**SYLLABUS FOR L-5 GUITAR ENSEMBLE**

MW 5-550p, MU263;

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**Course Objectives**:

1. To play guitar ensemble arrangements and achieve an ensemble balance comparable to a big band saxophone section
2. To improve reading skills
3. To improve improvisation skills
4. To arrange one professional level guitar ensemble piece—a standard or original composition
5. To perform live

**Grading**:

Your grade in this class is based on your **Attendance** (33.3%), **Preparation** (33.3%), and your **Arrangement** (33.3%).

**Attendance** (33.3%)**:**

Attendance at performances (see **important dates** below), and in class, is *mandatory*.

If you must miss you must:

Notify me by noon that day.

Send a qualified sub with your book.

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An ***Excused Absence*** is in case of illness or unforeseen significant conflict (i.e death in family, injury). These must be substantiated with documentary evidence.

An ***Unexcused absence*** is for any other reason. You get one per semester. Your grade will drop a full letter grade after that.

**Student Arrangements (**33.3%)**:**

Each of you will be required to write one guitar ensemble arrangement of your own.

The arrangement needs to have a **melody, a soli section, and backgrounds for solos**.

We will discuss various techniques for arranging in class, but most of the standard techniques that you learn writing for saxophone section apply to guitar.

These arrangements must be computer notated, with a score for the instructor.

I will provide examples in class and share scores .

**Required Material** -bring these with you to class

Guitar and necessary accessories (amplifier\*, cable, picks, strap, tuner, pedals etc.)

-The school will furnish basic amplification if preferred

Ensemble Music

Pen or Pencil

**Solid-body vs Archtop/Pedals**:

Solid and semi-hollow guitars tend to blend better in an electric guitar ensemble context.

If you have a solid-body guitar, consider using it instead of your archtop.

If you don’t, I highly recommend you get one.

We may use some effects in the ensemble, but the primary goal is for us to sound like one instrument, so be judicious in your use of effects vis a vis your neighbor.

COVID-19 impact on attendance. While attendance is expected as outlined above, it is important for all of us to be mindful of the health and safety of everyone in our community, especially given concerns about COVID-19. Please contact me if you are unable to attend class because you areill, or unable to attend class due to a related issue regarding COVID-19. It is important that you communicate with me prior to being absent as to what may be preventing you from coming to class so I may make a decision about accommodating your request to be excused from class

If you are experiencing cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, or any of the other possible symptoms of COVID-19 (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) please seek medical attention from the Student Health and Wellness Center (940-565-2333 oraskSHWC@unt.edu) or your health care provider. While attendance is an important part of succeeding in this class, your own health, and those of others in the community, is more important

**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, 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.

LINK: <http://facultysuccess.unt.edu/academic-integrity>

**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 classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. (*Also see below, UNT Care Team*)

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](http://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.

LINK:  [eagleconnect.unt.edu/](http://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 Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation.

LINK: [disability.unt.edu](http://disability.unt.edu/). (Phone: (940) 565-4323)

**2017-2018 Semester Academic Schedule (with Add/Drop Dates)**

Link: <http://catalog.unt.edu/content.php?catoid=17&navoid=1737>

**Academic Calendar at a Glance, 2017-2018**

Link: <https://www.unt.edu/catalogs/2017-18/calendar>

**Final Exam Schedule**

Link: <http://registrar.unt.edu/exams/final-exam-schedule/spring>

**FINANCIAL AID AND SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS**

Undergraduates

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 registered hours per term.   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 to schedule a meeting with an academic advisor in your college or visit the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office to discuss dropping a course being doing so.

LINK: <http://financialaid.unt.edu/sap>

Graduates

A student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to continue to receive financial aid. Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in addition to successfully completing a required number of credit hours based on total registered hours per term. Music scholarships require a 3.5 cumulative GPA. Students cannot exceed maximum timeframes established based on the published length of the graduate program.  If a student does not maintain the required standards, the student may lose their financial aid eligibility.

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 you schedule a meeting with an academic advisor in your college, an advisor in UNT-International or visit the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office to discuss dropping a course.

LINK: <http://financialaid.unt.edu/sap>

**RETENTION OF STUDENT RECORDS**

Student records pertaining to this course are maintained in a secure location by the instructor of record. All records such as exams, answer sheets (with keys), and written papers submitted during the duration of the course are kept for at least one calendar year after course completion. Course work completed via the Blackboard online system, including grading information and comments, is also stored in a safe electronic environment for one year. You have a right to view your individual record; however, information about your records will not be divulged to other individuals without the proper written consent. You are encouraged to review the Public Information Policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) laws and the university’s policy in accordance with those mandates.

Link: <http://ferpa.unt.edu/>

**RESPONDING TO STUDENTS IN DISTRESS: UNT CARE TEAM**

Please visit the CARE Team website to tips to recognize students in distress and what you need to do in cases of extreme behavior or references to suicide.

Link: <http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/care>