

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

Student Syllabus for Dance 346  
Methods of Teaching Social Groups

Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Hours: \_\_\_\_\_  
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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ and by appointment

**1. Catalog Course Description:**

This course will prepare you, as a Dance Education major to develop the necessary skills and techniques to successfully teach social and world dance in the public schools as well as in the community and the church. Through this course you will also develop a greater understanding and appreciation of these dance forms and recognize the benefits that participation can have in the lives of young people within the public school system and community.

**2. Prerequisite(s):**

Accepted into the Dance Education Major Program

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

This course contributes to the broader BYU education by giving students the opportunity to not only develop their minds and spirits, but also the body as the “temple” that has been given to us. Wholesome, social forms of dance will be taught, practiced, and encouraged to use as the students go out into the public schools, as well as other service venues, to teach young people the value of movement in a healthy, non-discriminating activity. Seeking out opportunities to serve mindful to use the body as an instrument of good.

**4. Required Course Materials:**

D-346 Packet - Available at the Bookstore

**5. Course Intended Learning Outcomes:**

1. Learn the basic skill fundamentals of social & world dance
2. Learn the vocabulary of the steps associated with social & world dance
3. Learn the basic teaching methodology of social & world dance
4. Learn basics of calling ahead and prompting for social & world dance
5. Understand the value of good teaching skills and techniques in order to help others enjoy these dance styles
6. Begin to develop a teaching style of your very own

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

Your grade for the course will be based on the following:

1. Practical dance skills exams - midterm and final (20%)
2. Written exams - midterm and final (20%)
3. Two in-class teaching experiences (40%)
4. Assignments: (20%)
  - Evaluate a D-170 (world dance) or D-180 (social dance) teacher
  - Attend a Folk Dance Recreational night and do a written response
  - Attend a Social Dance Lab and do a written response
  - Participate in all in-class teaching evaluations
  - Observation and assessment of public school teaching experience

## **7. Assessment Procedures:**

Grading Formula

## **8. Course Policies**

Attendance:

Come! Come to class!! The College of Health and Human Performance requires students to attend class at least 80% of the time. You must adhere to this requirement to pass this course.

Recommended Shoes and Attire:

Comfortable clothing that is easy to move in. Comfortable shoes that will stay on your feet and not cause discomfort or injury. You will be expected to abide by the BYU Honor Code, Dress and Grooming Standards and any other requirements as discussed by your instructor.

## **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/eoo/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/eoo/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](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