

Nova Ensemble Fall 2026; MUEN 4585/5585/5690

Time: MWF 4:30-5:50

Location: primarily MEIT; MU 232, other rooms as needed

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Score holding place: MU 2001 (CEMI office, there's a "Nova" cubby in there)

Overview

Nova is the contemporary music ensemble at the College of Music. Auditions are required for enrollment. Repertoire might include smaller chamber works as well as larger works, based on the instruments/voices available and the abilities of the players. The ensemble director will assign the groups of performers and the repertoire, though students are invited (and encouraged) to suggest works in which they are interested.

Goals: To learn about and experience performing contemporary chamber and ensemble music.

Expectations: You will practice your individual part outside of rehearsal time. You will do your utmost to have your individual part learned and prepared as quickly as possible. You will listen to any available recordings, study the score, and mark in relevant cues before the second rehearsal. You will let me know of any problems (technical, notational, rehearsal interactions, etc). I expect you to keep track of your own music. If auxiliary instruments are needed (bass flute/clarinet etc.), I'll help you get a loaner instrument.

Attendance Policies:

You are required to keep the Nova class time available for Nova.

Students are expected to attend all rehearsals of pieces they are assigned, unless ill or exposed to illness. Last minute cancellations due to illness, quarantine, and emergencies will be excused. Let me and my assistant (and your ensemble members, if applicable) know via email if you are unable to come to the class.

- When we have a guest presenter, you are required to attend, even if not performing.
- You will attend the entire Nova performance, to hear your colleagues perform.
- You don't need to attend rehearsals for pieces in which you are not assigned (though you are welcome to).

The Nova class overlaps with other activities at the CoM. Let me know during the first week of class *at the latest* if this applies to you. I can typically arrange the assignments so you may participate in both to some degree. **As a class, Nova takes priority over departmentals and studio classes.** While it is my goal for you to be able to attend both whenever possible, there will likely be times in which your Nova schedule will conflict with them. If so, you are expected to come to Nova; let me know of the conflict in advance so that I can contact your professor about excusing you.

Grading Policy: Grades will be determined according to: - effort – attitude – attendance – preparation - performance

Events (let me know asap of any conflicts):

Attend this concerts: Professor Georgievskaya recital, Sept 14, 8 pm, VH

Dress rehearsal for UNT concert: 11/15, 6-9 pm, VH

Concert: 11/17, 8 pm, VH (7:30 pm call)

After the concerts, we will likely have score readings and other fun projects.

Students enrolled in this course are strongly encouraged to follow the links below and review information that applies to all students and courses at UNT.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

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See: [Academic Integrity](#) LINK: <https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-003>

STUDENT BEHAVIOR See: [Student Code of Conduct](#) Link: <https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct>

ACCESS TO INFORMATION – EAGLE CONNECT

See: [Eagle Connect](#) LINK: eagleconnect.unt.edu/

[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: [Registration Information](#) Link: <https://registrar.unt.edu/students>

Academic Calendar, Fall 2024 [Fall 2024 Academic Calendar](#)

Link: <https://registrar.unt.edu/sites/default/files/fall-2024-academic-calendar.pdf>

Financial Aid and Satisfactory Academic Progress

Undergraduates

See: [Financial Aid](#) LINK: <http://financialaid.unt.edu/sap>

Graduates

See: [Financial Aid](#) LINK: <http://financialaid.unt.edu/sap>

RETENTION OF STUDENT RECORDS

See: [FERPA](#) Link: <http://ferpa.unt.edu/>

COUNSELING AND TESTING 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; Drop Information:

<https://registrar.unt.edu/registration/fall-academic-calendar.html>

[Student Resources](#) Link: <https://success.unt.edu/aa-sa-resources>

[Care Team](#) Link: <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/care-team>