SUPER 400 GUITAR ENSEMBLE
MULB 1817.502
1 Credit, Fall 2026
Monday/Wednesday 5:10pm - 7:00pm
MU 262

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Course Objectives:

1. To develop reading abilities through intricate guitar ensemble arrangements
2. To develop ensemble skills such as balance and listening
3. To improve improvisation skills in a guitar ensemble context
4. To arrange a professional level guitar ensemble piece

Evaluation Methods & Criteria:

Attendance - 33.3%
Preparation - 33.3%
Arrangement - 33.3%

Attendance:

Students must be ready to begin rehearsal once class begins. This means students should plan to arrive at the classroom earlier to allow sufficient time to set up gear/additional material required for the class. Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is crucial for the success of the band.

Missing class prevents the ensemble from a successful rehearsal. Each unexcused absence will cause your grade to drop by a letter. Being late to class three times will also cause your grade to drop by a letter. In the case of illness, and unforeseen conflicts and circumstances you must email me IMMEDIATELY. You will need to reach out to your classmates to ensure you are not falling behind when you return.

Preparation:

Class time is designed to create music, not practice. To ensure this I will require students to have the notes and rhythms under their fingers by the second rehearsal of the chart (excluding challenging parts that will be mentioned in class). If I notice any student who seems to be sight reading after multiple rehearsals I may implement a playing test to ensure sufficient practicing at

home. If you are having a difficult time with your parts please reach out to me, I will be happy to set time to assist with individual practice.

Sectionals:

Guitarists are required to meet at least once a week outside of schedule rehearsal time to work on the charts without the instructor. This is essential with concerts coming up very soon. A letter grade of an A will not be possible without the consistent attendance of sectionals.

Gear:

Material in this ensemble will include a variety of styles, which may require the use of pedal boards or different guitars. There is no need to bring an extensive amount of gear but the use of the pedal board could be very helpful to the ensemble. Keep in mind that gear will need to be set up before class begins, and you will be responsible for bringing the gear to performances and rehearsals.

Arrangement:

All students are required to make an arrangement for this ensemble to perform. The arrangement needs to have a melody, a soli section, and backgrounds for solos. This arrangement must be sent to my email in a pdf format. It must be computer notated, handwritten will NOT be accepted for the final draft. Do NOT procrastinate, an arrangement takes time and cramming an arrangement will only impact your musicianship. I will ask to see progress on September 23rd. Ideally we can begin playing arrangements by late October. Although one arrangement is required to fulfil the points for your grade, you are invited to bring additional arrangements that you may have written to have a live band perform it.

Important Dates:

September 4th 12pm-12:50pm: Performance at the Syndicate
September 11-13th: Denton Arts & Jazz Festival
September 22nd 9pm-Midnight: Performance at the Syndicate with the L-5
October 13th 9pm-Midnight: Performance at the Syndicate with the L-5

Caveat:

The instructor reserves the right to alter and amend this syllabus, provided he gives no less than one-week notice to students.

Defibrillators in the College of Music

- Music Building: Across from the west side of the Music Commons, directly across from the elevator
- Music Building: Third floor hallway, across from the staircase that comes up from the Copy Room. Next to Room 322
- Music Building: Across from the Copy Room next to Room 293
- Music Building: Voertman Lobby by the big double set of doors that lead out to the courtyard
- Music Building: Main Office (247) under the student worker's desk
- Music Annex: Next to room MA117, near the triple set of doors on the east side of the building • Music Practice Building North: First floor on the Avenue C side
- Music Practice Building South: First floor on the Avenue C side
- Bain Hall: First floor by the restrooms
- Murchison Performing Arts Center: Located off the main lobby, beyond the grand staircase, across from the single occupancy restroom (next to the public water fountains)

Academic Integrity

Students caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a "0" for that particular assignment or exam [or specify alternative sanction, such as course failure]. Additionally, the incident will be reported to the Dean of Students (Office of Academic Integrity), who may impose further penalty. According to the UNT catalog, the term "cheating" includes, but is not limited to: a. use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations; b. dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments; c. the acquisition, without permission, of tests or other academic material belonging to a faculty or staff member of the university; d. dual submission of a paper or project, or resubmission of a paper or project to a different class without express permission from the instructor(s); or e. any other act designed to give a student an unfair advantage. The term "plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to: a. the knowing or negligent use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgment; and b. the knowing or negligent unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials.

See: *Academic Integrity*

LINK: https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-003

Student Behavior

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether

the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc.
See: *Student Code of Conduct*
Link: https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct

Access to Information - Eagle Connect
Your access point for business and academic services at UNT occurs at my.unt.edu. All official communication from the university will be delivered to your Eagle Connect account. For more information, please visit the website that explains Eagle Connect.
See: *Eagle Connect*
LINK: eagleconnect.unt.edu/

ODA Statement
The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter. You can now request your Letters of Accommodation ONLINE and ODA will mail your Letters of Accommodation to your instructors. You may wish to begin a private discussion with your professors regarding your specific needs in a course. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester. For additional information see the Office of Disability Access.
See: *ODA*
LINK: disability.unt.edu.
Phone: (940) 565-4323)

Health and Safety Information
Students can access information about health and safety at:
https://music.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness

Registration Information for Students
See: Fall Academic Calendar Information
Link: https://registrar.unt.edu/registration/fall-academic-calendar.html

Semester Calendar, Fall 2026
See: *Fall Semester Calendar*
Link: https://registrar.unt.edu/registration/fall-academic-calendar.html

Financial Aid and Satisfactory Academic Progress

A student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to continue to receive financial aid. Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in addition to successfully completing a required number of credit hours based on total hours registered. Students cannot exceed attempted credit hours above 150% of their required degree plan. If a student does not maintain the required standards, the student may lose their financial aid eligibility. Students holding music scholarships must maintain a minimum 2.5 overall cumulative GPA and 3.0 cumulative GPA in music courses. If at any point you consider dropping this or any other course, please be advised that the decision to do so may have the potential to affect your current and future financial aid eligibility. It is recommended that you schedule a meeting with an academic advisor in your college or visit the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office to discuss dropping a course before doing so.
See: *Financial Aid*
LINK: http://financialaid.unt.edu/sap

Counseling and Testing
UNT's Center for Counseling and Testing has an available counselor for students in need. Please visit the Center's website for further information:
See: *Counseling and Testing*
Link: http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services

For more information on mental health resources, please visit:
See: *Mental Health Resources*
Link: https://disparities.unt.edu/mental-health-resources

Add/Drop Policy
Please be reminded that dropping classes or failing to complete and pass registered hours may make you ineligible for financial aid. In addition, if you drop below half-time enrollment you may be required to begin paying back your student loans. See Academic Calendar (listed above) for additional add/drop Information.

Drop Information: https://registrar.unt.edu/registration/fall-academiccalendar.html

Student Resources
The University of North Texas has many resources available to students. For a complete list, go to:
See: *Student Resources*
Link: https://success.unt.edu/aa-sa-resources

CARE Team

The CARE Team is a collaborative interdisciplinary committee of university officials that meets regularly to provide a response to students, staff, and faculty whose behavior could be harmful to themselves or others.

See: *CARE Team*

Link: https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/care-team