

Eastern Illinois University
Ballroom Dance
KSS 1920
Course Syllabus

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Course description: This course is designed to introduce students to the fundamentals of ballroom dance.

Course Objectives:

1. To acquire rhythmical movements common to different types of ballroom dance.
2. To acquire a variety of steps and patterns of movement for various styles of ballroom dancing.
3. To develop creativity in cooperative rhythmical ballroom dance patterns.
4. To develop satisfactory techniques of leading and/or following.
5. To learn proper social etiquette related to ballroom dance.

Assessment/Evaluation:

1. **Attendance and Participation—35%** Students must pass this portion of the course. Non-participation is equal to half an absence. Daily participation is required. (Final grades will be affected by absences as follows: 2=no grade change, 3=no grade higher than a B, 4=no grade higher than a C, 5=no grade higher than a D, 6=failure of the class.) If a student is more than 5 minutes late, the tardy will be counted as half an absence.
2. **Written Tests—30%**
3. **Skill Tests—35%** Level will be graded subjectively based on instructor's observation, skill tests on performance of steps, and possible peer ratings.

Course Requirements:

1. Attendance and participation are mandatory.
2. No heavy shoes or boots. Soft leather soled shoes, bare feet or socks should be worn.
3. No special clothing required. Please dress appropriately.
4. No gum, food or drinks allowed in the dance studio. Water bottles are acceptable.
5. No hats or caps may be worn during class.
6. Do not be late. (Remember: 2 tardies=1 absence.)
7. Turn off cell phone before entering classroom.

Emergency procedure: The class will either go to an inside hallway of McAfee in case of inclement weather 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 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.