentations and public exercises are scheduled well in advance; students must arrange their university and work schedules so as not to conflict with them. Students must attend **ALL** scheduled rehearsals.
- Any student who repeatedly misses rehearsals, arrives late, or fails to rehearse adequately will be asked to withdraw from the course (see Attendance note, above).
- As many of our classes are physical in nature, students are asked to wear comfortable clothing. **Even if a class is scheduled on-line, there will be physical work required.** If there are limitations due to the student's remote environment, adjustments should be made with the instructor in advance.
- No eating, chewing gum, or wearing a mask during on-line work.
- In a presentation environment, student actors, like professionals, are expected to provide their own basic makeup supplies where required. **ABSOLUTELY NO SHARING OF MAKEUP** will be allowed due to the potential health risks.
- Senior acting students scheduled to perform in a departmental public exercise are asked not to modify their hair colour or style without first checking with the instructor/director.
- When attending classes, rehearsals or labs in the Theatre building, outdoor footwear **must be removed** before entering **ANY** of the Studios: **0T09** (Concourse Studio), **0T19** (Mime Lab), **1T15** (Theatre), **2T05** (2nd Floor Studio), **2T15** (Movement Studio). We suggest you bring suitable dance shoes or slippers to wear if working in one of these spaces. Your professors will monitor and enforce this regulation in order to preserve the integrity of the special flooring in these rooms. Please respect this rule.
- Students attending rehearsals or labs in the Theatre building **MUST NOT** move existing furnishings from their current locations.

**STUDENT PARTICIPATION POLICY & COURSE CONTENT NOTE**

Theatre is a communal art form in which a number of interdependent artists and crafts people co-operate to create a work of art. This fact is necessarily transferred to the learning situation, and is reflected in many of the Department's courses. Consequently, it is the Department's policy that students are required to: complete homework such as reading, line-learning, script analysis, prop lists, design drawings, etc.; attend classes; attend rehearsals both within and outside of class times; and, in short, to exhibit commitment towards the inevitably shared endeavours of our field of study.

Any student failing to fulfil these requirements is harmful to the progress of dedicated students and may, after due warning, be asked to withdraw from any individual Departmental course.

**COURSE CONTENT NOTE**

Dramatic literature depicts a wide range of human actions, both elevated and base, public and private, physical and psychological, sexual and non-sexual, etc. Acting students learn to simulate life truthfully in interaction with other students in the safety of the acting class and the rehearsal hall through exercises, discussions, and directions which address rather than avoid truthful, particularized, personalized action.

The teaching of acting may involve encouraging students to examine personal and even intimate areas of life to help them understand and meet the demands of the work.

Performance classes often require strenuous physical activity. Classes and rehearsals may also involve consensual physical interaction between students as part of class exercises or character development and occasional, consensual, physical contact by instructors for purposes such as the demonstration of a technique or to make a posture correction. Students are responsible for wearing clothing appropriate to these activities.

This work can, at times, feel uncomfortable, but must ALWAYS be consensual, and must NEVER be unsafe. Students are encouraged to discuss any concerns about their physical and emotional safety with their course instructor.

**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS****Human Rights and Diversity**

All students are encouraged to visit the University's Human Rights and Diversity website (<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect/index.html>) to familiarize yourself about your rights, the University's policies, and resources in place to support you. This site includes links to the University's Sexual Violence Policy and Procedures (<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect/sexual-violence-policy-and-procedures.html>), as well as resources for getting and providing support and clear steps for disclosing or reporting sexual violence.

**Sexual Violence Resources on Campus**

From the UW Human Rights & Diversity website:

*The University takes all disclosures and reports of sexual violence seriously; survivors of all backgrounds and experiences will be treated with dignity, respect, and care. If you have experienced sexual violence, there are trained staff to help you in whatever way suits you best."*

**Disclosing** is telling a member of the UW Community that you have experienced sexual violence. This could be someone you trust or feel comfortable with, like a professor, coach, another staff person, or a

member of the Sexual Violence Response Team (**SVRT**). A disclosure can be made in order to receive support, accommodation, or to be connected to other resources. The Sexual Violence Response Team (**SVRT**) is a small team of specially trained, well-situated staff that coordinates and organizes services for survivors in a confidential manner. For example, if you personally do not feel comfortable talking to your professors about extensions or deferring work, they would be able to arrange changes for you without telling the professor why you need accommodation.

