

Class Guitar II

MUS 144, Section 001

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Wed., 2:00 - 3:15 PM

CAB 1080

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Expectations:

MUS 144 is a continuation of Class Guitar I (MUS 143). Students will learn skills necessary for improving playing technique, developing music reading skills beyond first position, exploration of the principles of harmony as applied to the fingerboard, and studies in various musical styles.

Students in MUS 144 are expected to practice at least one half-hour per day in addition to class time.

Required:

A binder or portfolio for class handout sheets. Acoustic steel-string [preferred] or nylon-string guitar in playable condition with good strings. When working on styles of music requiring string bending, a change to light or extra light steel strings may be advisable. (Consult instructor.)

Prerequisite:

Completion of MUS143 or equivalent (student should be proficient at playing basic chords and should be able to read music in first position).

Optional: Electronic guitar tuner highly recommended. These are available from local music stores for less than \$20.00.

Attendance:

You are responsible for all material presented in class, including announcements about course procedures. Guitar is a “hands-on” subject and class participation is essential; attendance will directly affect grade. (See 'Assessment' below.)

Assessment:

Individual playing tests (to monitor student progress) will be given during the course. The final exam in this course will be a playing exam. Grades will be computed as follows: Attendance, 30%; Playing test average, 40%; Final exam, 30%.

More than one unexcused absence will affect your overall grade. (Each subsequent unexcused absence will lower the attendance portion of your grade by one letter.)

Playing tests will be announced in class at least one week before they are given. The final exam will be administered on the date listed in the UNCW exam schedule. Make vacation plans, etc. so that you can be here on the scheduled exam date! I *will not* make exceptions except in cases of genuine emergency.

Academic dishonesty:

Academic dishonesty in any form will be dealt with according to the UNCW Honor Code. Consult your *Student Handbook* for details.

Cellular phones, etc.

As a matter of courtesy to your classmates and your instructor, please be sure that all cellular phones, pagers, etc., are turned off before the start of class.

Contact:

I will handle all contact with class members via email at your UNCW email addresses. Check your campus account regularly and keep it functioning properly. Call the TAC Help Desk (962-HELP) immediately if you are experiencing email problems.