MUSI 0126 All Sections

Syllabus

Spring Semester 2013

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**Course Number, Section Number, and Course Title:** MUSI 0126- all sections String Quartet

**Time and Place of Class Meetings:** TBA

**Description of Course Content:** Coaching of Chamber Music literature to enhance ensemble performance skills and culminate in the performance of a standard repertoire work.

**Student Learning Outcomes:** The student will be able to demonstrate proficiency in the following:

Tuning with others, common articulation and bowings, rhythmic accuracy, tone and style issues, ensemble awareness and rehearsal skills, knowledge of standard repertoire.

**Requirements:** Attend each rehearsal, prepared with one’s own part. Practice sufficiently outside of class to ensure a good performance.

**Required Textbooks and Other Course Materials:** Instrument in good working order, music as required

**Descriptions of major assignments and examinations with due dates:** There will be a performance on March 27, 2013 at 5:30 in Irons Recital Hall, with other opportunities as they arise.

**Grading Policy**: grades will be assigned by two parameters. One is attendance and preparation at each class period. The other is the final grade for the performance. Each class period is graded and will average together to count for 60%. The final grade is based on the performance and will count for 40%.

**Attendance Policy:** Attendance is mandatory, by the nature of the ensemble. No absences can be tolerated and the final grade will be reduced by a letter grade for each absence. In the event of university approved absences, we will work together to reschedule the class.

**Drop Policy:** Please refer to the university policy on dropping classes.

**Americans With Disabilities Act:**

The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of federal equal opportunity legislation; reference Public Law 92-112 - The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. With the passage of federal legislation entitled *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*, pursuant to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, there is renewed focus on providing this population with the same opportunities enjoyed by all citizens.

As a faculty member, I am required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Student responsibility primarily rests with informing faculty of their need for accommodation and in providing authorized documentation through designated administrative channels.  Information regarding specific diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining academic accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability.   Also, you may visit the Office for Students with Disabilities in room 102 of University Hall or call them at (817) 272-3364.

**Academic Integrity:**

It is the philosophy of The University of Texas at Arlington that academic dishonesty is a completely unacceptable mode of conduct and will not be tolerated in any form. All persons involved in academic dishonesty will be disciplined in accordance with University regulations and procedures. Discipline may include suspension or expulsion from the University.

All students enrolled in this course are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

*I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington’s tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.*

*I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.*

**Student Support Services Available:**

The University of Texas at Arlington supports a variety of student success programs to help you connect with the University and achieve academic success. These programs include learning assistance, developmental education, advising and mentoring, admission and transition, and federally funded programs. Students requiring assistance academically, personally, or socially should contact the Office of Student Success Programs at 817-272-6107 for more information and appropriate referrals.

**Final Review Week:**

A period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week unless specified in the class syllabi. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. Classes are held as scheduled during this week and lectures and presentations may be given.

**Librarian to Contact:**  The Music Librarian in the Music Library can help with getting extra string quartets.

**Expectations for out of class study**: Beyond the time required to attend each class meeting, students enrolled in this course should expect to spend at least an additional 4 hours per week of their own time in course-related activities, including listening to recordings, completing assignments, preparing for lessons and rehearsals.

**E-Culture Policy:**

The University of Texas at Arlington has adopted the University email address as an official means of communication with students. Through the use of email, UT-Arlington is able to provide students with relevant and timely information, designed to facilitate student success. In particular, important information concerning registration, financial aid, payment of bills, and graduation may be sent to students through email.

All students are assigned an email account and information about activating and using it is available at [www.uta.edu/email](http://www.uta.edu/email). New students (first semester at UTA) are able to activate their email account 24 hours after registering for courses. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, and it remains active as long as a student is enrolled at UT-Arlington. Students are responsible for checking their email regularly.

**Make-up Exam Policy**: There will be no make ups for classes unless we can reschedule to a mutually agreeable time, and for reasonably good reasons. If I have to miss due to Chair’s responsibilities, I will make every effort to make up the lesson.

**Grade Grievance Policy**: Please refer to the university grievance policy.