**Contact SVRT by phone at 204-230-6660.** [You can find more information on disclosing here.](https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect/sexual-violence/support/index.html)  
(<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect/sexual-violence/support/index.html>)

**Reporting** is making a statement to the **Human Rights & Diversity Officer (HRDO)** with the intention of seeking remedy, sanction, or consequences through the university. Once a report is made, the **HRDO** will review your report and discuss your options. Your options could include an investigation process, or informal resolution (if you wish to resolve it without an investigation). The **HRDO** can still connect you with support, accommodation, or external organizations while the investigation is taking place.

**You can contact the HRDO by phone at 204-988-7508** or by email at [hrdo@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:hrdo@uwinnipeg.ca)  
**You can report online here »** ([https://uwinnipeg.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_4ONi2EP1gcXjyBv](https://uwinnipeg.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4ONi2EP1gcXjyBv))

### **PUBLIC HEALTH COVID CONSIDERATIONS**

In the current changing health situation, the schedule and content of the course may be subject to change on short notice. Every effort will be made to inform students of these changes, to deliver the course content in the best way possible under the circumstances, and to evaluate students fairly.

### **HEALTH AND ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES**

Life happens to everyone. If you are experiencing a crisis in your life, or if you have a physical or mental health issue, communicate with your Professor or Accessibility Services – let us know so we can provide support or direct you to those who can. The earlier we know, the earlier we can discuss what resources might be available. Students with documented disabilities, or temporary or chronic medical conditions requiring academic accommodations for tests/exams/presentations (e.g., private space or more time) or during lectures/labs (e.g., note-takers) are encouraged to contact Accessibility Services (AS) at 204-786-9771 or [accessibilityservices@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:accessibilityservices@uwinnipeg.ca) to discuss appropriate options. All information about a student's disability or medical condition remains confidential. If you are registered with Accessibility Services, do not assume that Accessibility Services (AS) has informed your instructor that you have registered with them. Please see <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/accessibility>. If you do not register with AS, you cannot be granted special consideration (e.g. extra time to write exams/tests, attendance issues because of physical or mental health conditions, etc.).

The University of Winnipeg promotes a scent-free environment. Please be respectful of the needs of your fellow classmates and your instructor by avoiding the use of scented products while attending on-campus lectures and labs. Exposure to perfumes and other **scented products (such as lotion)** can trigger serious health reactions in persons with asthma, allergies, migraines or chemical sensitivities. We are asking for your cooperation to create a scent-free environment **on campus** by students, faculty and staff.

### **"THE REAL THING" LECTURE SERIES**

During the FW terms, the Department of Theatre and Film presents a series of lectures held on Wednesdays during the free period (12:30-13:20). This series will feature speakers from a range of areas in the performing arts: technical, performance, design, management, film, directing, playwriting, etc. and are open to all students. The speakers will specifically address issues related to "the business of the business."

Lectures are planned on the following dates in the Winter term:

**January 19, 2022**

**March 2, 2022**

*Guests will be confirmed shortly.*

**MANDATORY ATTENDANCE FOR HONOURS STUDENTS:** Beginning in January, attendance at **EVERY** lecture is mandatory for ALL Honours students in Theatre (that is, anyone taking 4000-level courses in any area), as well as students in THFM-3110 Screen Acting, THFM-3201 Styles in Design, THFM-3801 Production II, and THFM-3920 Musical Theatre.

All students are encouraged to attend these fun and informative lectures. Please see our department website in the Fall for information.

### **ORIENTATION ASSEMBLY**

The department will hold a Winter term Orientation/Info session by Zoom in January, currently planned for Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm to welcome students to the new term, provide information about the department, its various activities and those of its professors; and deliver news about what's coming up.

ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED AND WELCOME TO ATTEND! Please see our department website for information in January.

### **TAFSA**

All students enrolled in at least one theatre or film class are automatically members of TAFSA, the Theatre and Film Students' Association, which plans a number of exciting activities each academic year. Activities organized by TAFSA include regular **Performance Jams, Department parties** and **Socials** as well as **DioFest** (a new play festival featuring student written and produced plays), and **24/7** (an event in which students move into our building and several plays are written, rehearsed, produced, and presented – all in a period of 24 hours!).

