

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

Student Syllabus for Dance 280
Social Dance, Intermediate

Instructor: _____ Office: _____ Office Hours: _____
BYU Phone: _____
E-mail: _____ and by appointment

1. Catalog Course Description:

Traditional and popular ballroom dance at the Intermediate (Silver) level.

2. Prerequisite(s):

Dance 180 or equivalent.

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

To acquaint students with American Social Dance and provide them with the skill and desire to actively participate. Areas of technique such as dance position, head alignment, balance, balance between partners, footwork, amounts of turn, and leading and following will be dealt with. It is our desire to provide a safe classroom atmosphere which will enable students to grow intellectually and spiritually; building character and self-esteem through the development of new skills.

4. Required Course Materials:

American Social Dance, available at the BYU Bookstore for approximately \$3.50. Students are required to use Blackboard to check assignments and grades.

5. Course Intended Learning Outcomes:

- Students will learn the school figures associated with each dance by practice and application.
- Students will learn the technique (including footwork, rhythm, alignment, and styling) associated with each dance by practice and application.
- Students will demonstrate their ability to lead and follow through their participation at labs and through exams.
- Students will improve their social skills through knowledge and practice.

6. Learning Activities/Course Requirement:

Characteristics of Students who Excel in this Course

- Willing to Learn
- Willing to practice outside of class (1 hour a week recommended)
- Regular prompt attendance
- Proper footwear and attire
- Be attentive and ask questions

7. Assessment Procedures:

Grading Formula

95% of your grade is based on skill. Please note - it is not based only on improvement or attendance. Grades will be based on the following:

1. Class 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 E will be given if a student is absent more the 20% of the time. This also includes excused absences.
2. Dance Lab attendance (10 points).
3. Ballroom Dance Concert, World of Dance or US DanceSport Championships (10 points)
4. Three practical exams which will include all school figures and variations taught (100 points each).
5. Final exam or Medal test (100 points).
6. Extra credit as determined by instructor.

Grading Breakdown - All practical and final exams will follow this guide:

420-391	93%	A	335-323	77%	C+
390-378	90%	A-	322-307	73%	C
377-365	87%	B+	306-294	70%	C-
364-349	83%	B	293-281	67%	D+
348-336	80%	B-	Below 60%	Failing	

8. Course Policies

Footwear and Dress - Students will be expected to abide by the BYU Honor Code, Dress and Grooming Standards and any other requirements as discussed by their instructor. It would be desirable to use the type of shoe that has been designed for this style of dance; tennis shoes, cowboy boots, snow boots or sandals are not suitable. No bare or stocking feet allowed. Students are expected to dress up for Dance Labs and Exams. This would include a dress or skirt for the ladies and dress slacks, shirt and tie for the men.

Changing Partners - It is the policy of the ballroom dance division that students enrolled in the social dance program will be expected to change partners in class. This is important to assist in developing good technique, leading and following skills, as well as enhancing the social classroom experience.

Late Work - All work should be turned in at the start of class on the day it is due. One point will be deducted for each class period it is late.

Curriculum - The following dances will be covered: *Waltz, *Cha Cha, *Triple Swing, Foxtrot, West Coast Swing and Viennese Waltz (*Indicates Medal Exam at the Silver level.)

Medal Exam - The dance class will be structured and designed to prepare each student to take a Medal Exam. This exam is encouraged but not required. The cost for the Silver Exam is \$15.00.

Music - For a listing of music suitable for social dancing, please check our website at www.byuballroom.org.

Monday Practice Sessions

Practice sessions are held each Monday afternoon in the Main Ballroom of the Wilkinson Center from 3:00 - 4:30 pm. Students are invited to attend to practice with or without a partner. An instructor will be running each of the sessions.

9. University Policies

Preventing Sexual Harassment:

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination against any participant in an educational program or activity that receives federal funds. The act is intended to eliminate sex discrimination in education. BYU's policy against sexual harassment extends not only to employees of the university but to students as well. If you encounter unlawful sexual harassment or gender-based discrimination, contact the Equal Employment Office at 422-5895 or visit the website at <http://www.byu.edu/hr/eo/info.html>.

Students with Disabilities:

Brigham Young University is committed to providing a working and learning atmosphere that reasonably accommodates qualified persons with disabilities. If you have any disability that may impair your ability to complete this course successfully, please contact the Equal Employment Office at 422-5895 or visit the website at <http://www.byu.edu/hr/eo/info.html>.

Church Educational System Honor Code:

Brigham Young University exists to provide an education in an atmosphere consistent with the ideals and principles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. That atmosphere is created and preserved through commitment to conduct that reflects those ideals and principles. Observance of such standards is a condition of employment and admission. Those individuals who are not members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are also expected to maintain the same standards of conduct, except church attendance. If you have any concerns, please contact the Honor Code Office at 422-2848. For more information on the following related topics, visit the Honor Code office website at http://www.byu.edu/honorcode/honor_code.htm

- 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