

MUEN 3131 Guitar Ensemble Spring 2021

Instructor: Dr. Dan Kyzer
Meeting Place: FAC 1221
Meeting Times: 3:30-4:50pm T, Duo Coachings 3-6pm Th
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Course Requirements

-Students must provide their own instrument, footstool and/or guitar support, nail care supplies, repertoire binder (3 ring), and pencil. Students will also occasionally be required to purchase scores and books. When this occurs, please obtain said publication(s) in no more than 2 weeks.

-Students must engage in daily practice of ensemble repertoire. You will write in fingerings, form markings, phrase markings, etc. and perfect your individual part on your own. The goal of ensemble rehearsals is not to learn your individual part, but to put all parts together.

Course Objectives

-To play beautiful, expressive, technically challenging music at a professional level.
-To engage with the UT Tyler community and the Tyler, TX community at large through performances both on and off campus.

Course Schedule (Tentative)

Weekly Flipgrid assignments will be handed out on an individual basis both in rehearsals and lessons, most likely between the Thursday and Tuesday rehearsals. Due dates will be 11:59pm the Monday after the assignment is given.

Concert 1: February 24 or 25 TBD

Quartet/Quintet: Bach, Mozart, Praetorius, Jurgens, York + Quintet Music

Concert 2: Mid-April TBD

Duo Groups

All concerts will be live-streamed or pre-recorded and streamed unless current CDC COVID-19 Guidelines change drastically, which is not likely.

Grading Procedures

Flipgrid videos: 50%

Rehearsal Preparation: 30%

Concert Performance: 20%

Attendance Policy: Students will attend every rehearsal and performance. Missing more than one rehearsal without proper excuse (i.e. sickness, family tragedy, etc.) will result in a lowering of

the student’s final grade by one letter grade per absence. Students will be present at all requested performances. Failure to attend a performance you have been assigned without a proper excuse (i.e. serious illness, family tragedy, “act of God,” etc.) will result in a failing grade for the semester.

Flipgrid Video Rubric

Criterion (Score 0 if element is absent)	Below Expectations (1)	Meets Expectations (2)	Exceeds Expectations (3)	Score
Accuracy	A lack of fluency shows a lack of preparation. Missed notes and rhythms throughout, hesitations and inability to stay with the metronome.	Notes and rhythms are somewhat accurate, but there are quite a few missed notes, some hesitations, and several incorrect rhythms.	Notes and rhythms at or near 100%. A few buzzes and missed notes happen, but no stops or hesitations. Student is prepared and confident.	
Interpretation	Dynamics, articulations, tempo changes, timbral effects, special effects, etc. are flat and boring to non-existent.	Dynamics, articulations, tempo changes, timbral effects, special effects, etc. are somewhat to mostly present, but aren’t executed with confidence.	Dynamics, articulations, tempo changes, timbral effects, special effects, etc. are executed to a high level and with commitment.	

Repertoire Assignments

Each week, you will be given a set of tasks to complete involving your repertoire. All tasks are to be completed by the next rehearsal unless otherwise specified. Based on how thoroughly you have completed the assignment(s) and the quality of your work, you will receive a number grade for each assignment. No late work will be accepted. There are no make-up assignments allowed.

Census Date: January 25, 2021

Last Day to Withdraw: March 29, 2021

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. 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 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.

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)