



SIUE Competitive Dance Team

Video Audition Overview, Expectations and Application

2021-2022

The Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Competitive Dance Team is administered through Campus Recreation. We support the mission of Campus Recreation, which is to enhance the collegiate experience, foster personal and professional development, and provide opportunities for cultural and social interaction.

The SIUE Dance Team is a competitive dance team. We are looking for elite level technicians, entertaining and strong performers and collegiate professionalism. In order to audition students must be accepted by SIUE. Members of the SIUE Competitive Dance Team must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours per semester, maintaining a minimum 2.0 GPA to be eligible. The length of service for a member of the SIUE Competitive Dance Team is one year from the date of selection. The SIUE Dance Team performs at several home men's and women's basketball games and also competes at NDA Collegiate Nationals. Additional commitments include, but are not limited to, summer practices, summer camp, and other appearances as requested. ALL team members are required to participate in all fundraisers, some of which may occur during the summer. Additional information regarding mandatory fundraising over the summer will be given to those members who make the team.

Practices will be held a minimum of two times per week first semester and will be increased second semester in preparation for Nationals. Team workouts for strength and conditioning are also required.

The SIUE Competitive Dance Team will attend camp at Lindenwood University August 14-15, 2021, and attendance is mandatory. Mandatory practices will be held a minimum of three days prior to camp. Additional summer practices will be scheduled based on the availability of team members. The anticipated cost of camp, campwear/team apparel and shoes for new team members is \$600.00, and this is due no later than May 15, 2021. (Returning seniors will receive a \$100 discount/returning juniors will receive a \$50 discount.)

Note: The administrators of the SIUE Competitive Dance Team Program reserve the right to refuse a tryout or a position on the team to any person for reason of academic deficiencies or violations against the University's standards of conduct, past performances which dishonored the integrity of the program or university, or physical liability.

It is expected that dance applicants make all possible attempts to attend tryouts. It is understood that there may be unavoidable circumstances that may occur. Should an interested dancer not be able to attend tryouts, please follow the process outlined below.

All documents and videos must be received by 5:00PM, April 22, 2021. All information should be included in the same email. Failure to include all documentation and/or inclusion of requested video documentary, as well as failure to meet the deadline, will render the applicant ineligible for selection. All submitted materials become the property of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

If you are chosen for the SIUE Competitive Dance Team, the expectation is that all dancers maintain the level of technique that was demonstrated in the video. Feel free to contact Coach Deets via e-mail if you have any further questions. We wish you the best of luck during tryouts!

Sincerely,

Michelle Deets, Head Coach
SIUE Competitive Dance Team
michelledets@idta.org



SIUE Competitive Dance Team Video Tryout Application Process

ALL DOCUMENTS AND VIDEO LINKS SHOULD BE EMAILED TO COACH MICHELLE DEETS AT michellediets@idta.org.

Submit these documents as attachments. Failure to have ALL forms will render the student ineligible to tryout.

1. Application
2. 5" x 7" color head shot
3. Incoming Freshmen/Transfer Students: a copy of SIUE acceptance letter/Current Students: a copy of your SIUE ID
4. Unofficial copy of school transcript and GPA
5. SIUE Competitive Cheer and Dance Contract and Guidelines Signature Sheet (posted on website: siuecheeranddance.com)

Submitting videos

Please upload your video to YouTube as "unlisted" and include the link with your documents. Please do not make the video private.

EXPECTATIONS FOR VIDEOS:

- Must be newly filmed; little to no distractions in video.
- Attire: black tank or leotard and black booty shorts; tights are optional.
- No embellishments on tops or bottoms.
- Hair should be worn in a bun.
- Makeup game day ready.
- Rhinestone earrings allowed; NO additional jewelry.

VIDEO TRYOUT SECTION ONE SHOULD INCLUDE YOUR PERSONAL INTERVIEW AND TECHNICAL SKILLS. THESE MAY BE EDITED TOGETHER.

• **PERSONAL INTERVIEW:**

- Full body view then zoom into waist-up with clear face visible while speaking.
- Please speak about each of the following bullets. Make sure we can hear & see you throughout this portion of the video. Confidence, poise, personality, projection, diction, collegiate image and responses will be evaluated.
 - **Introduction of Candidate:**
 - Name, age, hometown, why you chose SIUE.
 - **Dance Background:**
 - Experience, school/studio name, number of years involved in dance.
 - **Questions to Answer:**
 - Why do you want to be a member of the SIUE Competitive Dance Team Program?
 - If selected, what characteristics, traits, strengths, etc. do you feel you would bring to the team?
 - How would your most recent coach describe your work ethic and dance abilities?
 - Any additional details you wish to share.

- **TECHNICAL SKILLS:**

- Perform the following technical skills. (front view, you facing the camera). Correct execution of skills and strength of skills will be evaluated.
- **Flexibility:**
 - Splits (right or left)
- **Leaps:**
 - Right or left leap
 - Leap in second (middle leap)
 - Calypso
 - Turning disc
- **Jumps:**
 - Toe touch (land with feet together, NOT apart)
- **Turns:**
 - Right pirouette (double, triple AND quad)
 - Turns in second (eight into a double)
- **Additional Technique:**
 - Show us any other skills you may have: advanced turn combination, aerials, acro tricks, hip hop skills, etc. (limit 3)

VIDEO TRYOUT SECTION TWO SHOULD INCLUDE THREE ROUTINE (EACH APPROXIMATELY 45 SECONDS IN LENGTH/NOT TO GO OVER ONE MINUTE), SHOWCASING THE FOLLOWING STYLES OF DANCE:

1) JAZZ; 2) LYRICAL/CONTEMPORARY; 3) POM.

- You should be the only performer in the routine—do not use a team video highlighting your individual performance.
- Each routine should be one take.
- Memory, correct execution of material, strength of motions and control, technique within the routine, showmanship and energy will be evaluated. Choreography will not be judged.
- All three routines should then be edited together in one video.

Video Tryout Reminders

- Do your hair and make-up as if you were trying out in-person.
- Make sure the angles and lighting show us the best view of you, your performance, and the execution of skills.
- You are allowed, but not required, to overlay music to the skill sections of the video.
- All Videos must be received by **Thursday, April 22 at 5:00 PM CST.**

General Information: Coaches have final call on squad size and members on the team. If you are selected as a member of the 2021-2022 Competitive Dance Team, you will be notified by 9:00PM on April 24, 2021.



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Tryout Application
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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION LEGIBLY.

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Cell): _____ Birthdate: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Classification for Fall: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Street Address (*if different from above*): _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Emergency Contact and Phone: _____

Previous dance experience: _____

Pre-existing Injuries: _____

Other Activities/Employment: _____

Please include a reference that we may contact (preferably a current coach, former coach or current teacher)

Name/Relationship to you: _____ Phone Number: _____

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

(*If applicant is under the age of 18*)