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General Syllabus

MUAC 11501 Class Guitar I

Credit Hours: 1

Lecture Hours: 0

Laboratory or other types of hours: 2

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Instruction in guitar for beginners. No previous musical experience is required. Students will be required to provide their own guitar.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Properly tune the guitar, hold the instrument, and produce a satisfactory tone.
2. Read basic musical notation of pitch and rhythm.
3. Read musical tablature and play basic chords.
4. Develop playing technique through practice of scales and arpeggios.
5. Perform simple songs, reading from a musical score and tablature.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking

Students will draw conclusions and/or solve problems using proper musical terminology; personal expression within the context of musical performance

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate proficiently using proper musical terminology; personal expression within the context of a musical performance.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will model ethical decision-making processes whether in musical research, presentation, or performance.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will appreciate and reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Tuning
- B. Hand position
- C. Tone production
- D. Reading musical notation
- E. Melodic performance
- F. Scales and arpeggios
- G. Chords
- H. Rhythmic accompaniment
- I. Performance of simple songs