

Conducting I MUSI 3311.001, Fall Semester 2021
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Class Schedule: MWF 9:05-10:00 AM, FAC 1121 Office hours: 1-3 TR

Required Materials:

12" wood Baton—buy your own; NO fiberglass batons or cork handles allowed
Basic Conducting textbook (See CANVAS, free to students)
White poster board, at least 24" x 24" in size; needed at second week of class
cellphone that can record at least 15 minutes consecutive video @1080p (mirroring OFF)

Supplementary Texts (not required):

Green: *The Modern Conductor*, 7th edition
Labuta: *Basic Conducting Techniques*, 5th edition;
Phillips: *Basic Techniques of Conducting*

ATTENDANCE: Attendance is required; excessive absences will affect the final grade. Attendance is taken every class. Students are allowed **three** absences without the final grade being affected. Each additional absence, starting with the fourth, will lower the semester average by three points. The instructor retains the right to determine whether an absence is of an emergency nature that would not count towards the three allowed absences. Emergencies are handled on a case-by-case basis. Student participation in UT-Tyler-sponsored trips (absences associated with a UT Tyler course in which the student is enrolled) do not count towards the three allowed absences. Vacations, trips not associated with a UT Tyler class, airplane schedules, etc. are not reasons to miss class, and work missed for these reasons will be given a grade of zero. Furthermore, if a student has nine or more absences, **regardless of the reason**, s/he must drop the course or receive a grade no higher than a D. Students who are habitually tardy will first be counseled privately, but if necessary the instructor reserves the right to reduce the final grade of those students who are habitually, significantly late. **HOWEVER**, if you are sick, **DO NOT COME TO CLASS**. If sick, you must go to the university clinic or a doctor. After an absence for illness, I will not allow you to come back to class unless I see a note stating you were seen by the university clinic or your own private physician, and cleared to return to class.

Students without either textbook or baton are not allowed to conduct in class.

Hygiene: As we are currently in a Covid-19 pandemic, extra precautions are in place for the entire semester. As UT Tyler policy (since July 2020) mandates wearing a mask indoors, all students must wear a mask indoors. I will not allow a student into the class without a mask properly worn over both his/her nose and mouth. All students must stay six feet away from each other and the teacher at all times. Hand sanitizer is provided, and all students must hand sanitize on their way in and out. Students refusing to hand sanitize will not be allowed into the class. Seating will be in a block, six feet apart in all directions. The mask must be properly worn over the nose and mouth at all times during class, or the student will be asked to leave.

Student Dress and Conduct: Hats or caps of any kind, pajamas, or sleep pants are prohibited as dress in this class. Any recording—video and/or audio—of any portion of lectures without express prior approval of instructor is strictly forbidden, and violators will be asked to drop the class and referred for disciplinary proceedings. Students must avoid wearing strong perfumes/after shave in rehearsal, as they can easily triggered allergies. Grooming and hygiene are important to in a group setting, because students must sit for a long time near each other. Students with noticeable body odor will be asked to leave class and charged with an absence.

*Since the class requires a variety of movement exercises, two classes will require the student to lie on the floor. Plan accordingly; refer to the course outline.

Grading: The final grade is determined by:

30% Quizzes 1-3 (one written and two conducting)
30% mid-term exam (written and conducting)
40% final exam (**time and day TBA**; written and conducting)
grading scale: 90-100=A, 80-89=B, 70-79=C, 60-69=D

Student Outcomes By the end of this course, the student should:

- *be able to articulate both verbally and non-verbally the basic gesture syntax that conductors use;
- *demonstrate basic proficiencies of conducting with a baton in 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 patterns;
- *demonstrate both orally and visually differences in legato, mezzo, and staccato patterns
- *demonstrate basic left hand/right hand independence;
- *develop reasonable command of X and Y axes in order to communicate meter and gesture to a performer;
- *develop a repertoire of cuing and fermatas consistent with 21st century usage;

Probable Course Outline--follow your class notes

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| August 23 | Introduction to course; lesson 1--history of conducting |
| August 25 | The role of the conductor, past and present, the "triad" |
| August 27 | Basic principles of movement (dress accordingly) |
| August 30 | Basic principles of movement, continued (dress accordingly) |
| September 1 | Standing and presentation; physical warm-up; X and Y axes (have poster board!) |
| September 3 | X and Y axes with left and right hand |
| September 6 | <u>Labor Day--No Class</u> |
| September 8 | The baton and its presentation; preparatory gesture and downbeat |
| September 10 | Conducting in 2; <i>ictus</i> and <i>takt</i> |
| September 13 | Quiz One (written)--basic functions |
| September 15 | Conducting in 2 and in 4; music examples |
| September 17 | Conducting in 3; music examples; singing exercises I |
| September 20 | Examples of incomplete measures; legato and staccato; music examples |
| September 22 | Review of 2, 3, and 4 patterns |
| September 24 | Conducting in 5 and 6; music examples |
| September 27 | Tenuto gesture; review of all patterns Quiz 2--singing exercises I (videotaped) |
| September 29 | Gesture of Syncopation |
| October 1 | "Dead" gesture; Advanced uses of preparatory beats (passive gestures) |
| October 4 | Review of gestures and conducting vocabulary; conducting in "one to the bar" |
| October 6 | Video: <i>The Art of Conducting</i> (on youtube.com; students must watch outside class) |
| October 8 | Video discussion; Phrase Analysis |
| October 11 | Mid-term Exam (written and conducting) |
| October 13 | Development of left hand independence |
| October 15 | LH shaping exercises (crescendo/diminuendo exercises) |
| October 18 | In-class practice with LH shaping exercises and RH/LH switching |
| October 20 | "Supermeter" concept |
| October 22 | Introduction to Cues (left hand) |
| October 25 | Cue exercises with simple patterns (2, 3, 4) |
| October 27 | In-class practice: LH crescendo/diminuendo exercises |
| October 29 | LH independence exercises (crescendo, diminuendo) |
| November 1 | Introduction to the three types of fermatas |
| November 3 | Fermata type I practice; music examples |
| November 5 | RH cues; Fermata type II practice; music examples |
| November 8 | Asymmetric meters: fast 5 and 7 |
| November 10 | Asymmetric meters: fast 9, 11, atypical meters |
| November 12 | Advanced metrical conducting; mixed meter; Quiz 3--LH shaping (video'd) |
| November 15 | Fermata type III practice |
| November 17 | Review of all fermatas |
| November 19 | Rhythmic conducting, continued |
| November 20-28 | <u>No Class-Holiday</u> |
| *November 29 | Video: <i>The Art of Conducting</i> , part 2 (on youtube.com; students watch outside class) |
| *December 1, 3 | Review for Final Exam |
| Friday December 10--8:00am, | probable day/time for Final Exam: conducting portion BY APPOINTMENT |

UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MUST APPEAR IN EACH COURSE SYLLABUS

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 September 3.) 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. 3rd) 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 Accessibility and Resources

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychiatric disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible disabilities such as chronic diseases, learning disabilities, head injury, PTSD or ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment you are encouraged to contact the Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR) office and schedule an interview with the Accessibility Case Manager/ADA Coordinator, Cynthia Lowery Staples. If you are unsure if the above criteria apply to you, but have questions or concerns please contact the SAR office. For more information or to set up an appointment please visit the SAR office located in the University Center, Room 3150 or call 903.566.7079. You may also send an email to cstaples@uttyler.edu

Student Absence due to Religious Observance

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a commonly-observed religious observance are required 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.

"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 instructor 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 SafeAssign™,

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)