

Chamber Music MUEN 1118 (81712) & MUEN 3118 (81763)

Syllabus Fall 2017

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Objective

This course is designed to instruct the students in the art of guitar ensemble playing. Coachings will be geared towards a satisfactory performance at the end of the semester.

Books & Materials

- Nylon String Guitar
- Footstool or similar guitar support.
- Music will be provided.

Online Resources

- If the library yields no results, there are multiple websites where you can download arrangements for free. Should you choose to purchase sheet music, please visit the following sites:
 - o www.stringsbymail.com
 - o www.gspguitar.com
 - o www.guitargallerymusic.com

Policies & Expectations

- Depending on number of students, class will be divided into multiple groups (trios and/or quartets) led by a senior or a graduate student.
- Each group is responsible for setting up their rehearsal times (a minimum of two hours per week) outside of coaching.
- Group is responsible for choosing level appropriate music. Choosing music that is too difficult will be detrimental to your progress as a group.
- The ensembles are expected to come to coaching prepared and on time.
- Absences are unacceptable except in the case of an emergency.
- Depending on number of groups, I will coach each group every two to three weeks.
- Instructor coachings will begin September 8.

Grading

- You are graded based on the following criteria:
 - o Individual preparation (don't be the weak link. Practice your part)
 - o Group preparation
 - o Overall semester performance (I will hold you accountable for your level of preparation throughout the semester)
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University Policies

Academic Dishonesty

All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials. For a complete listing of the university policy, see: Dean of Student's Office

Student Absences on Religious Holy Days Policy

Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. Section 51.911 (a) (2) defines a religious holy day as: "a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Section 11.20...." A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence.

University policy 861001 provides the procedures to be followed by the student and instructor. A student desiring to absent himself/herself from a scheduled class in order to observe (a) religious holy day(s) shall present to each instructor involved a written statement concerning the religious holy day(s). The instructor will complete a form notifying the student of a reasonable timeframe in which the missed assignments and/or examinations are to be completed. For a complete listing of the university policy, see: http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf_www/aps/documents/861001.pdf

Students with Disabilities Policy

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance should register with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Lee Drain Annex (**telephone 936-294-3512, TDD 936-294-3786, and e-mail disability@shsu.edu**). They should then make arrangements with their individual instructors so that appropriate strategies can be considered and helpful procedures can be developed to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired.

SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may affect adversely your work in this class, then I encourage you to register with the SHSU Services for Students with Disabilities and to talk with me about how I can best help you. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. NOTE: No accommodation can be made until you register with the Services for Students with Disabilities. For a complete listing of the university policy, see: <http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/documents/aps/students/811006.pdf>