

Conducting I MUSI 3311.001, Fall Semester 2018
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Class Schedule: MWF 9:05-10:00 AM, FAC 1121 Office hours: 2-3 MWF, 1-3TR

Required Materials:

12" wood Baton—buy your own; NO fiberglass batons or cork handles allowed
Basic Conducting textbook (See Canvas-free)
White poster board, at least 24" x 24" in size
cellphone that can record at least 15 minutes consecutive video

Supplementary Texts (not required):

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

Course Requirements:

Attendance at all class meetings is required. Any unexcused absence will result in a grade of zero for the quiz or test. For verifiable, excused absences, the instructor may allow a student to make up a test. Students are allowed three absences. After the third absence, each further absence lowers the final grade by three points per absence. After any 9 absences, regardless of reason, the student will be required to drop the course or receive a grade no higher than D.

- All assignments are to be completed and handed in at the class for which they are due.
- There is a significant amount of outside class preparation required
(practice, preparation for quizzes and tests)

*Since the class requires a variety of movement exercises, some 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 three 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

Professional Standards: Students must turn **off and put away** all cellphones, etc. in class. No photography or recording of class lectures is permitted. College students are expected to have minimum professional standards of dress; therefore, hats and sleepwear are not acceptable in class. Students without either textbook or baton are not allowed to conduct in class.

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

- *be able to describe both verbally and non-verbally the basic descriptive 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;

Possible Course Outline--follow your class notes

August 27	Introduction to course; lesson 1--history of conducting
August 29	The role of the conductor, past and present, the "triad"
August 31	Basic principles of movement (dress accordingly)
September 3	<u>Labor Day--No Class</u>
September 5	Basic principles of movement, continued (dress accordingly)
September 7	Standing and presentation; physical warm-up; X and Y axes (have poster board!)
September 10	X and Y axes with left and right hand
September 12	The baton and its presentation; preparatory gesture and downbeat
September 14	Conducting in 2; <i>ictus</i> and <i>takt</i>
September 17	Quiz One (written)--basic functions
September 19	Conducting in 2 and in 4; music examples
September 21	Conducting in 3; music examples; singing exercises I
September 24	Examples of incomplete measures; legato and staccato; music examples
September 26	Review of 2, 3, and 4 patterns
September 28	Conducting in 5 and 6; music examples
October 1	Tenuto gesture; music examples; review of all patterns
	Quiz 2--singing exercises I (videotaped)
October 3	Gesture of Syncopation
October 5	"Dead" gesture; Advanced uses of preparatory beats (passive gestures)
October 8	Review of gestures and conducting vocabulary; conducting in "one to the bar"
October 10	Video: <i>The Art of Conducting</i>
October 12	Video discussion; Phrase Analysis
October 15	Mid-term Exam (written and videotaped)
October 17	Development of left hand independence
October 19	LH shaping exercises (crescendo/diminuendo exercises)
October 22	In-class practice with LH shaping exercises and RH/LH switching
October 24	"Supermeter" concept
October 26	Introduction to Cues (left hand)
October 29	Cue exercises with simple patterns (2, 3, 4)
October 31	In-class practice: LH crescendo/diminuendo exercises
November 2	LH independence exercises (crescendo, diminuendo)
	Quiz 3--LH shaping (videotaped)
November 5	Introduction to the three types of fermatas
November 7	Fermata type I practice; music examples
November 9	RH cues; Fermata type II practice; music examples
November 12	Asymmetric meters: fast 5 and 7
November 14	Asymmetric meters: fast 9, 11, atypical meters
November 16	Advanced metrical conducting; mixed meter; music examples
November 19-23	<u>No Class-Holiday</u>
November 26	Fermata type III practice
November 28	Review of all fermatas
November 30	Rhythmic conducting, continued
December 3	Video: <i>The Art of Conducting</i> , second part
December 5	Review for Final Exam
December 7	Review for Final Exam

Tuesday December 11--Final Exam: conducting BY APPOINTMENT

Friday December 14, 8-10 AM---Final Exam: written (probable time and day)

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 commonly-observed 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)