**The Official FAQ:  
Everything you wanted to know about**

**The IU Swing Dance Club**

**but didn’t know who to ask!...**

**What’s it all about?**

The IU Swing Dance Club has been a recreational student-run organization since 1998. It exists to provide opportunities for people at IU and in the Bloomington community to discover, learn, and enjoy the great dance styles of the 1920s, ’30s, and ’40s, and the classic jazz music that goes with them. There’s a free Callout night at the start of each semester to welcome newcomers and let you sample it for yourself.

**Who can participate?**

Absolutely anyone who’s interested! The Club is open to IU students, faculty, staff, and alumni, as well as people from throughout the community. People of all ages, backgrounds, and skill levels are welcome!

**Do you offer lessons?**

Yes we do—fun and friendly group lessons taught by experienced dancers who are veterans of the Club. Every semester we offer an 11-week Beginner’s sequence, focusing on basic East Coast Swing and Lindy Hop techniques, as well as Intermediate lessons for returning dancers that change focus each semester to offer new and different experiences.

**Do I have to take the lessons?**

Only if you want them. We also offer open dancing every week, with our own DJs playing tunes from their collections of classic swing and blues music, and if you have some dance experience you can just join right in!

**Do I need to bring a partner?**

Not at all! The Club has a great balance of men and women of all skill levels, and both the lessons and the open dancing are structured to encourage everyone to mix it up and dance with a variety of partners.

**How much does it cost?**

For membership only (open dancing, no lessons), just $15 per semester. For membership plus a lesson series (the beginner sequence by itself, or intermediate as well!), just $50 per semester ($60 if you’re not an IU student, faculty, or staff). We accept cash and checks. When you pay, you’ll get a nametag that identifies you as a member and makes it easy to get to know your fellow dancers.

**When do you meet?**

The Club meets every Monday in the Indiana Memorial Union at the center of campus, usually in the Frangipani or Georgian Room. Intermediate lessons start at 7:00 PM, with Fundamentals (Beginner) lessons at 8:00 PM, then open dancing at 9:00 PM.

**Do I need special clothes or shoes?**

Wear anything that’s comfortable to move around in. Shoes with a slightly soft/slippery surface are better for dancing than gym shoes with rubber soles designed for traction, though.

**What else does the Club do?**

On the first Friday of each month we host “B-Side Spin” at Windfall Dance Studio—a social dance night that’s just $5 for anyone, member or non-member. Once every semester we organize a weekend-long Swing Dance Workshop, bringing in top-notch out-of-town instructors for special intensive lessons and great live bands for evening dances. And we’ve also been known to sponsor local charity benefits, dress-up “fancy dances,” road trips to other dance venues, and more.

**Where can I find out more?**

The Club web site is located at <http://www.indiana.edu/~iuswing/home.html>, and the calendar is updated regularly. We’re on Facebook under “IU Swing Dance Club.” And whether you’re a member or not, you can join our e-mail list to get weekly updates just by sending a message to *list@list.indiana.edu* with the words “subscribe iuswing-mass-l [Firstname] [Lastname]” in the body of the message.