

**DANC 88.1 Course Outline as of Summer 2025****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: DANC 88.1 Title: LATIN DANCE I

Full Title: Latin Dance I

Last Reviewed: 3/9/2020

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	1.00	Lecture Scheduled	0.50	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	8.75
Minimum	1.00	Lab Scheduled	1.50	3	Lab Scheduled	26.25
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	2.00		Contact Total	35.00
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 17.50

Total Student Learning Hours: 52.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: DANCE 88.1

**Catalog Description:**

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**Prerequisites/Corequisites:****Recommended Preparation:**

Course Completion of DANCE 10.1

**Limits on Enrollment:****Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Transfer Credit: CSU;

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## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>			Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>			Effective:	Inactive:
<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>			Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 2014	Inactive:	
<b>UC Transfer:</b>		Effective:		Inactive:	

**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Major Applicable Course

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Execute and analyze basic Latin dance vocabulary, both movement vocabulary and terminology.
2. Apply and integrate knowledge of basic Latin dance techniques, styling, musicality, historical origins, and etiquette in the performance of these dances.

### **Objectives:**

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate the basic skills and steps of common Latin dances.
2. Demonstrate proper dance alignment.
3. Apply basic Latin dance terminology.
4. Demonstrate proper technique in leading and/or following a partner.
5. Perform footwork, rhythms, and basic patterns of common Latin dances.
6. Demonstrate musicality by identifying basic rhythmic concepts incorporated in Latin dances and relating them to the execution of dance movement.
7. Count basic Latin dance movement sequences.
8. Discuss the historical origins of the Latin dances.
9. Apply elements of styling as appropriate for each dance.
10. Utilize proper social dance protocol and etiquette.

### **Topics and Scope:**

#### I. History of Selected Dances

- A. Origins and cultural background
- B. Role of music in development of dances

#### II. Basic Techniques in Leading and Following Latin Dance Movements

- A. Correct postures and holds
- B. Partnering
- C. Floor craft: moving around a crowded social dance floor easily

#### III. Musicality

- A. Meters and tempos in dance movement and musical accompaniment
- B. Rhythmic variation

- C. Dance movement as it relates to musical styles
- IV. Basic Vocabulary
  - A. Footwork patterns
  - B. Holds
  - C. Basic elements common to all Latin dances
  - D. Proper alignment
- V. Styling (will vary depending on dances being studied) Examples:
  - A. Cuban hip motion
  - B. Port de bras (carriage of the arms)
- VI. Social Dance Etiquette

All topics will cover the lecture and lab portions of the course.

**Assignment:**

Students are expected to spend an additional one hour per week outside of class completing one or more of the following assignments:

Lab-Related Assignments:

1. Practice and demonstration of ballroom material presented in class (including verbalization of patterns and counts)
2. Partner activities focusing on dance technique
3. Performance exam(s) (1 - 3)
4. Note-taking in class when appropriate
5. Midterm and final exam

Lecture-Related Assignments:

1. Weekly practice of skills and patterns presented in class
2. Performance of exercises to strengthen and/or stretch muscle groups required to executed dance movements
3. Reading of class handouts and/or selected readings (5-10 pages per week)
4. Written critique of a dance piece or performance
5. Viewing and learning new material from instructional dance videos

**Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:**

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Critique, note taking
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Writing 0 - 10%
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**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

None
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Problem solving 0 - 0%
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**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Class performances, Performance exam(s)

Skill Demonstrations  
20 - 40%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Midterm and final exam

Exams  
20 - 40%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Attendance and participation

Other Category  
40 - 60%

**Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

Dance Secrets Presents: Salsa Bootcamp, Insider Secrets to Salsa Dance. Salazar, David. Dance Secrets. 2013 (classic)

Instructor prepared materials