Course Objective: (1) To look at dance in many forms and locations in order to begin a critical examination of dance in its varied contexts. We will (2) address key topics and terminology for learning about dance cultures and (3) introduce theoretical basics for later dance scholarship.

Course Description: World Dance uses a series of readings, lectures, and movement workshops to investigate the cultural roots and meanings as to how and why humans express themselves through organized movement sequences and styles.

This is a lecture class but much of our class and lecture material will be found online. We will meet M W from 3:00 – 4:20 in FOX C 180 for lectures, and Magoffin Auditorium for movement assignments and/or to facilitate guest artists/lecturers. Students will NOT be graded on how well they perform any of these movement exercise sessions. They are intended to supplement the student’s experiential knowledge of dance forms and students will only be graded on participation. You will need to have comfortable clothes that you can move in freely for these sessions.

Text: Moving History/Dancing Cultures, Ed. Ann Dils & Ann Cooper Albright. This reader will be supplemented by articles in class and other lecture materials.

Much of our lecture material will be based on the book, Studying Dance Cultures Around the World, by Peggy Vissicaro. You do not need to buy this book.

Video: We will look at many examples of dance cultures. These samples will be found on YouTube and also in the UTEP Library Database entitled Dance in Video, Alexander Street Press (see the Dance in Video file on our Blackboard home page and also under Course Content in the left hand menu on Blackboard for detailed
information on how to access the Dance in Video database. Some of these video clips take a while to load. Be patient!

**Policies:** Since much of our discussion and analysis work will be done online, you are expected to post daily on the discussion page. Post your response to the reading and comment on at least one other student's entry.

As with any course, full participation and attendance are necessary for success. Any absences from a summer course will certainly affect your grade, but your grade will not be lowered for missing one day. After that your grade will go down ½ letter grade for each day missed. Students missing more than three classes should drop the course.

The Course Drop Deadline is Oct. 31. I do not drop students; that is your responsibility.

**Assignments:** There is a large reading and response component to this class. Unless otherwise notified, *all Responses need to be posted in Discussions on the Blackboard site. Late homework will not be credited.*

**Grading:**

- Tests (October 13 and November 12) 200 (100 pts. each)
- Attendance 200
- Quizzes 45
- Assignments 40
- Discussion Board 110
- Final Research Project (Due December 3) 150
- **Total possible points** 800

A= 720 and above  
B= 640  
C= 576  
D= 520  
F= 519 and below

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**Technology Problems:** Technology problems are NOT an excuse for work that is late or missing. Students need to get into the habit of completing assignments for this course well before the due date to allow time for dealing with technology problems. Expect that at some time, the network will be down, computers will go on the fritz, or some other small catastrophes will occur. Contact IT for technological problems and remember the Atlas lab in the UGLC or LACIT in the Liberal Arts building provide assistance with using Blackboard.

**University Writing Center:** Located in the Library room 227, UTEP’s University Writing Center (UWC) offers free tutoring assistance in writing for all UTEP students. The tutors are undergraduate and graduate students who can help with all parts of a writing assignment, including prewriting, organizing, revising, and editing. They can also help you understand any writing assignment and will work with you to aid you in comprehending difficult material.

**Additional Writing Support:** The Purdue Online Writing Lab (owl) http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/ is a fine online writing resource that will help you with your final project.