

Dixie State College of Utah
Dance Department

Social Dance I
Dance 1170, TR 11:00-11:50
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(by appointment)

Course Description

This beginning social dance course is designed to introduce students to American style social dancing. The dances covered in this class will be Fox Trot, Waltz, Cha Cha, and Swing. Emphasis will be on posture, footwork, balance, leading/following, rhythm and movement. As the course title suggests, the social aspect of partner dancing will also be explored as it relates to dance etiquette, protocol, manners, and having fun.

Course Objective

1. To learn basics of social dancing: footwork, posture, balance, and movement.
2. To begin to understand leading and following in partner dancing.
3. To learn the different rhythms and steps of dances.
4. To learn proper dance etiquette.

Requirements

1. Comfortable clothing that allows movement. Shoes should be worn that are easy to dance in and allow you to use correct footwork. Leather or smooth soled shoes are preferred. Sandals are generally not accepted.
2. Because of the nature of the class, attendance is essential. 5 absences will result in a failing grade. Excessive tardiness will be counted as an absence. One warning will be given.
3. Class Assignments:
 - a. A one-page critique based on attending a dance concert or approved alternative.
 - b. One quiz of social dance terms, dance rhythms, dance etiquette, etc.
 - c. Getting passing marks on the 4 learned dances.
 - d. Participation in Dance Class Showing

Grading

The course grade will be determined by participation in class and the completion of assignments. No incomplete will be accepted without signed permission of the Director of Dance. The basis for grading will be:

Participation	50%	
Critique	10%	
Quiz	10%	
Dance Tests	30%	A=93%, A- =90%, B+ = 86 %, B=83%, B- =80%, etc.

*No ipods, cell phones, or other electronic devices should be used during class.

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Disability Resource Center will determine your eligibility and determine the appropriate accommodations related to your disability.”