

Southeast Missouri State University

Department: Department of Theatre & Dance **Course No.:** DA 146

Title of Course: Swing Dance

I. Catalog Descriptions and Credit Hours of Course:

DA 146 is a studio course designed for majors, minors and non-majors to introduce the basic steps of Swing Dance. This course will cover partnership technique, dance posture, basic six and eight count rhythms, and footwork patterns. Students will also be introduced to the social and historical context for swing dance and music. (1 credit hour)

II. Prerequisite(s):

None

III. Purposes or Objectives of the Course:

- To develop a knowledge and understanding of the beginning Swing Dance steps
- To introduce the styles and speeds of the music incorporated such as East Coast swing, West Coast swing, jitterbug, and jive
- To improve endurance, agility, coordination, balance, and posture
- To appreciate Swing Dance as an American social dance genre

IV. Expectations of Students:

- To attend all classes and participate fully in all class activities
- To complete all outside assignments in a timely fashion and to the best of their ability
- To express a positive attitude and consistent effort toward learning the class material
- To remain open and respectful of new and conflicting ideas

V. Course Outline:

Weeks 1 – 7	Basic Swing Dance Steps – posture and footwork
Week 8	Movement Exam/Performance
Weeks 9 – 14	Intermediate Partnering and Swing Lifts
Week 15	Movement Exam/Performance

VI. Textbook(s) and/or Other Required Materials or Equipment:

None

VII. Basis for Student Evaluation:

- Participation (30%)
- Classroom Work (40%)
- Movement Exams (20%)
- Quiz (10%)