

Beginning Guitar Level I
Fall semester, 1998

Office Hours: Mon - 1:00-2:00
Thurs - 2:00-3:00
Fri - 10:30-11:30

Class days, time: MW 2:00-2:50
Location: MUS 170

Important dates & Holidays:

- Sept. 7 Labor Day (M)
- Sept. 18 - Last day to change a class to or from a CR-NC grading basis
- October 16 - drop deadline for semester**
- November 11 Veterans' Day (W)
- November 26-27 Thanksgiving Day Holidays (Th-F)

Final Exam Date & Time _____



Course Outline and Policies

I. Goal:

This course is designed to provide a basic introduction to the guitar. It begins with the fundamentals of the guitar through chording, fingerboard knowledge, tuning, rhythms, note reading and solo playing. This course will also focus on correct playing techniques and development of right and left hands.

II. Course Content:

- A. Basic knowledge of the guitar, technique, chord playing
 - 1. Construction and selection of guitars
 - 2. Holding the guitar
 - 3. Right and Left hand positions
 - 4. Two basic chords
- B. Whole steps and half steps/ fingerboard layout
 - 1. Open position scale
 - 2. Sequence of frets
 - 3. Accidentals
- C. Tuning
 - 1. Tuning devices

A. Tests and quizzes (20% of final grade)

Unit tests and quizzes will be given throughout the semester. Some tests will be written, others will be playing.

B. Music Journal (20% of final grade)

A music journal will be maintained and graded at different intervals throughout the semester. The journal's validity will be based on intuitive writings through an approach involving inquiry.

C. Daily work (20% of final grade)

Daily work includes a variety of assignments:

*Individual work

*Group work

D. Semester project (20% of final grade)

Each student will complete a listening/response project based on a chosen style of guitar playing. Details and guidelines will be provided by the third week of the semester.

E. Final Examination (20% of final grade)

The final examination will be a combination of written and playing testing.

V. Attendance

Each student is responsible for his/her attendance. Absences reduce your contributions to the class and slow your progress. Absences lower your grade through missed Daily Work (class work/group work). Each missed class work assignment will be graded as a zero.

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to come to class prepared. You should find out what was assigned during your absence and learn the work before you return to class. **Some** assignments can be made up (through instructor discretion), but points will be subtracted for all late work. Late assignments must be completed within two (2) days of your return, or a zero will be entered for the assignment. Excessive absences will result in students being dropped from the course.

Tardies will cause students to miss initial class work. This missed work will be factored as part of your Daily Work and will, therefore, lower your grade.

Except by pre-arrangement or unusual cases of illness or family distress, quizzes and tests can not be made up.