

University of Texas, Tyler

Guitar Studies

Syllabus

Applied Lessons: MUAP 2261, 3261, 4261, 4361

Guitar Ensemble: MUEN 1131, 3131

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Course Content & Learning Objectives:

- Guitar students will be able to demonstrate proper guitar technique.
- Guitar students will be able to demonstrate university-level musicianship.
- Guitar students will learn how to present historically informed and creatively expressive performances of literature for solo guitar and guitar ensemble from every major style period..

Student Assessment:

- Students will present assignments during weekly lessons.
- Students will perform as required during weekly Masterclass sessions. Those performances will be assessed by fellow students, the instructor and other faculty members.
- Students will participate in solo recital performances at least once during each semester. The Guitar Ensemble will perform at both university and public venues.

Required Materials:

- Instruments: All guitar majors should own a quality classical guitar.
- Accessories: footstool, small music stand, concert attire, metronome, nail care kit (diamond file, buffing board, 600 grit or equivalent sand paper).
- Printed Music: It is important for guitar majors, early on, to begin to establish a personal library of renowned solos and studies. A good library of works will last a lifetime. Each student is responsible for purchasing assigned music. The photo copying of music is not only legally and ethically prohibited, but photo copies fade and deteriorate in a short amount of time.

Attendance Policy:

- Applied Lessons: Alternate lesson times will be arranged when the professor or student has a scheduling conflict, and when notice of this conflict is conveyed by one party and acknowledged by the other. In this age of cell phones and email, communication is easy and instant. Unexcused student absences will not be rescheduled. **Warning:** An unexcused absence reduces your semester grade by one letter. Only verifiable university or medical absences will be accepted.
- Guitar Ensemble: Due to the nature of these courses, attendance is extremely important. There is no substitute for your individual contribution to the performance of the music during class. However, because the class meets more than once a week, you will be allowed one unexcused absence without grade penalty; thereafter, each unexcused absence lowers the semester grade by one letter.
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Grading Policy:

- The semester grade for Applied Lessons will be determined by the instructor based on the mastery of scales, arpeggios, technical studies, and repertoire covered, along with the attendance policy, the required recital performance, the final jury grades and the department Masterclass requirements. Guitar majors should acquire skills comparable to other instrumental majors (flute, violin, trumpet, and so forth) and should be aware of the national standards for their instrument. They should spend the time necessary to achieve those standards. In order to become competent, expressive, multi-style guitarists it is expected that a guitar major will dedicate a minimum of two hours a day to diligent, directed practice. In regards to lesson preparation, the instructor is adept at assessing whether or not assignments have been practiced, and at telling the difference between a student who is nervously struggling to play something they have practiced and a student that is simply unprepared.
- Because the majority of a guitar major's time must be dedicated to the applied lessons and solo repertoire, the grade for Guitar Ensemble will be based solely on attendance, promptness to rehearsals/performances, and following directions during class.

Attitude:

- Having a positive attitude is critically important. Have confidence and faith in yourself and your abilities.
- Accepting criticism is part of the learning process. Lessons and rehearsals focus on exposing problems and celebrating triumphs. An attitude of defensiveness or defiance is counterproductive to the professor's wish that you become a highly skilled musician.
- Treat everyone with respect, regardless of what you may be thinking. Any gathering involving guitar majors demands mutual respect. Do not play while others speak. Suppress the urge to make those witty, biting, and counterproductive comments. It is easy for joking to escalate into something much more serious. Work diligently to remain positive. We are all part of the human condition and the guitar is really insignificant by comparison.

Universal University Policies

UT Tyler Honor Code

Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do.

Students Rights and Responsibilities

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: <http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php>

Campus Carry

We respect the right and privacy of students 21 and over who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at <http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>

UT Tyler a Tobacco-Free University

All forms of tobacco will not be permitted on the UT Tyler main campus, branch campuses, and any property owned by UT Tyler. This applies to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors, and visitors.

Forms of tobacco not permitted include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other tobacco products.

There are several cessation programs available to students looking to quit smoking, including counseling, quitlines, and group support. For more information on cessation programs please visit www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free.

Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies

Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. (For Fall, the Census Date is Sept. 12.) Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester's Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract. The Census Date (Sept. 12th) is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions of which students need to be aware. These include: ☐ Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit. ☐ Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date) ☐ Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a "W" grade) ☐ Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment ☐ Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid State-Mandated Course Drop Policy Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date). Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions. Disability/Accessibility Services In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University of Texas at Tyler offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychological disabilities. If you have a disability, including a non-visible diagnosis such as a learning disorder, chronic illness, TBI, PTSD, ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment, you are encouraged to visit <https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler> and fill out the New Student application. The Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR) office will contact you when your application has been submitted and an appointment with Cynthia Lowery, Assistant Director of Student Services/ADA Coordinator. For more information, including filling out an application for services, please visit the SAR webpage at <http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices>, the SAR office located in the University Center, # 3150 or call 903.566.7079. Student Absence due to Religious Observance Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester. Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

Social Security and FERPA Statement

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Emergency Exits and Evacuation

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

Student Standards of Academic Conduct

Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

i. "Cheating" includes, but is not limited to:

- ☐ copying from another student's test paper;
- ☐ using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
- ☐ failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
- ☐ possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed "crib notes". The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
- ☐ using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
- ☐ collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
- ☐ discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;
- ☐ divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructors has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;

- ☒ substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
 - ☒ paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or information about an unadministered test, test key, home solution or computer program;
 - ☒ falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;
 - ☒ taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of The University of Texas at Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and
 - ☒ misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.
- ii. “Plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another’s work and the submission of it as one’s own academic work offered for credit.
- iii. “Collusion” includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.
- iv. All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by plagiarism software.

UT Tyler Resources for Students

- ☒ UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), writingcenter@uttyler.edu
- ☒ UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), tutoring@uttyler.edu
- ☒ The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, this is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses.
- ☒ UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254)