

**MUE 3210 Music for the Elementary Child**  
**University of Florida**  
**Course Syllabus Summer B 2016**

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**Course Catalogue Listing**

Helps meet state certification requirements for elementary classroom teachers. Function of elementary school music in aiding the developmental growth of children. Prereq: *HUM 2511 strongly recommended.*

**Course Description**

The purpose of this course is to help pre-service elementary classroom teachers acquire and strengthen foundational music skills and gain an understanding of how to structure basic music instruction in the elementary classroom, as well as how to integrate musical concepts into all areas of the general elementary curriculum. Students are expected to participate fully in classroom and independent experiences to improve musical and pedagogical skills.

**Course Objectives**

Through full participation in this course, students should be able to:

- sing with correct pitch and technique and lead simple songs and singing games.
- demonstrate basic skills on the guitar and classroom instruments.
- create sequential lesson plans that integrate music and music skills at a developmentally appropriate level for the identified elementary grade.
- design curriculum based on the Florida standards for music, language arts, science, math, and social studies.
- teach integrated music content through singing, playing instruments, listening, creating, and/or moving.

**Textbook**

*Required:* Lindeman, C. A. (2011). *Musical Children: Engaging children in musical experiences*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education, Inc.

**Communications**

Students are expected to check their UF email account daily for course announcements. All communication is expected to be professional and courteous. When contacting a professor, TA, or classmate, begin your email with a greeting and sign your name at the conclusion of the message. If you send an email to me during the week (M-F), you can expect a reply within 24 hours (barring any extenuating circumstances). I will reply on weekends as I am able.

**Electronic Use Policy**

Laptops and tablets may be used for taking notes during class at the discretion of the instructor. Cell phones must be silenced and put away in a pocket or bag. Students found to

be using electronics for purposes not related to the class (e.g. checking Instagram or texting) will no longer be permitted to use it during class time.

### **Attendance**

Class attendance is expected and reflective of professional interest and commitment. **For each unexcused absence, a student's course grade will be lowered by three percentage points.** Absences may be excused when accompanied by a doctor's note, in the event of a documented emergency or death in the family, or for other events when arranged in advance with the instructor. **You must notify the instructor of your absence prior to the start of class.** *Extenuating circumstances will be considered on an individual basis.*

Students are expected to be prompt and ready to begin at the designated start time. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of class and those arriving after the start of class will be marked late. **Three late arrivals will equal one unexcused absence.**

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at:  
<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

### **Students Requesting Accommodations due to Disabilities**

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, [www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/)) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter that must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

### **Academic Honor Policy**

Students are expected to do their own work, use their own words, and provide proper citations when using outside sources. Failure to uphold the standards of academic honesty will result in the appropriate disciplinary action.

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code."

On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."

The Honor Code (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honorcode/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the professor or TA's in this class.

### **Additional Resources**

If you are in need of help, contact the following:

Counseling and Wellness Center: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx>

Phone: 392-1575

University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

## Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/>

## Assignments & Assessments

<u>Assignments</u>	<u>Value</u>
Participation	75 points
Annotated Bibliography	20 points
Reflection Paper	15 points
Rote Song Teaching	10 points
Objectives Assignment	25 points
Song Project	20 points
Composition Project	20 points
Unit Project	35 points
Peer Teaching	20 points
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Total	240 points

Any grade discrepancy should be brought to the instructor's attention immediately. Keep all original copies of assignments and grading documentation, hardcopy or electronic copies as distributed to students.

***It is each student's responsibility to submit assignments on time, check grades online, and monitor his/her course grade throughout the semester.***

Written assignments must be typed and use good writing style, correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Papers should use 1-inch margins, double spacing, and 12pt Times Roman font.

Assignments must be submitted online through Canvas unless otherwise instructed. Hand written assignments will not be accepted.

Information on current UF grading policies may be found at <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

## Make-Up Policy

Assignments missed due to personal illness or emergency may be made up with the professor's consent, but on the student's initiative.

***Assignments not submitted on the due date will receive a zero.***

## Grade Distribution:

A = 100 – 93%		A- = 92 – 90
B+ = 89 – 88	B = 87 – 83	B- = 82 – 80
C+ = 79 – 78	C = 77 – 73	C- = 72 – 70
D+ = 69 – 68	D = 67 – 63	D- = 62 – 60
E = 59 and Below		

## Detailed description of assignments:

- ❑ CLASS PARTICIPATION (INCLUDING VIRTUAL CLASS): 75 PTS  
Includes attendance, participation during class, and in class assignments. Three (3) points for class meeting. Zero (0) points given when absent from class. For the virtual class on 7/21, you must post your response to the question on the discussion board and reply to at least two classmates' posts (to be discussed further in class).
- ❑ ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY: 20 PTS  
Select a specific grade level. Find five (5) music resources that can be used in a general classroom of your chosen grade level. Write a paragraph describing the resource and how it can be utilized. Include a citation for the resource in MLA or APA format. Four (4) points per resource/annotation.
- ❑ REFLECTION PAPER: 15 PTS  
1½--2 typewritten pages (not including header); Times New Roman 12 pt font; double-spaced. Write about and reflect upon your experiences with music.
- ❑ ROTE SONG TEACHING: 10 PTS
  - Choose a short song or chant to teach to the class.
  - Refer to class notes for the process of teaching a song by rote.
- ❑ OBJECTIVES ASSIGNMENT: 25 PTS
  - Using your own words:
    - ❑ Write a total of 12 objectives: three Language Arts, three Science, three Math, and three Social Studies objectives. You may write them all for one grade or you may choose several grades.
    - ❑ Each objective must music-related content.
    - ❑ Include the full standard and call number below each objective.
    - ❑ Objectives begin with the words "Students will....", must be measurable, and must contain behavior, context, and criteria.
    - ❑ Each objective is worth 2 points for a total of 24 points. One point will be given for organization of the assignment.

