GROUP GUITAR INSTRUCTION

Term 2: 2880T-001  2880T-002

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“Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.”

Objectives
This course is designed to give you an introduction to the guitar and its use in the classroom. We will use classical positioning and will cover all the notes in the first position as well as some of the notes up to the twelfth fret, while learning a number of chords and basic accompaniments as we try to develop good solo and ensemble playing. We will also discuss the guitar as a classroom instrument, a methodology of teaching guitar and basic repairs and maintenance. It is my hope that you will find this course practical, useful and fun.

Marking
You will have a short test or assignment each week. You are expected to practise regularly and attend all classes. If you are absent for a test you will get a mark of zero.

Attendance Policy:
An unexcused absence will result in a loss of 2 marks from the attendance component of your overall evaluation (i.e., one unexcused absence equals 2 out of 10). Failure to appear for a scheduled exam session (without documented medical evidence) will result in a mark of zero for that test/exam. Students with 4 or more unexcused absences will be referred to the Chair of the Department and will be in jeopardy of failing the course. Absences will be excused only if: 1) Student is involved in official UWO business that has been approved by the chair or the instructor; 2) Documented Family issue; 3) Documented family or personal illness.

Tardiness
Arriving late for two classes is equivalent to one unexcused absence.

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| Final Exam   | -20%.  This will take place on the last scheduled day of class.

Note:  It is necessary to receive a passing grade in each of the instruments under study to pass the course.  
You will need a guitar and footstool for class and for personal practise.
**University Policy on Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Office Policy in the Western Academic Calendar). “Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. The University of Western Ontario uses software for plagiarism checking. Students may be required to submit their written work in electronic form for plagiarism checking.”

**University Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness:** As of May 2008, the University has a new policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness, which states that “in order to ensure fairness and consistency for all students, academic accommodation for work representing 10% or more of the student’s overall grade in the course shall be granted only in those cases where there is documentation indicating that the student was seriously affected by illness and could not reasonably be expected to meet his/her academic responsibilities. Documentation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the appropriate Dean’s office.” Students with special learning needs or circumstances are asked to inform the instructor as soon as possible so that necessary accommodations can be made. This policy can be found at [https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm](https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm)  Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western [http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/](http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

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