

## **Beginning Swing Dance – Winter Term 2012**

PE 187S 01 – CRN 30510 – Tues. 7:00 to 9:50

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### ***Course Content***

In this course students will be introduced to the basic steps, rhythms and styling of East Coast Swing. Development of the ability to lead and follow, correct posture and technique, and smooth execution will be stressed.

Learning to social dance well takes time, patience, and effort – many people require more than a few classes to master the techniques. It is most important to be patient and polite with oneself and one's 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. New material will be introduced or important review will happen every class meeting.

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

### ***Grading***

Beginning Swing 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 and demonstrate some mastery of swing dancing. You can earn an "A" by missing no more than two classes, making up at least one absence, demonstrating competent mastery of swing dancing and attending a local dance event. You can earn an "A+" by participating in all classes, demonstrating competent mastery of swing dancing and by attending a local dance event. **Five or more absences will 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](http://www.DanceInEugene.com).

### ***Clothing and footwear***

Wear comfortable, loose fitting clothes. 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.

### ***Personal Hygiene***

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

### ***Disability Services***

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  
[www.DanceInEugene.com](http://www.DanceInEugene.com)**