- SONG PROJECT: 20 PTS
  - Write a paragraph (4+ sentences) describing your classroom setting for the project (i.e. grade level, number of students, special needs students).
  - Pick three songs (not chants) and list four objectives for each song that includes: two academic objectives and two musical objectives. Identify the standard each objective is based upon.
  - Develop a lesson plan for one of the songs chosen. Use the lesson plan format distributed in class. You will transfer the objectives from the previous section into the lesson plan.
  
- COMPOSITION PROJECT: 20 PTS
  - Completed in class. In a group, you will demonstrate your musical reading, writing, and performing skills by composing a piece for classroom instruments and performing it for the class.
  
- UNIT PROJECT: 35 PTS
  - Choose a specific grade level and learning environment (number of students and ability levels).
  - Write a one-page long summary describing the environment chosen and how music contributes to the social and academic development of your students.
  - Choose a unifying theme for your unit. Your theme may or may not be musically related. Be creative!
  - Craft three lessons that have music as a central component. Each lesson should reflect your theme and should be about 20-30 minutes in length. Lesson plans should use the format distributed in class.
  - Each lesson must contain at least two LA/math/science/SS objectives and two musical objectives. Identify the standard each objective is based upon.
  
- TEACHING EPISODE: 20 PTS
  - Select, refine, and prepare a portion of one lesson plan to present to the class. You must complete the presentation within 8-10 minutes. The presentation must lead the class through a musical activity and demonstrate at least one of your musical objectives. As the teacher, you must demonstrate a musical skill (singing, chanting, playing an instrument). Due to time restrictions, *you must prepare all materials (even those that are to be made by the students) ahead of time.*

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**Outline of Classes**

Week	Date	Topics	Reading & Assignments
1	6/27	Music for Children "Why music?" <i>Discuss Reflection Paper</i> Score Reading 1 (sol-mi)	
	6/28	Singing and Practical Applications NGSSS Music Intro to Guitar (D chord)	*Read Abril "Singing in the Classroom"
	6/29	Young Children and Music Score Reading 2 (sol-mi-la)	*Read Pond "The Young Child's Playful World of Sound"
	6/30	<i>Discuss Objectives Assignment</i> Guitar (D & A7)	<b><u>Reflection Paper Due</u></b>
2	7/4	No Class (4 <sup>th</sup> of July)	
	7/5	Musical Elements Score Reading 3 (sol-mi-la)	*Read Lindeman Ch. 3
	7/6	Teaching a Song Music for Pre-K Guitar (D & A7)	*Read Lindeman Ch. 1
	7/7	Songs, Music & Movement <i>Discuss Song Project</i> Score Reading 4 (sol-mi-la)	<b><u>Objectives Assignment Due</u></b>
3	7/11	Music for Primary Grades Guitar (D, A7, G)	*Read Lindeman Ch. 2
	7/12	<b><u>Rote Song Teaching</u></b> Score Reading 5 (sol-mi-la-do)	
	7/13	Drumming Guitar (D, A7, G)	<b><u>Song Project Due</u></b>
	7/14	Music and Inclusion <i>Discuss Annotated Bibliography</i> Score Reading 6 (sol-mi-la-do)	*Read Lindeman Ch. 4
4	7/18	Composition and Improvisation Guitar (G-D7-C)	
	7/19	<i>Discuss Final Unit Plan and Teaching Episode</i> Score Reading 7 (sol-mi-la-do-re)	<b><u>Annotated Bibliography Due</u></b>
	7/20	Music and LA Guitar (G-D7-C)	
	7/21	Music and STEM	Virtual Class (Canvas Discussion)
5	7/25	Curricular Approaches for Teaching Music Score Reading 8 (sol-mi-la-do-re)	*Read Lindeman Ch. 5
	7/26	Listening to Music Guitar (Em-C-D7)	*Read Lessons 10, 18, 19, 21, 22

		Score Reading 9 (sol-mi-la-do-re)	
	7/27	Music, History, and Culture Lesson Planning Review Score Reading 10 (sol-mi-la-do-re)	
	7/28	<b>Composition Project</b> (Completed during class)	
6	8/1	<b>Composition Project Presentation</b>	
	8/2	<b>Teaching Episodes I</b>	
	8/3	<b>Teaching Episodes II</b>	<b><u>Unit Plans Due</u></b>
	8/4	<b>Teaching Episodes III</b>	