

Ballroom Dance I, International Latin

Dance 1530-03/04, MW: 2:00pm-2:50pm,
Fall Semester, 2006

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Course Description

A beginning international Latin ballroom dance technique course for students with an emphasis in dance and for all students interested in developing skills in ballroom dance. This course is designed to introduce students to the international Latin style of ballroom dancing. The dances covered in this class will be Samba, Cha Cha and Rumba. Technique will cover footwork, posture, movement and alignment. Although this class will be more structured than a basic social dance class, it is still intended to provide an enjoyable dancing experience. At the end of the semester, students should be able to dance three routines using correct footwork and rhythm with good dance posture.

Course Objectives

1. To learn basic parts of footwork and how they apply to steps and movements.
2. To understand leading and following in the relationship between partners.
3. To learn the basic steps in a dance and how they fit together in a routine.
4. To learn ballroom dance terms while learning the steps.
5. To appreciate the complexity and enjoyment of movement as two individuals move as one.

Requirements

1. Comfortable clothing that allows movement. Comfortable shoes, but not thick soled or tennis shoes. Leather or smooth soles are preferred. Sandals are generally not acceptable.
2. Because of the nature of the class, attendance is essential. No absences or tardiness will be allowed. Prior notification of school excused absences or medical release may be accepted. Four absences will result in a failing grade. 2 times being tardy will be counted as 1 absence.
3. Class Assignments:
 - a. A one-page critique based on what you observed that relates to the work of this class after attending the Fall Dance Concert on December 1 or 2 (7:30pm, Eccles Fine Arts Center, Main Stage Theatre) and watching two videos of ballroom dance performance.
 - b. A quiz of ballroom dance terminology and 3 routines including Samba, Cha Cha and Rumba before Thanksgiving.
 - c. Participation in final exam-The End of Semester Dance Class Showing (Nov. 16, 7-8:30pm).

Grading

The course grade will be determined by participation in class and completion of all assignments by due date. No incomplete will be accepted without signed permission of the Director of Dance.

Grading basis:	Class participation and work ethic	30%
	Dance concert critique	10%
	Midterm movement review	20%
	Quiz	10%
	Final	30%

Grading scale:	A 94-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D+ 67-69
	A- 90-93	B 84-86	C 74-76	D 60-66
		B- 80-83	C- 70-73	

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