Guitar Lessons

MUP 496. Winter 2018. 1-2 credits

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Jury Date and Time: TBD (Finals week)

This course meets 5 hours per term if taken for 1 unit or 10 hours per term if taken for 2 units.

Catalog Description:
Private studio guitar lessons designed to explore effective practice strategies, technique, and repertoire.

Suggested Co-requisite: MUS 162/362 Guitar Ensemble

Course Overview:
Individual instruction in classical guitar. Admission is open on a proficiency placement basis. The development of musical skills requires a professional dedication to practice. Students are responsible for preparing assigned material before the lesson in order to best receive guidance— the instructor can work successfully only with those who are prepared. Adequate and consistent practice is crucial in for musical and technical progress to be made.

MUP 496 Learning Outcomes:
The student will be able to:
1) Demonstrate proper technique and musical expression on the guitar
2) Demonstrate a professional attitude and commitment toward preparedness
3) Prepare for and execute a musical performance
4) Investigate the solo repertoire from a variety of historical periods

Evaluation of Student Performance:
As a a course designed to develop musical craft, MUP 496 is dependent upon both the excellent attendance and attitude of those enrolled. Attitude in this sense translates to both in-class behavior as well as preparation outside of class. As there are no written assignments or tests for lessons, grades are assigned as a measure of the Learning Outcomes listed above. Weekly evaluations by the director occurs in the one-on-one sessions examining assigned exercises and repertoire, are used to determine effort in Learning Outcomes 1, 2, and 3 above: the degree to which a student can perform correct notes and rhythms, as well as the musical specifications (i.e., dynamics, tempo alterations), are assessed here.

Effort and Participation:
This portion of the grade measures success in Learning Outcomes 3 and 4 above. Lessons are both the culmination and starting point of your at-home practice, and should be treated as professional meetings as preparation for your own careers in music. Those enrolled will be tuned and ready to play when class starts, and come prepared with the specified material before each meeting. Likewise, a professional
attitude regarding concert preparation is crucial to a passing grade in this class. Disruptive behavior not conducive to the lesson (tardiness, unpreparedness) will result in a lower grade.

**Final (jury):**
Students will perform repertoire learned in lessons in a jury examination for a panel of music faculty. A sign-up list will be available prior to the end of the semester.

Students must perform for juries unless excused by the instructor. Canceling a jury appearance for a reason not approved by the instructor is grounds for an “F.”

**Methods of Evaluation:**
- Weekly preparation of performance assignments, as specified in the Learning Outcomes above, is graded on a percentage basis, which constitutes the 70% “Effort and Participation” component of the grade. Each meeting is assigned a maximum of 7%.
- Final jury performed for a panel of music faculty

**Grading:**
  - Effort and Participation: 70%
  - Final (jury): 30%

**Grading Breakdown**

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**Grades are assigned using the following standards:**

- **A:** Extraordinary work. Extra effort beyond rehearsals. Music is thoroughly prepared, and the students pursues concepts and techniques above and beyond what was discussed in lessons.

- **B:** Superior preparation and extra effort outside of lessons. Student pursues ideas and suggestions presented in meetings and goes to extra effort to create a positive experience for student and teacher.

- **C:** Required work. Required effort. Student demonstrates some ability to analyze using information presented in class.

- **D:** Poor work. Less than required effort, attendance, or poor attitude in meetings.

- **F:** Failure to attend/participate/practice.

**Supplies needed:**
Metronome or app for practicing (Tempo is highly recommended!)
Electric Tuner (Korg AW-2, Planet Waves headstock tuner, etc.)
Pencil (always!)

Schedule:
Jan. 12, noon: Music a la Carte: Jon Sharp (Memorial Union)
Jan 20, 3pm, Corvallis Library: Flamenco Guitar Duo
Feb 5, 7pm, Odd Fellows’ Hall*: Corvallis Guitar Society meeting
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Feb. 17, 3pm, Corvallis Library: Jon Sharp with soprano Rebecca Fromherz
March 5, 7pm, Odd Fellows’ Hall: Corvallis Guitar Society meeting
**March 16, 7:30pm: OSU Guitar Ensemble Concert**
March 20, 8pm: FINAL

CGS Meetings take place at Odd Fellows’ Hall: 223 SW 2nd St. on the 2nd floor

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