

**Eastern Illinois University**  
**Folk, Square and Ballroom Dance**  
**PED 2220**  
**Course Syllabus**

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Course description:

This course involves participation in and analysis of the basic techniques of folk, square, and ballroom dance.

Course objectives:

1. To learn basic techniques, skills, and knowledge of folk, square, and ballroom dance.
2. To develop an appreciation for ethnic music and dance.
3. To develop a greater sense and understanding of rhythm.
4. To enable the prospective teacher to diagnose and to correct common dance faults and problems, and practice teaching skills such as cueing.
5. To improve one's grace, agility, balance, coordination, and creativity.
6. To gain practical experience in teaching dance.

Course content:

1. Folk Dance: Students will analyze the basic locomotor movements, dance step patterns, dance positions, and dance formations while learning and performing a variety of folk dances.
2. Square Dance: Students will analyze and perform square dance calls.
3. Ballroom Dance: Students will analyze and perform the basic steps of various ballroom styles while learning the basics of leading and following.
4. Teaching Skills: Students will practice cueing in a variety of situations; analyze and learn dances from written instructions; choose music for different dances; and teach and assist peers in class.

Assessment/Evaluation:

1. Written tests/quizzes= 50% (Mid-term & final=20%-25% ea.)
2. Skill tests = 20%
3. Teaching skills = 20%
4. Notebook = 10%

\*Students are required to participate in all class activities on a daily basis.

\*Final grade will be affected by absences as follows:

2=No grade change

3=Grade not higher than a B

4=Grade not higher than a C

5=Grade not higher than a D

6=Failure of the class

\*Turn cell phones off before entering the classroom.

Unexcused absences may not be made up. To receive credit for a “university excused absence” or an “instructor excused absence,” a student may be required to do an outside assignment. See the instructor to determine this.

Classes will begin promptly. If more than 5 minutes late, the tardy will be considered as ½ an absence. If tardy, it is the student’s responsibility to make sure proper credit is given for the day.

Textbook:

Harris, Pittman, and Waller. *Dance A While*

Emergency Procedure:

The class will either go to an inside hallway of McAfee or meet at the pavilion by the campus pond behind Lantz in case a campus emergency exists.