

Music 160/162 – Beginning Guitar Class I & II - Syllabus -

A. Course Content:

Beginners: A basic course on how to read melodies and play different types of accompaniment with the guitar. Stress will be placed on tuning, learning chords, strumming and reading notes in 1st position.

SLOs: 1) Student will perform beginning level-1 pieces with correct pitches, rhythms, fingerings, hand position, at a reasonable tempo, with expressions indications observed. 2) Student will perform beginning level-1 pieces with correct pitches, rhythms, fingerings, hand position, at a reasonable tempo, with expressions indications observed

B. Required Materials:

1. Schmid, Will; Contemporary Class Guitar; Book 1
2. Notebook for keeping various handouts
3. A decent “playable” guitar (classical, acoustic or electric - amps avail)

C. Attendance Policy: Regular class attendance is expected and recorded. *Leaving class early during lab period will constitute an absence.* Poor attendance will lower student’s grade. No other class sessions are required other than the two weekly meetings and the final performance exam.

D. Policy on Homework & Quizzes: There are no written assignments however, guitar performance requires 2 to 3 hours of practice in and out of class. Six performance quizzes will be given during the semester. Makeup quizzes will not be given unless a *prior* agreement is made with the instructor.

E. Grading Policy:

- 50% = performance quizzes (10% each)
- 10% = Class Participation (attendance)
- 20% = Mid-Term Exam (written)
- 20% = Performance Final

G. Office Hrs: WALK IN Hours: MW: 11am - 12 pm, 4:30 - 5:00 pm
TT: 8:00-8:30am, 1:15 – 2:15 pm

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Disabled Student Programs and Services: Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. Visit or call DSP&S, Mel Wendrick Access Center, Room 2117, (760) 355-6312

General Classroom Rules

Cell Phones: The use of cell phones are not permitted during class. Students should switch their phones “off” or to “vibrate” during class time. If the student must take or make a call, then he/she should step outside of the classroom before talking.

Disruptive Students: Most of you are here to learn, but some students are not serious. To preserve a productive learning environment, students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with Sergio Lopez, Campus Disciplinary officer, before returning to continue with coursework. Mr. Lopez will follow disciplinary procedures as outlined in the General Catalog.

Cheating and Plagiarism. IVC expects honesty and integrity from all students. A student found to have cheated on any assignment or plagiarized will receive a zero for the assignment and sent to Disciplinary Officer Sergio Lopez. A second occurrence of cheating or plagiarism may result in dismissal from class and expulsion from IVC as outlined in the General Catalog.

Attendance: Students are expected to attend every class session. Any student who misses the first class will be dropped. Students will be dropped at instructor if they after the third unexcused absence. However, a student may be excused if the instructor is notified before class and he or she has a good reason. Also, it is the student’s responsibility to keep up with all missed assignments if he or she cannot attend a class session.