

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 the rhythmical movements common to various types of ballroom dance.
2. To acquire a variety of steps and patterns of movement inherent in 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 acceptable etiquette related to ballroom dance.

GRADING PLAN/EVALUATION:

1. Attendance and Participation - 33% Passage of this portion required. Grade goes down one letter per absence. Two absences equals an A, 3 equals a B, 4 equals a C, 5 equals a D. More than 5 absences is an automatic failure. Non-participation is equal to half an absence. Your final grade can be no higher than your number of absences. But your absences may not necessarily be your final grade. Save your absences for emergencies.
2. Written test - 33% Exam is to be held during finals week.
3. Skill - 33% Pretty much subjective. Based on instructor's observation, possible skill tests on performance of steps, and peer ratings (if done).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Attendance and participation is mandatory. If you are unable to participate but come to class it is half an absence.
2. Wear leather soled shoes that can slide on the floor.
3. No heavy shoes or boots.
4. No open toe shoes (sandals).
5. No clogs. Shoe must be attached to the foot.
6. Wear everyday street clothes. No exercise clothes required.

7. No gum, food or drinks. A plastic water bottle is acceptable.
8. Hats come off at the door.
9. Do not be late. Two tardies equals one absence.
10. Improper footwear may cause you to sit out, meaning no participation, and half an absence.
11. Turn cell phones off during class. If you use your phone during class it is automatically an absence for the day.

TEXT: None. The packet of handouts is available at Copy Express in the MLK Union.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE:

In case of evacuation, the class will either go to the basement in case of a tornado or meet at the pavilion by campus pond.