Syllabus
Principal Applied: Guitar
MUSC 2600
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Purpose: The purpose of this course is to expand and enhance the students' grasp of playing the guitar. Right and left hand technique, tone production, interpretation and musicality are the primary elements that will be discussed and covered during this course. These concepts will be taught at a level that is appropriate for each individual student with the goal of advancing one's mastery of the guitar. To that end, goals will be set on both a short-term (week to week) and long-term (semester to semester) basis to provide for maximum progress.

Grading: Grading for this course will be based on the following:

Attendance/participation: Each student is required to attend a weekly lesson. If one is unable to make a lesson, he or she should notify myself immediately. Make-up lessons will be given at a time that is convenient for the instructor. Attendance will count for 10% of the final grade.

Studio Class: This will meet four times during the semester. These may consist of masterclasses, repertoire, performance or technique lectures, or guest recitals. Studio class counts as part of the attendance/participation grade. Studio class meetings will be announced at least one week in advance. Attendance is mandatory.

Practice/Progress: Each student is required to practice on a consistent basis (i.e. daily). Students should practice daily with the main goal consisting of accomplishing the assignments for any given week. These could include but may not be limited to technique (scales, arpeggios, and slurs), repertoire, and sight-reading. Feedback will be given at the lesson each week. Practice/progress will count for 70% of the final grade.

Juries: Each applied student is required to perform at a jury at the end of each semester. These provide for an assessment of the student's progress over the course of a semester. Repertoire learned during the semester will be the primary means of assessment at the jury. The jury will count for 20% of the final grade.