

Eastern Illinois University
Folk, Square and Ballroom Dance
KSS 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 to 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 a variety of sources; 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

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. The attendance policy must be met in order to pass the class.

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.

Turn off cell phone before entering the classroom.

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.

Disability Statement:

If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations, please contact the coordinator of the Office of Disability Services (217.581.6583).

Students who are having difficulty achieving their academic goals are encouraged to contact the Student Success Center (www.eiu.edu/~success) for assistance with time and management, test taking, note taking, avoiding procrastination, setting goals, and other skills to support academic achievement. The Student Success Center provides individualized consultations. To make an appointment, call 217.581.6696 or go to 9th Street Hall, Room 1302.