

MUEN XX31.001 | Instrumental Chamber Ensemble: Strings

Fall 2024

Monday 6-8pm, Cowan Fine Arts Center #1221

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Office Hours: MW 11:45am-1:15pm or by appointment

Course Overview

Students in this course will rehearse and perform in a string chamber orchestra. Repertoire is selected based on instrumentation and ability levels of those enrolled. There will be one 2-hour rehearsal each week (Monday 6-8pm).

New students must audition for the ensemble via recorded video or in-person meeting with the instructor.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Study and perform string chamber orchestra repertoire in a variety of styles.
- Develop collaboration skills based in aural awareness, musicianship, and communication.
- Develop greater awareness of intonation, articulation, and tone quality in a group setting.

Required Materials

- Instrument & required accessories
- Pencil
- Black binder or folder dedicated to music
- Music (to be distributed in class)
- Black Performance Attire (see below)

Grading Scale

A: 90-100

B: 80-89

C: 70-79

D: 69-69

F: below 60

Graded Course Requirements

Attendance	50%
5 pts/ rehearsal	
15 pts/ performance	
Preparation/Participation	50%
5 pts/ rehearsal	
15 pts/ performance	

Performances

There will be one performance at the end of the semester. Additional performances may be added, with at least 4 weeks notice. Please see course schedule below for performance dates.

Performance attire

Men: Black button-down shirt, black dress pants and shoes, black socks, black belt.

Women: Black top with 3/4 to full length sleeves, no sheer (see through) fabrics or sequins. Black floor length skirt or dress pants, no yoga pants or jeans. Black dress shoes, no open toe or sandals. Minimal jewelry (nothing distracting).

Make-up Policy

Students may receive preparation credit for up to 2 missed rehearsals by submitting a video of excerpts chosen by the instructor. No make-up assignment will be given for missed performances.

Attendance Policy

Attendance at scheduled rehearsal times is mandatory.

Please come to rehearsals with your notes learned so that rehearsal time is collaborative. Bring any problem spots to the attention of the instructor for additional help. Consistent lack of preparation may result in exclusion from performances and will be reflected in your grade.

Grade penalties for absences and tardies:

1 st Unexcused Absence	Grade of "0" for attendance and participation that day.
2 nd Unexcused Absence, and each subsequent unexcused absence	Letter grade will be lowered one letter.
3 rd Unexcused Absence	Student will forfeit participation in the nearest upcoming performance. Still eligible for an attendance grade at the performance if they attend as an audience member.
Tardy of 5 minutes or more	Grade of "0" for attendance that day. Still eligible for full participation grade.
4 th tardy of 5 minutes or more	Letter grade will be lowered one letter.

Excused absences will be considered under the following circumstances:

- serious or contagious illness,
- family emergency (limited to immediate family),

- participation in a UT Tyler-sanctioned event, if the instructor is informed at least four weeks in advance,
- observance of religious holy days,
- any other unavoidable circumstances in which the instructor deems an excuse is justified.

See University policies on [Excused Absences](#) and absences for [pregnant and parenting students](#).

Except in emergency situations, students **must** contact the instructor prior to the rehearsal time in order to receive consideration for an excused absence.

In case of injury preventing a student from playing their instrument, the student will still be expected to attend the rehearsal and will be given an alternate assignment.

Course Calendar (subject to change)

Week 1 – August 26	First Rehearsal, 6-8pm. Review Syllabus and pass out music.
Week 2 – September 2	No class – Labor Day. All students will submit a playing test video to receive credit for class. See Canvas assignment for details.
Week 3 – September 9	Monday Rehearsal, 6-8pm <i>Census Date</i>
Week 4 – September 16	Monday Rehearsal, 6-8pm
Week 5 – September 23	Monday Rehearsal, 6-8pm
Week 6 – September 30	Monday Rehearsal, 6-8pm
Week 7 – October 7	Monday Rehearsal, 6-8pm
Week 8 – October 14	Monday Rehearsal, 6-8pm Solo audition video due. See Canvas for details.
Week 9 – October 21	Monday Rehearsal, 6-8pm
Week 10 – October 28	Monday Rehearsal, 6-8pm
Week 11 – November 4	Monday Rehearsal, 6-8pm <i>Last day to Withdraw</i>
Week 12 – November 11	Monday Rehearsal, 6-8pm
Week 13 – November 18	Final Performance Dress Rehearsal, Monday 6-8pm
November 20	Final Performance, Thursday @ 7:30pm. Call time 7pm Braithwaite Recital Hall
Week 14 – December 2	Final Class, Monday 6-8pm
Week 15	Finals Week, No class

Student Resources:

Faculty can update student resources to provide additional supports appropriate for each course.

