

Dixie State College
Dance Department

Dance 1530- International Latin I
Sections 01 & 02, TTh 12-12:50 PM
Fall Semester, 2006

Instructor: John Wuehler

Office hours to be announced

Course Description

This course is designed to introduce the student to the International Latin style of ballroom dancing. The dances covered in this class will be Samba, Cha Cha, 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 experience. At the end of the course, the student should be able to dance three routines using proper footwork and rhythm with good posture.

Course Objectives

1. To learn basic parts of footwork and how they apply to steps and movement.
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 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. Please be on time. Prior notification of school excused absences or medical release may be accepted. More than four unexcused absences will result in a failing grade.
3. Class Assignments:
 - a. A one page written critique of a live or videotaped performance relating to ballroom dance.
 - b. A quiz of ballroom dance terminology and steps.
 - c. A movement review before the semester break.
 - d. Participation in the End of Semester Class Show (November 16, 7-9 PM).

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 program administrator. Basis for grading: class participation and working attitude (30%), paper (10%), quiz (10%), movement review (20%) and End of Semester Class Show (30%).

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