

Music 383.4 – Guitar Ensemble

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MUS. 383.4 JX - Guitar Ensemble 4 at Skyline College for Fall 2016 (CRN 94237) Class meets in room 1115 Thursday 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM.

Semester Units/Hours: 2.0 units; a minimum of 32.0 lecture hours/semester; a minimum of 48.0 lab hours/semester

Method of Grading: Grade Option (Letter Grade or P/NP)

Prerequisite: MUS. 378, or equivalent.

1. **COURSE DESIGNATION:**

Degree Credit

Transfer credit: CSU; UC

2. **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:**

Catalog Description:

A course for guitarists in techniques from Doo-Wop, Rhythm and Blues, to Rock in a small ensemble. Students work extensively on these styles and within the application with the intention of public performance. Public performance required. This course may be repeated four times. Two hours lecture, two hours lab per week.

3. **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME(S) (SLO'S):**

Upon successful completion of this course, a student will meet the following outcomes:

1. Review of scales, modes and chord types in modern rock, grunge and metal styles
2. Students will know an overview of the literature for and history of the guitar as related to American styles, including major influences at the advanced intermediate level. Students
3. Students will be able to demonstrate and use techniques involved in playing the guitar in all positions in any modern style.

4. **SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONAL OBJECTIVES:**

Upon successful completion of this course, a student will be able to:

1. The student will be able to recognize the various styles of the modern rock era, and reproduce these styles in a performance venue
2. The student will recognize the function/potential of a small ensemble and be able to fit into the appropriate function.
3. The student will demonstrate a working knowledge of the sub groups of the era in a performance setting
4. Student will perform a variety of these styles.

5. Student will be able to demonstrate knowledge of the history of modern Rock and its transformation and effect on society and how that effect is taking place with modern musical styles.
6. Student will have the ability to improvise in the style specified by the era and style of the music.
7. Student will understand the methods used to promote music in the modern digital age.

5. COURSE CONTENT:

Lecture Content:

1. Development of concepts and skills pertaining to music.
 1. Identification of main stylistic progressions and scales used in the following styles: Doo-Wop, Rhythm and Blues, Motown, Stax, Cool Jazz, Modern Jazz, Blues, Folk Rock, Old Rock, Modern Rock, Alternative, Reggie, Hip-Hop and other American forms.
 2. Common hooks and riffs used in modern rock.
 3. Guitar rhythm styles in grunge and metal styles
 4. Primary progressions used in modern rock – the power chord and modern voicing's of the power chord
 5. Function-the role of a small ensemble (Cover Band) in a commercial music setting.
2. Development of performance skills.
 1. Refinement of mechanical technique of playing the guitar in a small group.
 2. Establish correct group practice habits and how to add vocals effectively into the group performance.
 3. Mixing instruments to come up with an arrangement in various styles of American music literature.
 4. Working in groups, how to fit in musically.
3. Technique
 1. Advanced Rock techniques of Van Halen, Jimmy Page, Metallica, Joe Satriani and other modern rock musicians.
 2. Two – handed tapping and artificial harmonics in performance.
 3. Effective use of guitar effects.
 4. Articulation and how it can make or break a group. Keys to group playing the same articulation.
4. Literature
 1. American music styles applied to small groups
 2. Key performers of American music styles on the guitar, particularly modern rock guitarists.

6. REPRESENTATIVE TEXT(S):

Other:

1. Guitar Reference (Online), Markovich
2. The Rock Guitar Fake book by Hal Leonard
3. 12-Bar Blues, Dave Rubin
4. Complete Course in Jazz Guitar, Mickey Baker

This will be evaluated during the final exam and during quizzes and tests during the term and on a group performance

Requirements:

- You are expected to come prepared every night with you guitar and your music – both books and handouts. There will be only minimal handouts this term as the website will have the materials on it along with the books.

- Must own a guitar.
- Music 378 or demonstrated proficiency Attendance is required – more than 2 absences can result in a drop.
- Must fill out a weekly practice record and submit before the end of the term.
- Music 378 or demonstrated proficiency

Information:

- Extra credit can be earned for performance in front of class and for attending of various concerts. Also for helping with class setup and teardown.
- Each student has the obligation to know and uphold the College Rules and Regulations. Students who engage in disruptive behavior – conduct that interferes with the instructional, administrative, or service functions of the course – can be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension and/or expulsion from the course and/or college. Specifically, cell phone interruptions, the use of iPods, habitual profanity or vulgarity, and continued willful disobedience will result in disciplinary action. Reference the Student Code of Conduct for further description of unacceptable disruptive behavior.
- Transfer to CSU - UC
- In coordination with the DSPS office, reasonable accommodation will be provided for eligible students with disabilities. If you do not yet have an accommodation letter, please contact the DSPS office at (650) 738-4280.

Materials and resources needed:

- Guitar – Electric or acoustic electric preferred.
- Tuner –recommend Korg
- Flat picks
- Extra set of strings
- Capo (recommend Kyser)– will be needed by second week of class
- Notebook
- Access to the internet – for handouts – can use the schools resources for this.

Evaluation:

- Grading will be based upon the following: 25% attendance, 30% on class playing, homework, 10% on Student Practice Records quizzes etc. and 35% on the final exam.

- There will be no midterm test. The only test is the final.
- The Final will be performance and written. No written section on the final but quizzes can be performance or written.

Make up Policy:

- For written and performance assignments – make up's accepted within 2 weeks for excused absence with no grade penalty – if unexcused a full letter grade penalty will be imposed.
- Plagiarism will result in an 'F' on that assignment.
- Hours by arrangement will be a log to be turned in by the last class – excel spreadsheet or handwritten sheet with the week number and the total hours practiced that week. If not completed it will result in a full letter grade penalty on the final grade. This will account for 10% of the students grade

Examinations:

Performance only. Two required group performances!! Must do outside group rehearsals!

Additional Information:

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Extra credit for select concerts, for helping setup, and for assisting other students with instructor permission.

Last date to withdraw with a "W" is 4/24/14.