# DRAM 301 (Movement)

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## Day(s), time(s) and location of Class
- **SEM 1 F - 09:00 - 10:50 RT 128**
- **Please note** - the Nov. 1 session will be held in CHE 004

## Learning resources:
- **required readings, textbooks and materials**
  - No textbook required.
  - Recommended reading includes:
    - *The Moving Body* (Jacques Lecoq)
    - *The Tricks of the Trade* (Dario Fo)

## Prerequisites
- Drama 200 or 210, audition and consent of Division Chair, Drama

## Course description
Further development of fundamental acting techniques and creative processes essential to the actor’s craft. Introduction of movement components for the actor.

## Course learning outcomes
By the completion of this course, successful students will be better able to:

1. comfortably express themselves physically in front of spectators.
2. articulate physical actions clearly.
3. move with balance, poise, and ease.
4. identify and correct gestural tendencies and bias.
5. respond to space with increasing kinetic sensitivity.
6. modify the audience’s perception of space through gaze, attitude and action.
7. respond to scene partners and spectators with increasing kinetic sensitivity.
8. perform with simplicity and inner calm.
9. identify and execute fixed points as needed.
10. embody observations.
11. transpose observations into dynamic gradients of movement.
12. invent and articulate a physical storytelling language.
13. expand the range and scale of their gestural language.
14. link breath to movement and gesture.
15. understand the relationship between attention, movement, and presence.

## Course schedule
The course will pursue four distinct areas of inquiry throughout the term. Each session will include work in each of the four areas.

- **Tempo movement** 20 min
- **The twenty movements** 30 min
- **Gradients** 30 min
- **Cartoon mime** 30 min

There will be two final presentations towards the end of term:
- the 20 movement linkages
- the cartoon mime devised stories.

Tempo movement is a rhythmic approach to collective movement involving the entire group.

The twenty movements is a series of movement puzzles in the Lecoq tradition that must be learned exactly then arranged into a unique linkage by each student. The linkages will presented at the end of term.

Gradients includes a series a mimo-dynamic proposals from the Lecoq tradition that have their origin in observations of how the world moves, followed by a transposition of those observations into movement.

Cartoon mime is an irreverent approach to storytelling that invites the playful use of gesture to animate and illustrate devised work.

**Assessment components**

The final grade will be based on the cumulative result of a graded assessment made at the end of each class. The assessment will be based on an evaluation of

- participation 30%
- commitment and discipline 10%
- generosity 15%
- willingness 15%
- growth and development 15%
- quality 15%

**Participation** - attendance at all classes is essential, and non-negotiable. Failure to do so will impact the final grade.

**Commitment and discipline** - arriving to class prepared and on time is crucial to the work and will be evaluated accordingly.

**Generosity** - respecting and benefitting from the work of others is essential.

**Willingness** - students will be expected to present work or improvise in front of the group at each class, and must be ready to do so.

**Growth and development** - evidence of students gradually incorporating notes and instruction into their work.

**Quality** - the presence of innovation, energy, uniqueness, insight, and excellence in the student’s work.

**Assessment expectations**

**Expectations for Attendance and Participation:**
This course is developmental and experiential, therefore attendance is mandatory at all classes. Failure to attend will have considerable impact on the final grade.

Punctuality is crucial. Failure to arrive on time and ready to work will impact the final grade.

The use of cell phones for any reason is prohibited. Repeated use of a cell phone during class will impact the final grade.
Proper dress is mandatory. Please wear clothing that allows for complete freedom of movement. (No jeans, hats, loose jewelry, or restrictive clothing)

Please bring a water bottle to class.

Grading scale

For the course as a whole, letter grades should be understood as follows, as outlined in the section F.1.1 Undergraduate Grading System of the Undergraduate Calendar for 2019-2020 OR as outlined in the section H.1 Distribution of Grades of the Graduate Calendar for 2019-2020:

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Notes:
- A grade of "C-" or below may not be sufficient for promotion or graduation, see specific faculty regulations.
- The number of "D" and "D+" grades acceptable for credit is subject to specific undergraduate faculty promotional policy.

The following numerical rubric will be applied:

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