Resources to assist you in the course

- [UT Tyler Student Accessibility and Resource \(SAR\) Office](#) (provides needed accommodations to students with document needs related to access and learning)
- [UT Tyler Writing Center](#)
- [The Mathematics Learning Center](#)
- [UT Tyler PASS Tutoring Center](#)
- [UT Tyler Supplemental Instruction](#)
- [Upswing \(24/7 online tutoring\) - covers nearly all undergraduate course areas](#)
- [Robert Muntz Library](#) and [Library Liaison](#)
- [Canvas 101](#) (learn to use Canvas, proctoring, Unicheck, and other software)
- Digital Support Toolkit (for supported courses only. Students are automatically enrolled in the toolkit for supported courses)
- LIB 422 -- Computer Lab where students can take a proctored exam
- [The Career Success Center](#)
- [UT Tyler Testing Center](#)
- [Office of Research & Scholarship Design and Data Analysis Lab](#)

Resources available to UT Tyler Students

- [UT Tyler Counseling Center](#) (available to all students)
- [MySSP App](#) (24/7 access to Student Support Program counseling through phone or chat and online wellness resources available in a variety of languages)
- [Student Assistance and Advocacy Center](#)
- [Military and Veterans Success Center](#) (supports for our military-affiliated students)
- [UT Tyler Patriot Food Pantry](#)
- [UT Tyler Financial Aid and Scholarships](#)
- [UT Tyler Student Business Services](#) (pay or set up payment plans, etc.)
- [UT Tyler Registrar's Office](#)
- [Office of International Programs](#)
- [Title IX Reporting](#)

- [Patriots Engage](#) (available to all students. Get engaged at UT Tyler.)

University Policies and Information

Withdrawing from Class

Students may [withdraw](#) (drop) from this course using the [Withdrawal Portal](#). Withdrawing (dropping) this course can impact your Financial Aid, Scholarships, Veteran Benefits, Exemptions, Waivers, International Student Status, housing, and degree progress. Please speak with your instructors, consider your options, speak with your advisor, and visit the One-Stop Service Center (STE 230) or email enroll@uttyler.edu to get a complete review of your student account and the possible impacts to withdrawing. We want you to make an informed decision. UT Tyler faculty and staff are here for you and often can provide additional support options or assistance. Make sure to carefully [read the implications for withdrawing from a course and the instructions](#) on using the [Withdrawal portal](#).

Texas law prohibits students from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career*. The six courses dropped includes those from other 2-year or 4-year Texas public colleges and universities. Consider the impact withdrawing from this class has on your academic progress and other areas, such as financial implications. We encourage you to consult your advisor(s) and Enrollment Services for additional guidance. **CAUTION #1:** Withdrawing before census day does not mean you get a full refund. Please see the [Tuition and Fee Refund Schedule](#). **CAUTION #2:** All international students must check with the [Office of International Programs](#) before withdrawing. All international students are required to enroll full-time for fall and spring terms. **CAUTION #3:** All UT Tyler Athletes must check with the Athletic Academic Coordinator before withdrawing from a course. **CAUTION #4:** All veterans or military-affiliated students should consult with the [Military and Veterans Success Center](#).

* Students who began college for the first time before 2007 are exempt from this law.

Artificial Intelligence Statement

UT Tyler is committed to exploring and using artificial intelligence (AI) tools as appropriate for the discipline and task undertaken. We encourage discussing AI tools' ethical, societal, philosophical, and disciplinary implications. All uses of AI should be acknowledged as this aligns with our commitment to honor and integrity, as noted in UT Tyler's Honor Code. Faculty and students must not use protected information, data, or copyrighted materials when using any AI tool. Additionally, users should be aware that AI tools rely on predictive models to generate content that may appear correct but is sometimes shown to be incomplete, inaccurate, taken without attribution from other sources, and/or biased. Consequently, an AI tool should not be considered a substitute for traditional approaches to research. You are ultimately responsible for the quality and content of the information you submit. Misusing AI tools that violate the guidelines specified for this course is considered a breach of academic integrity. The student will be subject to disciplinary actions as outlined in UT Tyler's Academic Integrity Policy.

For this course, AI is not permitted at all. To best support your learning, you must complete all graded assignments by yourself. This exclusion of other resources to help complete assignments includes artificial intelligence (AI). Refrain from using AI tools to generate any course content (e.g., text, video, audio, images, code, etc.) for any assignment.

Final Exam Policy

Final examinations are administered as scheduled. If unusual circumstances require that special arrangements be made for an individual student or class, the Dean of the appropriate college, after consultation with the faculty member involved, may authorize an exception to the schedule. Faculty members must maintain student final examination papers for a minimum of three months following the examination date.

