

Music 183 - Guitar Ensemble

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES (CLOs)

1. Students will demonstrate technical proficiency on the guitar suitable to the selected repertoire.
2. Students will perform at the end of each quarter.
3. Students will demonstrate an understanding of each piece's historical and cultural context.

Course Outline

I. Getting Started

- A. Present upcoming performances and expectations required for the class
- B. Review fundamental technique for body use and tone production
 - i. Posture and body use to ease tension and prevent injury
 - ii. Using good body mechanics in producing tone and increasing proficiency
 - iii. Using breath in both efficient body use and group coordination
 - iv. Tuning and instrument care

II. Musical Preparation

- A. Analyzing ensemble music as a group
 - i. Brief overview on work's composer, historic and cultural context
 - ii. Listening and analyzing whole piece for form and structure
 - iii. Analyzing and reading individual parts
- B. Practicing and rehearsal
 - i. Working with other group members with the same part to perfect part rhythmic, tonal, and phrase accuracy
 - ii. Working as a group with other members of other parts to create group cohesion and perfect overall rhythmic, tonal and phrasal accuracy
 - iii. Individual analysis of self-strengths and weaknesses, using individual practice and study to improve technical proficiency, accuracy and understanding of his/her musical responsibilities

III. Performance

- A. Explanation of role as performer
 - i. Present music as best as possible in that moment
 - ii. Help audience enjoy moment by remaining calm, positive, and open
 - iii. Maintain a professional appearance so as to ease both performer and audience
- B. Requirements of performers
 - i. Be prepared with required music and maintained equipment
 - ii. Show up at designated check-in time
 - iii. Perform to the best of one's abilities in that moment
 - iv. Smile! When all is said and done, a successful performance occurred, the result of preparation, practice, and above all, enjoyment of music!