Please join TAFSA to find out more at their meetings, every second Wednesday from 12:30-13:20 pm. This is a great opportunity for students to connect with other like-minded people and a way to get involved in the department events. Visit the TFSA Instagram account at **@tafsauw** or send them an email at [tfsa.uw@hotmail.com](mailto:tafsa.uw@hotmail.com).

### **BUILDING SECURITY**

To safeguard the health of the UWinnipeg community — and support public health efforts — during the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the UW campus is closed to the public until further notice. Students, Faculty and Staff must use specific access points to buildings and provide identification upon entry.

Information about access for students can be found at <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/covid-19/on-campus-learning-faq.html>.

**NOTE:** It is **MANDATORY** that anyone entering the building and attending classes, labs or rehearsals in the building carry an ID card/student card to verify their vaccination status and that they are allowed to be on campus. If a Security Guard checks and you do not have proper accreditation, **you will be evicted.**

These rules are in place to protect our students and our equipment; please respect them.

**SECURITY PHONE (General, non-emergency, Safe Walk and Safe Ride): 204-786-9272**  
**SECURITY EMERGENCY NUMBER: 204-786-6666**

The Asper Centre for Theatre and Film is equipped with an emergency-only phone to directly contact Security in the main lobby by the House Management Office. This can be used in an emergency situation to directly connect with the UW Security Services.

Students are encouraged to visit the UW Security Services webpage at <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/security/index.html> for complete information about campus security and emergency procedures.

### **RECORDING ON-LINE CLASSES**

The instructor of an on-line class may choose to record a zoom or video class if there are online connectivity issues, absences, or to post to Nexus for later review.

If a lecture is recorded, students will be given notice (via the course outline or on a case-by-case basis) that their personal information may be captured; informed of how long the recording will be retained; and whether the recording will be used for evaluation of any kind. Students will also be given the option to turn off their cameras/microphones and use pseudonyms to remain anonymous (except where class participation is required).

Students with concerns or who wish to seek alternate arrangements may discuss the matter with the instructor.

Access to recordings will be limited to the academic staff, students, and others with a legitimate need. Recordings containing student personal information will not be posted publicly, but only on UW-approved servers.

**No student is allowed to disseminate recordings outside of the class or post recordings publicly. Access to the recordings will be limited to the instructor and the students.**

### **ELECTRONIC COURSE OUTLINE ADDENDA**

**Department Website:** <https://theatre.uwinnipeg.ca> or <https://film.uwinnipeg.ca>

Please refer to the website for department information, but particularly regarding:

**Fire and Safety Information for ACTF:** Students must check our website and review the *Fire Safety Instructions in the Asper Centre for Theatre and Film* and *Access Card/Building Use Policy* at <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/theatre-film/student-resources/loves-labours-lost-production-schedule.html>.

**Room Bookings for Class Assignment Work:** We expect students will be allowed to book rehearsal room space FOR CLASS-RELATED WORK ONLY. Please see our website links to *Room Booking Instructions* and electronic *Online Room Booking Form* found on our department website at <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/theatre-film/rentals/access-card-and-building-use-policy.html>. Please read and note all instructions carefully. Room booking availability is subject to change according to public health and university policies.



**GENERAL NOTES**

- Students can find answers to frequently asked questions related to the University's Covid-19 policies for the 2021-22 year here: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/covid-19/index.html>
- Students should check their UWinnipeg e-mail addresses daily as this is the most direct way instructors and the University will contact students, particularly during the current environment of quickly-changing circumstances.
- This course outline should be considered a guideline only. Time constraints and other unforeseen factors may require that some topics be omitted or covered in less detail than indicated.
- A permitted or necessary change in mode of delivery may require adjustments to important aspects of course outlines, like class schedule and the number, nature, and weighting of assignments and/or exams.
- Archival records such as videotapes, sound recordings, and photographs may be made or taken during class or lab times. The University uses such materials primarily for archival, promotional, and teaching purposes. Promotional use may include display at open houses or conferences, or use in advertising, publicity, or brochures. In reading and accepting the terms in this course outline, students acknowledge consent for such use by the University. Should a student not wish to convey such consent, they should withdraw from this course immediately.
- Unless necessary for accessing class, cellular phones should be turned off during classes and examinations. Texting is not permitted in class.
- Any student attending a test or final examination may be required to present proof of identity; photo identification is preferred.
- It is the student's responsibility to retain a photocopy or computer disk copy of **ALL** assignments submitted for grading; in the event of loss or theft, a duplicate copy is required.
- When it is necessary to cancel a class due to exceptional circumstances, instructors will make every effort to inform students via UWinnipeg webmail (and/or using the preferred form of communication, as designated by the instructor), as well as the Departmental Assistant and Chair/Dean. ***Students are reminded that they have a responsibility to regularly check their UWinnipeg e-mail addresses to ensure timely receipt of correspondence from the university and/or their course instructors.***
- Students may choose not to attend classes or write examinations on holy days of their religion, but they must notify their instructors at least two weeks in advance. Instructors will then provide opportunity for students to make up work or examinations without penalty. A list of religious holidays can be found in the 2021-22 Undergraduate Academic Calendar, <http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/important-notes.pdf>

