



MUAP 1213, 2213 – Applied Strings/Bass

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Spring Branch Campus - Room 427

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Office location and hours: By appointment

Please feel free to contact me concerning any problems that you are experiencing in this course. You do not need to wait until you have received a poor grade before asking for my assistance. Your performance in my class is very important to me. I am available to hear your concerns and just to discuss course topics. Feel free to schedule an appointment to discuss any matter related to this course.

Course Description

To develop proficiency on the electric and/or double bass by combining elements of classical, jazz, and contemporary music. This proficiency will be developed through the study of scales and arpeggios, artist transcriptions, as well as a variety of texts appropriate to the skill level of the individual.

Course Goals

Lesson activities will include:

1. Studying the fundamentals bass. (fingerings, articulations, setting the strings in motion)
2. Preparing weekly assignments (etudes, transcriptions, tunes)
3. Reading music (notation and chord symbols)

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Learn to sight read the music in the appropriate style.
2. Good tone production.
3. Bass line creation appropriate to the style.
4. Become familiar with the history, composers, and literature appropriate to the instrument.
5. Student must perform selected works for a jury during the week of finals.
6. Student must perform a public engagement or recital as agreed upon by the professor.

LECTURE/LAB REQUIREMENTS:

1. 16 one-hour private music lessons are scheduled with a credentialed faculty (16 lecture hours)
2. 16 lab hour activities are required of each MUAP student to include but not limited to: assigned concert attendance; assigned music workshop participation; mandatory studio class (2 hours) preceding jury performance. These will all be monitored, graded activities (16 contact hours).
3. In addition, a minimum of 8 practice hours per week is required. Instrumentalists are responsible for providing their own instruments, in good playing condition, except for piano and percussion instruments. Students are responsible to not abuse College-owned instruments, equipment and music.

Attendance Requirements: Students are required to notify the instructor no later than 24 hours in advance, except documented emergencies, of any lessons that will be missed.

Two make-up

lessons will be allowed per semester, if instructor time and studio space can be arranged. Failure to give notice automatically counts the student as absent and forfeits the private lesson. HCCS policy stipulates that the student may be dropped after accumulating in excess of 12.5 percent of the hours of instruction. This equates to two absences from your scheduled private lessons. Also, because of performance or other schedule changes, the instructor may schedule a different lesson time for the student on occasion. Cooperation between student and instructor is essential when scheduling private lessons.

NOTE: IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT TO WITHDRAW OFFICIALLY FROM A COURSE. Administrative drops are at the discretion of the instructor. Failure of the student to withdraw officially could result in the student receiving a grade of "F" in the course. For the deadline for course withdrawal, check the current course schedule.

HCC Policy Statement - ADA

Services to Students with Disabilities

Students who require reasonable accommodations for disabilities are encouraged to report to Dr. Becky Hauri at 713-718-7910 to make necessary arrangements. Faculty is only authorized to provide accommodations by the Disability Support Service Office.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 requires that institutions have policies and procedures that protect students' rights with regard to sex/gender discrimination. Information regarding these rights are on the HCC website under Students-Anti-discrimination. Students who are pregnant and require accommodations should contact any of the ADA Counselors for assistance. It is important that every student understands and conforms to respectful behavior while at HCC. Sexual misconduct is not condoned and will be addressed promptly. Know your rights and how to avoid these difficult situations.

HCC Policy Statement: Academic Honesty

A student who is academically dishonest is, by definition, not showing that the coursework has been learned, and that student is claiming an advantage not available to other students. The instructor is responsible for measuring each student's individual achievements and also for ensuring that all students compete on a level playing field. Thus, in our system, the instructor has teaching, grading, and enforcement roles. You are expected to be familiar with the University's Policy on Academic Honesty, found in the catalog. What that means is: If you are charged with an offense, pleading ignorance of the rules will not help you. Students are responsible for conducting themselves with honor and integrity in fulfilling course requirements. Penalties and/or disciplinary proceedings may be initiated by College System officials against a student accused of scholastic dishonesty. "Scholastic dishonesty": includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion.

Cheating on a test includes:

- ☐ Copying from another students' test paper;
- ☐ Using materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
- ☐ Collaborating with another student during a test without authorization;
- ☐ Knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of a test that has not been administered;
- ☐ Bribing another person to obtain a test that is to be administered.

Plagiarism means the appropriation of another's work and the unacknowledged incorporation of that work in one's own written work offered for credit.

Collusion mean the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work offered for credit. Possible punishments for academic dishonesty may include a grade of 0 or F in the particular assignment, failure in the course, and/or recommendation for probation or dismissal from the College System. (See the Student Handbook)

HCC Policy Statements

Class Attendance - It is important that you come to class! Attending class regularly is the best way to succeed in this class. Research has shown that the single most important factor in student success is attendance. Simply put, going to class greatly increases your ability to succeed. You are expected to attend all lecture and labs regularly. You are responsible for materials covered during your absences. Class attendance is checked daily. Although it is your responsibility to drop a course for nonattendance, the instructor has the authority to drop you for excessive absences. If you are not attending class, you are not learning the information. As the information that is discussed in class is important for your career, students may be dropped from a course after accumulating absences in excess of 12.5% hours of instruction. The six hours of class time would include any total classes missed or for excessive tardiness or leaving class early.