Incomplete Grade Policy

If a student, because of extenuating circumstances, is unable to complete all of the requirements for a course by the end of the semester, then the instructor may recommend an Incomplete (I) for the course. The "I" may be assigned in place of a grade *only when **all** of the following conditions are met*: (a) the student has been making satisfactory progress in the course; (b) the student is unable to complete all coursework or final exam due to unusual circumstances that are beyond personal control and are acceptable to the instructor, and (c) the student presents these reasons before the time that the final grade roster is due. The semester credit hours for an Incomplete will not be used to calculate the grade point average.

The student and the instructor must submit an Incomplete Form detailing the work required and the time by which the work must be completed to their respective department chair or college dean for approval. The time limit established must not exceed one year. Should the student fail to meet all of the work for the course within the time limit, then the instructor may assign zeros to the unfinished work, compute the course average for the student, and assign the appropriate grade. If a grade has yet to be assigned within one year, then the Incomplete will be changed to an F, or NC. If the course was initially taken under the CR/NC grading basis, this may adversely affect the student's academic standing.

Grade Appeal Policy

Disputes regarding grades must be initiated within sixty (60) days from the date of receiving the final course grade by filing a Grade Appeal Form with the instructor who assigned the grade. A grade appeal should be used when the student thinks the final course grade awarded does not reflect the grades earned on assessments or follow the grading scale as documented in the syllabus. The student should provide the rationale for the grade appeal and attach supporting document about the grades earned. The form should be sent via email to the faculty member who assigned the grade. The faculty member reviews the rationale and supporting documentation and completes the instruction section of the form. The instructor should return the form to the student, even if a grade change is made at this level. If the student is not satisfied with the decision, the student may appeal in writing to the Chairperson of the department from which the grade was issued. In situations where there is an allegation of capricious grading, discrimination, or unlawful actions, appeals may go beyond the Chairperson to the Dean or the Dean's designee of the college from which the grade was issued, with that decision being final. The Grade Appeal form is found in the [Registrar's Form Library](#).

NOTE: The Grade Appeal Form is different from the Application for Appeal form submitted to the Student Appeals Committee, which does not rule on grade disputes as described in this policy.

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 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 the Assistant Director Student Accessibility and Resources/ADA Coordinator. For more information, including filling out an application for services, please visit the SAR webpage at <https://www.uttyler.edu/disability-services>, the SAR office located in the Robert Muntz Library, LIB 460, email saroffice@uttyler.edu, or call 903.566.7079."

Military Affiliated Students

UT Tyler honors the service and sacrifices of our military-affiliated students. If you are a student who is a veteran, on active duty, in the reserves or National Guard, or a military spouse or dependent, please stay in contact with your faculty member if any aspect of your present or prior service or family situation makes it difficult for you to fulfill the requirements of a course or creates disruption in your academic progress. It is important to make your faculty member aware of any complications as far in advance as possible. Your faculty member is willing to work with you and, if needed, put you in contact with university staff who are trained to assist you. The [Military and Veterans Success Center \(MVSC\)](#) has campus resources for military-affiliated students. The MVSC can be reached at MVSC@uttyler.edu or via phone at 903.565.5972.

Students on an F-1 Visa

To remain in compliance with Federal Regulations requirements you must do the following:

- Traditional face-to-face classes: Attend classes on the regular meeting days/times.
- Hybrid Classes: Attend all face-to-face classes convened by the instructor according to the schedule set for your specific course.
- Online course: Only one online course can count toward your full-time enrollment. Students are expected to be fully engaged and meet all requirements for the online course.

Academic Honesty and Academic Misconduct

The UT Tyler community comes together to pledge that "Honor and integrity will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do." Therefore, we enforce the [Student Conduct and Discipline policy](#) in the Student Manual Of Operating Procedures (Section 8).

FERPA

UT Tyler follows the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as noted in [University Policy 5.2.3](#). The course instructor will follow all requirements to protect your confidential information.

Absence for Official University Events or Activities

This course follows the practices related to [Excused Absences for University Events or Activities](#) as noted in the Catalog.

Absence for Religious Holidays

This course follows the practices related to [Excused Absences for Religious Holy Days as noted in the Catalog](#).

Absence for Pregnant Students

This course follows the requirements of Texas Laws SB 412, SB 459, SB 597/HB 1361 to meet the needs of pregnant and parenting students. Part of the supports afforded pregnant students includes excused absences. Faculty who are informed by a student of needing this support should make a referral to the Parenting Student Liaison. NOTE: Students must work with the Parenting Student Liaison in order to receive these supports. Students should reach out to the Parenting Student Liaison at parents@uttyler.edu and also complete the [Pregnant and Parenting Self-Reporting Form](#).

Campus Carry

We respect the right and privacy of students 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>.