

**BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY**  
**COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE**  
**Department of Dance**

Student Syllabus for Dance 172  
Country Western and Square Dance

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**1. Catalog Course Description:**

It covers fundamental dance skills in western styles of country, round and square.

**2. Prerequisite(s):**

None

**3. Course Alignment with University and Program Mission and Aims:**

This is a service course offered to the general student body in the area of Exercise Science. It can satisfy university core requirements in general education — Wellness category. It is also necessary in the curriculum of the World Dance Minor. The classroom objectives and expectations align with the AIMS document of a BYU education:

1. Spiritually strengthening
2. Intellectually enlarging
3. Character building
4. Striving for life long service and learning.

**4. Required Course Materials:**

Basic and Mainstream Movements of Square Dancing Handbook--American Square Dance Society.

**5. Course Intended Learning Outcomes:**

The students will:

1. Learn partner dances, line dances and round dance forms
2. Learn the individual basic and mainstream movements of Square Dance
3. Develop a high competency level of response and performance
4. Develop coordination and rhythm
5. Develop an understanding of Western and Square dance forms as a lifelong pursuit
6. Understand social interaction with others

**6. Learning Activities/Course Requirement:**

The student will:

1. Participate in movement patterns to build sequential memory and dance skill
2. Practice correct social skills associated with western dance forms

3. Attend an approved dance concert during the semester
4. Write a response paper of a live dance performance
5. Take practical exams where feedback is given to help in the learning process
6. Take written exams to verify knowledge gained

## 7. Assessment Procedures:

### Grading Formula

1. Two dance evaluations demonstrating correct technique, understanding of patterns, use of correct posture, dancing in rhythm, and using different styling of the forms will be given. Each evaluation will be 33% of the total grade.
2. Two written exams demonstrating acquired knowledge and understanding of the social graces will be tested. Each evaluation will be 17% of the total grade.

### Grading Criteria:

95 - 100% A (Mastery)	74 - 76% C
90 - 94% A-	70 - 73% C-
87 - 89% B+	67 - 69% D+
84 - 86% B	64 - 66% D
80 - 83% B-	60 - 63% D- (Passing)
77 - 79% C+	

## 8. Course Policies

### Required Attendance:

Students are required to attend at least 80% of the scheduled classes during the semester in order to receive a passing grade. A letter grade of an E will be given if a student is absent more than 20% of the time (including excused absences).

## 9. University Policies

### Preventing Sexual Harassment:

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- Be honest
- Live a chaste and virtuous life
- Obey the law and all campus policies
- Use clean language
- Respect others
- Abstain from alcoholic beverages, tobacco, tea, coffee, and substance abuse
- Observe Dress and Grooming Standards
- Participate regularly in church services
- Encourage others in their commitment to comply with the BYU Honor Code
- Academic Honesty
- Dress and Grooming Standards