

Summer Term 2010

Beginning Salsa Dance – PE 187P – CRN 11600 – Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 to 8:50

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Course Content

This course will introduce you to the steps and styling of salsa dancing. As the term progresses you will also be introduced to Casino Rueda a group variation of salsa. Development of the ability to lead and follow, correct posture, smooth execution, and correct Cuban motion will be stressed. In order to progress satisfactorily over the course of the term it will be imperative that you **practice the steps** we learn each week. There are many opportunities to dance Salsa in the Eugene area.

Learning to social dance well takes time, patience, effort and lots of practice. Most people require more than a few classes to master the techniques. It is most important to be patient and polite with your partners. Everyone leads and follows a bit differently; each person learns at a different speed. To increase your range of experience, we will change partners frequently.

While this is a class where interaction with classmates is encouraged the instructor will appreciate your attention when he is addressing the class. Please suspend your conversation during these times.

Grading

Beginning Salsa Dance is a pass/no-pass activity class. Grades in this class will be based on attendance, enthusiastic participation, and mastery of the material. You must be physically able to participate in all class activities. You must attend and fully participate in each class from beginning to end. If you are unable to participate in the class, please inform the instructor. Persistent tardiness, sitting out and leaving class early will be considered non-participation and will be considered in determining your final grade. Inappropriate and disrespectful behavior may also adversely affect your grade.

In order to pass the class, you may miss no more than four classes, two of which must be made up. You can earn an “A” by missing no more than two classes, making up at least one absence, demonstrating competent mastery of the dances taught and attending a local dance event. You can earn an “A+” by participating in all classes, demonstrating competent mastery of the dances taught and by attending a local dance event. **Five or more absences will automatically earn a no-pass.**

Absences may be made up by attending a local dance event for an amount of time equal to the amount of class time missed. If you attend a local dance event to earn an A/A+ or to make up an absence you must complete a **Dance Event Report Form** available at www.DanceInEugene.com.

Clothing and footwear

Wear comfortable, loose fitting clothes. Clean dance shoes are recommended: jazz or character shoes or any supportive mid- or low-heeled shoes for women; hard-, suede- or leather-soled shoes for men. Stockinged or bare feet are strongly discouraged and allowed only at the student’s own risk.

Because you will be dancing with other people please be respectful of your classmates by being attentive to your hygiene before coming to class.

If you need support or assistance because of a disability, you may be eligible for academic accommodation through Disability Services. For more info, contact Disability Services at 541-463-5150 (voice) or 463-3079 (TTY), or by stopping by Building 1, Room 218.

**Links to local dance web-sites and information about local dance events can be found at
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Regularly scheduled local dance events

OBDC Friday night dances at Gerlinger Hall, UO campus.

7:30 - Beg. and Int. Lessons; 8:30 – 10:30 general dancing

USABDA Dances at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 16th and Willamette

2nd 6:00 – Lesson; 7:00 – 9:30 general dancing; all ages

4th Sunday Tea Dances 2:00 – 5:00 No lesson.

Swing dancing every Wednesday at Agate Hall - 1787 Agate St, Eugene

7:00 – Drop-in swing dance lesson; 8:00 – open swing dancing; all ages

Salsa dancing venues include:

Veteran's Memorial Building, 16th and Willamette

Cosmic Pizza @ the Strand, 8th and Charnelton

Davis Restaurant & Bar, 94 W. Broadway (21 + only)