You may decide NOT to come to class for whatever reason. As an adult making the decision not to attend, you do not have to notify the instructor prior to missing a class. However, if this happens too many times, you may suddenly find that you have "lost" the class.

Poor attendance records tend to correlate with poor grades. If you miss any class, including the first week, you are responsible for all material missed. It is a good idea to

find a friend or a buddy in class who would be willing to share class notes or discussion or be able to hand in paper if you unavoidably miss a class.

Class attendance equals class success.

HCC Course Withdrawal Policy

If you feel that you cannot complete this course, you will need to withdraw from the course prior to the final date of withdrawal. Before, you withdraw from your course; please take the time to meet with the instructor to discuss why you feel it is necessary to do so. The instructor may be able to provide you with suggestions that would enable you to complete the course. Your success is very important. Beginning in fall 2007, the Texas Legislature passed a law limiting first time entering freshmen to no more than **SIX** total course withdrawals **throughout** their educational career in obtaining a certificate and/or degree.

To help students avoid having to drop/withdraw from any class, HCC has instituted an Early Alert process by which your professor *may* “alert” you and HCC counselors that you might fail a class because of excessive absences and/or poor academic performance. It is your responsibility to visit with your professor or a counselor to learn about what, if any, HCC interventions might be available to assist you – online tutoring, child care, financial aid, job placement, etc. – to stay in class and improve your academic performance.

If you plan on withdrawing from your class, you **MUST** contact a HCC counselor or your professor prior to withdrawing (dropping) the class for approval and this must be done **PRIOR** to the withdrawal deadline to receive a “W” on your transcript. **Final withdrawal deadlines vary each semester and/or depending on class length, please visit MUAP 1233 – page 5

the online registration calendars, HCC schedule of classes and catalog, any HCC Registration Office, or any HCC counselor to determine class withdrawal deadlines.

Remember to allow a 24-hour response time when communicating via email and/or telephone with a professor and/or counselor. Do not submit a request to discuss withdrawal options less than a day before the deadline. If you do not withdraw before the deadline, you will receive the grade that you are making in the class as your final grade.

Repeat Course Fee

The State of Texas encourages students to complete college without having to repeat failed classes. To increase student success, students who repeat the same course more than twice, are required to pay extra tuition. The purpose of this extra tuition fee is to encourage students to pass their courses and to graduate. Effective fall 2006, HCC will charge a higher tuition rate to students registering the third or subsequent time for a course. If you are considering course withdrawal because you are not earning passing grades, confer with your instructor/counselor as early as possible about your study habits, reading and writing homework, test taking skills, attendance, course participation, and opportunities for tutoring or other assistance that might be available.

Classroom Behavior

As your instructor and as a student in this class, it is our shared responsibility to develop and maintain a positive learning environment for everyone. Your instructor takes this

responsibility very seriously and will inform members of the class if their behavior makes it difficult for him/her to carry out this task. As a fellow learner, you are asked to respect the learning needs of your classmates and assist your instructor achieve this critical goal.

Use of Camera and/or Recording Devices

As a student active in the learning community of this course, it is your responsibility to be respectful of the learning atmosphere in your classroom. To show respect of your fellow students and instructor, you will turn off your phone and other electronic devices, and will not use these devices in the classroom unless you receive permission from the instructor.

Use of recording devices, including camera phones and tape recorders, is prohibited in classrooms, laboratories, faculty offices, and other locations where instruction, tutoring, or testing occurs. Students with disabilities who need to use a recording device as a reasonable accommodation should contact the Office for Students with Disabilities for information regarding reasonable accommodations

Instructor Requirements

As your Instructor, it is my responsibility to:

- ☐ Provide the grading scale and detailed grading formula explaining how student grades are to be derived
- ☐ Facilitate an effective learning environment through class activities, discussions, and lectures

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- ☐ Description of any special projects or assignments
- ☐ Inform students of policies such as attendance, withdrawal, tardiness and make up
- ☐ Provide the course outline and class calendar which will include a description of any special projects or assignments
- ☐ Arrange to meet with individual students before and after class as required

To be successful in this class, it is the student's responsibility to:

- ☐ Attend class and participate in class discussions and activities
- ☐ Read and comprehend the textbook
- ☐ Ask for help when there is a question or problem

Grading

Grading percentages

25% Student progress through the semester.

25% Regular and punctual attendance to lessons.

25% Final jury performance.

25% Public performance or recital.

Grading Scale

90 - 100 = A

80 - 89 = B

70 - 79 = C

60 - 69 = D
Below 60 = F