

JAZZ VIOLIN & ALTERNATE STYLES

MUAS 1504 / 5504 . 730

Location: **333**

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Office Hours: by appointment

Highly Recommended: Due to the limited amount of available spots I reserve the right to choose students enrolled in MUJS 1131/1132 in priority

Course Content: The study of knowledge & techniques for jazz improvisation on a string instrument

Course Purpose: Prepare the student to function as an improvising musician in any style of jazz music and alternative styles.

Expected Learning Outcomes:

- Identify, arpeggiate, and play associated scales on any chords changes with proficiency in intonation
- Build an improvisation with and without accompaniment
- How to use amplification and EQ an amp
- Identify and recognize by listening *Jazz Masters* and *Jazz Violin Masters*
- Build a practice routine
- Be able to use the jazz bow technique
- Improvise on *Medium* and *Up-Tempo* repertoire
- Be able to provide accompaniment for another player using bass lines and voice-leading
- Transpose phrases, solos, and melody in 12 keys
- Improvise on different time signatures and odd meters
- Transcriptions

Class Schedule

Students are expected to have a minimum of twelve lessons per semester. Class times will be determined in consultation with the Professor.

Grading Criteria

Your grade will be based on the following:

- 20 % Scale Test / Exercices
- 20 % Assignments (transcriptions)
- 60 % Jury

Final Grade: A=100-90% B=89-80% C=79-70% D=69-60% F= under 60%

NO CELLPHONES

NO FOOD

NO DRINKS

In Class

Attendance affects your grade:

Absences are only excused for religious holidays, family emergencies (with documentation) or student illness (with a doctor's note). You must get documentation or a doctor's note for any absence to be excused.

Being on time: At the 1st late arrival, the student could lose 5 points and 5 points per additional delayed.

On the 1st unexcused absence, you lose 10 points.

Missing class for the following reasons will automatically result in the reduction of the final grade:

- Taking a gig, tour or any engagement during class time
- Leaving early
- Arguing with classmates or the professor

You are expected to respond ALL emails from your professor in a timely manner

Class attendance

1. The University expects regular and punctual attendance in classes.
2. Responsibility for class attendance rests with the student.
3. In general, students will be graded on the basis of intellectual effort and performance, not on class attendance. It is recognized, however, that in some classes the student's grade must be based wholly or in part on class participation as, for example, in physical activity classes, musical performing groups, and certain seminars, and thus absences may lower the student's grade. In such cases the instructor shall make his expectation of attendance clear at the beginning of the semester by means of a written notice.
4. In accordance with state law, a Student absent due to the observance of a religious holiday may take examinations or complete assignments scheduled for the days missed, including those missed for travel, within a reasonable time after the absence. Students should notify the instructor in each course of the date of the anticipated absence as early in the semester as possible. Only holidays or holy days observed by a religion whose place of worship is exempt from property taxation under Section 11.20 of the Tax Code may be included. A student who is excused under this provision may not be penalized for the absence, but the instructor may appropriately respond if the student fails satisfactorily to complete the assignment or examination.
5. The student's academic dean must authorize absences of students due to participation in university- sponsored activities, such as athletics, debate, musical organizations, AFROTC, class field trips, etc.. Within three days after the absence, students must obtain authorized absence cards from the Dean of Students for presentation to their instructors.
6. Students who have been issued authorized absence cards or who have made satisfactory explanations of absence to the instructor shall, when practicable, be given an opportunity to make up the work missed. If it is not feasible for the student to make up the work, some allowance shall be made in order that the student is not penalized.
7. Any instructor who so informs students in writing about the necessity of class attendance may request of the Registrar that a student be dropped from the course with a grade of WF upon the accumulation of the stated number of absences. Departments and similar academic units have authority to establish a department-wide or course-wide attendance policy, so long as the policy is in accord with the above stipulations.

UNT REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

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.

LINK: Student Code of Conduct - <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.

LINK: eagleconnect.unt.edu/

ADA 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. (Phone: (940) 565-4323)

Spring Semester Academic Schedule (with Add/Drop Dates)

<http://catalog.unt.edu/content.php?catoid=15&navoid=1228>

Final Exam Schedule

<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: essc.unt.edu/registrar/ferpa.html