EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL EXPRESSION FOR DANCE KSS 2900 COURSE SYLLABUS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is a study of major international dance forms with emphasis on awareness, appreciation, and understanding of their contributions to the arts in past and present cultures.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: To become acquainted with the principal events and personalities that have influenced the development of dance as a recreational outlet as well as a performance art. To develop an understanding of the various form of dance.

COURSE CONTENT: A study of the cultural/historical influences that have led to the evolution and development of dance as we know it today.

GRADING PLAN/EVALUATION: Exams/assignments/projects - 50%

(To receive an A for the course an A in this portion is required plus an A in one of the two writing categories:)

Video papers - 25%

Research paper - 25%

In other words, 75% of the student's grade must be an A to receive an A in the class.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: There will be at least three written assignments of 500 words each based on videos you must see in the library, a five (5) page (minimum) research paper, four exams plus a semi-comprehensive final, possible smaller assignments throughout the semester, and possible outside concerts to be seen and written up.

TEXTBOOK AND OTHER CLASS MATERIALS:

MLA Handbook is available from Textbook Services.

The handouts are available through Desire2Learn. It is the student's responsibility to print and bring to class on a daily basis. For help with D2L go to the Gregg Technology Center.

OTHER: 1. No food or drink is allowed in the classroom.

- 2. Do not be late. All announcements are made at the beginning of the class.
- 3. Attendance is mandatory. If you are unable to come to class please notify the instructor.
- 4. No assignment will be accepted late. The 3 video papers and the research paper MUST be turned in thru the Turnitin program on D2L and a paper copy turned in by the beginning class the day the paper is due or it will be considered late. Save the document as a MICROSOFT WORD DOCUMENT or it will not go through.
- 5. No paper can have an originality score of over 25. It is the student's responsibility to check this before submitting the paper copy in class. If the paper has an originality score of over 25 it will not be accepted and receive a failing grade.
- 6. If you miss an exam it is an automatic zero unless there is a legitimate excuse. Make-up exams must be taken within a week of your return to class.
- 7. In case of emergency evacuation the class will either go to the basement in McAfee or meet on the quad by Blair Hall.
- 8. Use of cell phones or other electronic equipment (e.g. head phones) is prohibited in class. Make sure your phones are turned off. You will lose 5 points every time you use electronic equipment in class. If there is a family emergency and you need to keep your phone on, inform me of the situation before class starts, set the phone to vibrate and go out in the hall in the event you need to use it. Take your headphones out of your ears in the classroom or you will lose 5 points, i.e. 5 points each time you are found using any electronic device.
- 9. No internet sources for any of your papers in this course. If it is determined that you have used an internet source you will receive a failing grade for the assignment. **No electronic encyclopedias are acceptable.** All the research paper sources must come from Booth Library.
- 10. When writing a paper be formal, avoid slang, and spell out numbers (eight instead of 8). Use father instead of dad, mother instead of mom, etc. Also, *italicize* titles of books, magazines, ballets, etc. And don't call a ballet a play. Plays have words. Ballet doesn't.
- 11.. If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations please contact the coordinator of the Office of Disability Services in room 2002 Ninth Street Hall at 217-581-6583 or e-mail: www.eiu.edu/disability.
- 12. Students who are having difficulty achieving their goals are encouraged to contact the Student Success Center in room 1302 Ninth Street Hall (www.eiu.edu/~success) for assistance with time management, test taking, note taking, avoiding procrastination, setting goals, and other skills to support academic achievement. Call 217-581-6699 to make an appointment.
- 13. There is also a Writing Center in room 3110 Coleman if you need help with your writing skills.