

Sam Houston State University  
Division of Theater and Dance  
Dance Program – Fall 2007  
**DNC 124.01: Latin Dance**  
(2 credit hours)

**Instructor:** Mary Zepeda  
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**Office Hours:** As posted or by appointment  
**Class Time:** MW 6:00-7:20 pm

**Course Objectives**

To learn the principles of follow / lead, rhythm, patterns and dance steps as they relate to various forms of Latin dance.

**Attendance Policy**

As this is a physically active course attendance is a must! In order to progress you must be present – you cannot learn Latin styles from a book or video – the best way to learn is by doing. The majority of your grade is based on attendance and active participation. Also, please be on time and ready to dance, which means appropriate attire and a good attitude. Students who are late more than ten minutes will be required to observe class so as not to disrupt the flow of the lesson.

According to department policy you are allowed 3 absences during the semester, after which your grade will lower one full letter for each additional absence. Three tardies will equal one absence; two observations will equal one absence (you can be late and still work, but watching is never quite as good as doing!).

\* RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY POLICY: students who are absent from class for observance of a religious holy day will be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled that day within one week of returning to class. The student, not later than the 15<sup>th</sup> calendar day after the first day of the semester, must notify the instructor of each scheduled class day that he/she should be absent for a religious holy day.

**Attire**

Comfortable clothing that does not inhibit range of motion. Women are encouraged (but not required) to wear ankle or calve length dresses as per the style of most Latin forms; Men are encouraged not to wear jeans as they can be restrictive to male style of movement – fitted slacks or similar pants are best.

Women should wear character shoes (heels are recommended over flat); Men may choose Dress shoes or flat character shoes. Sneakers, boots, or other kinds of “outside” shoes are strictly forbidden!

**Grading**

Attendance	30%
Participation / Attitude	30%
Testing	10%
Demonstration of learned skills	20%

There will be two written assignments: one will be a one page reaction paper to a dance concert you will attend sometime during the semester. We will discuss what kind of concert is an appropriate choice for your paper in class – plenty of options will be given to you by the instructor.

The other assignment will be a final written test covering terms and definitions discussed during the course.

**\*DISABLED STUDENT POLICY:** it is the policy of Sam Houston State University that no otherwise qualified disabled individual shall, solely by reason of his / her disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic, Student Life program or activity. Disabled students may request academic assistance when needed from a Committee for Continuing Academic Assistance for Disabled Students by visiting the Director of the Counseling Center in the Lee Drain Building.