

Basic Guitar
MUS4905 (Section 2F95)
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Prerequisites: The student may own a computer with video camera

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Office hours by appointment.

Course objectives

The goal of this course is to provide the fundamentals of the guitar technic, theoretical information and repertoire, building a basis that will permit a good musical understanding, and the criteria for the development of basic the skills needed to play guitar.

Course structure

Videos:

The course consists in weekly video classes divided in three parts:

- Fundamentals of technical skills, where you can get tips about positioning, touch concepts and technical exercises.
- Applied theory, where you will learn the notes on the guitar's fretboard, notes on the staff, intervals and how to built chords.
- Repertoire, that works with easy etudes written specially for this course, classical and popular solo pieces.

Complementary material;

It will be provided, weekly, as a complementary material, a written subject related to the class viewed in the same week, including exercises, theoretical information and scores.

Youtube links:

As a complement of the course, it will be provided some youtube links in order to put the student in contact with a larger variety of approaches over the same subject learned.

Quizzes

The student may be required to answer some quizzes that includes material from the previous lessons.

Weekly Evaluations

Every Monday the student should send a video, performing the exercises and the repertoire piece learned the week before. As the course is totally online, this video is the only tool that permit evaluate the student's progress, so this activity is mandatory. The deadline will be strict and late work will not be accepted. To not send the weekly video will result in loss of 10 points. If the student fail of sending the video 5 times, he/she will be automatically reprovved.

Technology

It is a student's responsibility to be sure that his computer and browser are compatible with the E-Learning system. You must also be sure that you can play and listen to musical examples

quizzes. Otherwise you will likely lose points. If you have any technical issues or questions, contact the Computing Help Desk first (learning-support@ufl.edu , 352-392-4357). Technology issues are not a valid excuse for missing deadlines.

Grading

Grades will be figured on the point system below. Scores will be available on E-Learning over the course of the semester.

A	90-100	Videos	70
A-	87-89.9	Quizzes	20
B+	83-86.9	Other assignments	10
B	80-82.9		
B-	77-79.9	Final Grade	100
C+	73-76.9		
C	70-72.9		
C-	67-69.9		
D+	63-66.9		
D	60-62.9		
E	Below 60		

Makeup work

Because you can work at your own pace throughout the week, makeup work will rarely be accepted. An excused absence must be proven to consume the entire week and is defined as 1) a medical issue accompanied by a signed statement from your doctor, 2) a serious family emergency with a signed statement from parent or guardian, 3) an official University of Florida activity accompanied by a signed statement from an appropriate faculty representative with a two-week prior notification to instructor, 4) a religious holiday observance with a two-week prior notification to instructor, 5) military service or court-imposed legal obligations accompanied by written proof two weeks prior to absence. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis. It is your responsibility to complete your assignments early in the week in order to avoid issues that arise later.

Classroom Policies

Students with Disabilities

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office.

The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation. Contact the Dean of Students Disability

Resource Center here: <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/>.

Academic Honesty (and Dishonesty)

All students are expected to adhere to the University of Florida Honor Code. This includes the Student Honor Code Oath and Academic Honesty Guidelines.

The Honor Code Oath: "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity." 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.