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The University of Montana – Main Campus
Spirit Squad Class
DANC 325
CRN # 70197
01 Credit (Letter Grade)

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The Spirit Squad Class is a special class for those members representing the cheer squad, dance team and mascot each semester. The Spirit Squad program is considered part of the Athletic Department at the University of Montana. It is managed by the Spirit Squad Program Director, who reports directly to the Deputy Athletic Director for External Operations. This program is a division of the marketing department. These students have mandatory practice times each week, as well as cheer all football, volleyball and men's and women's basketball throughout the year.

Practice for each team is designated by the head coach and is no less than 3 days per week for 2 hours.

They must abide by the Spirit Squad Policies and Procedures handbook and sign a contract each year in order to be a member of the team. Team policies are at all times enforced by coaches and the director.

Attendance is monitored by coaches and reported to the director each semester. Grades are based on attendance, performance, compliance of team policies and procedures. Midterms and special assignments are also given by the Director and coaches once a year.

Academic Misconduct and the Student Conduct Code

All students must practice academic honesty. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or disciplinary sanction by the University. All students need to be familiar with the Student Conduct Code. The Code is available for review online at http://www.umt.edu/vpsa/policies/student_conduct.php.

All Theatre & Dance students must have an in-depth knowledge of the practices and procedures outlined in the School of Theatre & Dance *Student Handbook*. The *Handbook* is available online at <http://www.umt.edu/umarts/theatredance/About/handbook.php>.

There is inherent risk involved in many Theatre & Dance classes as they are very physical in nature. Please proceed through class, shop time, or rehearsal with caution. Always be mindful of your personal safety and the safety of others. Students participating in class/shop/rehearsal/performance do so at their own risk.

Due to safety considerations, at **no** point during a student's time spent in class or serving on a production (in any capacity) should non-enrolled persons be guests of that student **without my consent**. Presence of such unauthorized persons in a class, shop, or any backstage/off-stage area will negatively affect a student's grade.