**Regulations, Policies, and Academic Integrity**

Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the "Regulations and Policies" found in the University Academic Calendar at:

<https://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/regulationsandpolicies.pdf>. Particular attention should be given to subsections 8 ("Student Discipline"), 9 ("Senate Appeals"), and 10 ("Grade Appeals"). Please

emphasize the importance of maintaining academic integrity, and to the potential consequences of engaging in plagiarism, cheating, and other forms of academic misconduct. Even “unintentional” plagiarism, as described in the UW Library video tutorial “Avoiding Plagiarism” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvFdxRU9a8g>) is a form of academic misconduct. Similarly, uploading essays and other assignments to essay vendor or trader sites (filesharing sites that are known providers of essays for use by others who submit them to instructors as their own work) is a form of misconduct, as it involves “aiding and abetting” plagiarism. More detailed information can be found here: Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedures: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/policies/academic-misconduct-policy.pdf> and <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/policies/academic-misconduct-procedures.pdf>.

### **Respectful Learning Environment**

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner on campus and in the learning environment irrespective of platform being used. Behaviour, communication, or acts that are inconsistent with a number of UW policies (e.g. Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect/respect-policy.html>, Acceptable Use of Information Technology Policy <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/policies/acceptable-use-of-information-technology-policy.pdf>) could be considered “non-academic” misconduct. More detailed information can be found here: Non-Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedures: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/student-non-academic-misconduct-policy.pdf> and <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/student-non-academic-misconduct-procedures.pdf>.

### **Copyright and Intellectual Property**

Course materials are the property of the instructor who developed them. Examples of such materials are course outlines, assignment descriptions, lecture notes, test questions, and presentation slides—irrespective of format. Students who upload these materials to filesharing sites, or in any other way share these materials with others outside the class without prior permission of the instructor/presenter, are in violation of copyright law and University policy. Students must also seek prior permission of the instructor/presenter before, for example, photographing, recording, or taking screenshots of slides, presentations, lectures, and notes on the board. Students found to be in violation of an instructor’s intellectual property rights could face serious consequences pursuant to the Academic Misconduct or Non-Academic Misconduct Policy; such consequences could possibly involve legal sanction under the Copyright Policy ([https://copyright.uwinnipeg.ca/docs/copyright\\_policy\\_2017.pdf](https://copyright.uwinnipeg.ca/docs/copyright_policy_2017.pdf)).

### **Research Ethics**

Students conducting research interviews, focus groups, surveys, or any other method of collecting data from any person, including a family member, must obtain research ethics approval before commencing data collection. Exceptions are research activities done in class as a learning exercise. For submission requirements and deadlines, see <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/research/human-ethics.html>

### **Privacy**

Students are reminded of their rights in relation to the collecting of personal data by the University (<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/privacy/admissions-privacy-notice.html>), especially if Zoom is being used for remote teaching (<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/privacy/zoom-privacy-notice.html>) and testing/proctoring (<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/privacy/zoom-test-and-exam-proctoring.html>).

**VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL DATES**

The voluntary withdrawal dates for each term, without academic penalty, are:

- **FALL/WINTER TERM COURSES:** February 16, 2022 for Fall/Winter courses which begin in September 2021 and end in April 2022
- **WINTER TERM COURSES:** March 16, 2022 for Winter courses which begin in January 2022 and end in April 2022

Students are encouraged to speak to the Instructor before withdrawing to explore other options.

**Please note that withdrawing before the VW date does not necessarily result in a fee refund.**