

University of Florida
School of Music
MUS 4905 Class Guitar
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SYLLABUS

TEXT

Marsters, Nancy. First Year Guitar, 5th edition. Tallahassee: Class Guitar Resources, 2015.

Requisite materials include an acoustic guitar with nylon (classical) or steel strings (no solid body electric guitars) and a guitar footstool.

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This course is an introduction to guitar skills and is intended for students with no prior experience. Emphasis will be on the achievement of basic proficiency in chord playing, note reading, strumming patterns and basic finger styles. A variety of musical styles will be explored. Students are encouraged to ask questions during, before, or after class regarding specific playing goals and projects.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance for any instrument class is imperative. Any absence not cleared in advance with the instructor either by phone or email will be considered unexcused. Students who are absent from class are responsible for materials covered during that class period. Lack of an instrument or textbook after the first day of class will be considered an unexcused absence. Each subsequent unexcused absence will lower the student's final grade by half a letter.

EVALUATION

Proficiencies: 75%

Assignments and class participation: 25%

Proficiency areas include chords, chord progressions, note reading, song techniques and scales. Proficiency due dates will be announced in class. Proficiencies are performed in class and are graded. The average of the proficiency grades will determine this portion of the student's final grade. Each student will be allowed to make up four unsatisfactory proficiencies by the end of the semester. Unexcused absences on the day of a proficiency will result in a failing grade for that area. The final number of proficiencies and the grading scale is subject to change through the course of the semester. The class will be notified of such changes at least two weeks prior to the end of the semester.

STUDENT CONDUCT AND HONOR CODES at <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/students/student-conduct-code/>

The Dean of Students Office: Cheating on exams and using someone else's ideas in a written paper without providing proper recognition of the source (plagiarizing) are serious matters. Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing is subject to an automatic E for the course and further disciplinary action by the Student Honor Court.

For students with disabilities - to request classroom accommodations, contact the Assistant Dean of Students/Director of the Disability Resources Program at P202 Peabody Hall or call 392-1261 (V), 392-3008 (TDD).